



**SANTA CLARA/SANTA CRUZ COUNTIES  
AIRPORT/COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE**

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**Subject: Request for a Comprehensive Presentation on the FAA's Development of the Big Sur Overlay Including a Detailed Schedule, and a List of the FAA's Next Steps Through the Project's Completion**

Dear Regional Administrator Girvin,

Thank you for having Sky Laron give a brief update on the status of the FAA's development of the Big Sur Overlay to the SCSC Roundtable at its July 22, 2020 regular meeting. From Sky's briefing, the Roundtable learned that the FAA has completed the procedure design and has initiated the environmental documentation process including conducting its initial consultation outreach. He noted the FAA has sent letters to the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), the Counties of Santa Clara and Santa Cruz, and Native American Tribes. While all of this was valuable information to learn, what Sky could not provide was an overall schedule for the project with dates, milestones, and next steps through project completion. As a result, the Roundtable and public have no idea how long this process will take, when there will be opportunities for the Roundtable and public to provide input into the environmental review process, and what the major milestones will be and when to expect them. Sky took an IOU to check and see if there is a schedule for the project that the FAA can share with the Roundtable and public. The Roundtable expects the FAA to deliver on that promise.

That notwithstanding, the Roundtable wants it to be crystal clear that it expects a full formal briefing on the BSR Overlay project, which would include depictions of the procedure design including the location of the ground track, minimum altitudes of aircraft at the waypoint/fixes along the procedure, and any speed restrictions and/or other limitations/directions that could affect aircraft noise as heard on the ground. The Roundtable also requests that the FAA compare the new procedure design to the BSR procedure prior to implementation of the NorCal Metroplex and identify any differences between the two procedures.

The Roundtable also expects that the FAA's presentation will include a detailed project schedule with dates, milestones, and next steps through the completion of the process. The Roundtable requests that as soon as possible the FAA place the project schedule on a public website dedicated to informing the public about the entirety of the procedure development process, which is a tool the FAA has used throughout the United States for its Metroplex processes. The Roundtable and public understands that the FAA's schedule has been and will continue to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, any schedule the FAA publishes now will likely change. However, a changing project schedule is better than no project schedule at all.

As was pointed out by Roundtable members at our July 22, 2020 meeting, the Roundtable's request for the FAA to provide a schedule for procedures being developed in our region by the FAA has been a standing request for more than a year. Therefore, the Roundtable expects that it will take less than 45 days to produce a detailed project schedule with dates, milestones, and next steps through the completion of the process. In fact, it is our expectation that a schedule for the project already exists, so that you and your staff can execute the consultation process, track your efforts against key milestones, and plan your required staff resources for the duration of the project. Please forward the project schedule to me at your earliest convenience and I will have it distributed to the Roundtable members and will post it on our website.

Finally, the Roundtable is prepared to devote a substantial portion of a regular Roundtable meeting to you or your designee's full BSR Overlay presentation. The Roundtable has moved to a quarterly meeting schedule, so our next full Roundtable meeting will likely be held (virtually) on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. Please confirm that I may add the FAA's full BSR Overlay to that meeting's agenda.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Most sincerely,



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Congresswoman Anna Eshoo  
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