

Benchmarking call with LAX Community Noise Roundtable Sept. 16, 2020

Highlights:

- The LAX Noise Roundtable has been operating for 20+ years, has some 35 members, and Denny Schneider is the Chairman.
- LAX operates some 2,000 flights/day, 126 million passengers/yr. and its geographic footprint is much smaller than CLT (600 acres) and has no room for expansion.
- There are over 15 regional airports within 50 miles of LAX
- Robust history of initiatives and inter-airport relationships
- Meeting participants included representatives from the FAA, LAX operations, United Airlines, and a U.S. House of Reps. representative.
- They have a very robust website LAWA.org/Noise Management
- Currently focused on low altitude downwind flights and night-time flight noise
- Gene Reindel of HMMH, acts as the facilitator for meetings.
- HMMH Noise News published quarterly for LAX Noise Roundtable
- Actively involved with Quiet Skies network of over 50 other airport noise roundtables <https://ngsc.org/Organizations.html>
- Concern with long term health effects from excessive noise and emissions <https://anesymposium.agrc.ucdavis.edu/2020-program>

Government Engagement:

They are very active in terms of government engagement and have involved several US Senators and House of Reps members in their efforts to manage noise. They have asked government officials to join the Federal Quiet Skies Caucus. They have also been successful in getting local jurisdictions (city governments) to support their efforts.

Suggestions for ACR government engagement efforts

- Lots of publicity is essential
- At one point they collected 200,00 voter signatures to only endorse candidates who supported noise management and not airport expansion
- They participate in ARSAC, Alliance for Regional ... a network of airports sharing issues and resources. LAX Wide area committee.
- Work with Quiet Skies
- San Francisco roundtable has an excellent relationship with government leadership
- UC Davis is leader in publishing the environmental impact of airport noise
- Schedule meetings in person with government officials - Bring data and "BE POLITELY PERSISTENT"
- Work with individual city governments and the metropolitan Mayor and City Council. (see US Conference of Mayors resolution)