

AIRPORT NOISE ADVISORY PANEL (ANAP)

2nd Quarter, June 8, 2006

6:00 P.M.

FINAL

MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Sparks Citizen	Dr. Larry Kleinworth, Chair
City of Sparks Planning	Neil Krutz, Vice-Chair
General Aviation	Don Berman
FAA/Flight Traffic Control Tower	Donald Brooks
Fixed Base Operator	Ryan Gauger
Sparks Chamber of Commerce	David Ginsburg
City of Sparks Citizen	Karen Johnston
Washoe County Planning	Sharon Kvas
Airport Board of Trustees	Larry Martin
Washoe County Citizen	Ron Nicholson
Washoe County Citizen	Patrick Reardon
EDAWN	Russ Romine
RSCVA	Tim Smith
Air National Guard	Lt. Col. Mitch Sperling
City of Reno Planning	Beverly Straub

MEMBERS ABSENT

FAA/Flight Standards District Office	Louis Benton
Air Cargo	Ron Delgado
City of Reno Citizen (Stead)	Arbie Neal
Airlines	Tom Prescott
City of Sparks Citizen	Mike Railey
City of Reno Citizen	Charles Ulm
Washoe County Citizen	Bill Vandenberg
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning	David Ziegler

ALSO PRESENT

RTAA	Dean Schultz, A.A.E., Director of Planning & Environmental Services
	Mark Cameron, Noise Abatement Coordinator
	Lissa Butterfield, Administrative Assistant II

VACANT SEATS

City of Reno Citizen
Reno/Sparks Chamber of Commerce

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Airport Noise Advisory Panel (ANAP) met at the Airport Authority Administrative Offices, Reno-Tahoe International Airport, Reno, Nevada.

Chairman Kleinworth called the meeting to order. The Panel approved the minutes from the 1st Quarter meeting of March 9, 2006.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ANAP REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Cameron introduced new members Mr. Russ Romine, from the Reno-Sparks-Tahoe Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) and Mr. Tim Smith, from the Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority.

NOISE COMPLAINTS & CARGO ACTIVITY REPORT

Mr. Cameron presented the noise complaints from January, February and March of 2006. The total number of noise complaints for the 1st quarter was 15 with five complaints occurring each month, compared to 46 complaints during the 1st quarter of 2005. During the months of January and March, the noise complaint hotline was down for a period of time. In January, the down time was a result of an Airport Authority network system crash affecting all e-mail at the airport for a period of less than a week. In March, the down time occurred for a period of less than 24 hours.

The largest percentage of noise complaints came from the “Other” area (which represents several areas around Reno-Sparks) with five complaints at 33 percent of the quarterly total. Northeast Reno was next with 26 percent.

The total average daily passenger airline operations for the 1st quarter averaged 165. Sixty-two (62) percent of these operations occurred during daytime hours (7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.) with the remaining 38 percent occurring during nighttime hours (10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) Of the 15 total noise complaints, 53 percent referred to flights occurring during daytime hours. The nighttime complaint percentage was 47 percent.

Mr. Cameron reported that most cargo operations occur between 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. and between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The ratio of complaints to number of operations is greatest between 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE REPORT

Mr. Cameron detailed the following flight schedule changes since December (84 daily departures):

- January – 82 daily departures. Northwest Airlines discontinued all operations resulting in a loss of two daily departures to Minneapolis, MN.
- February – 83 daily departures. American Airlines added one daily departure to Chicago O’Hare. United Airlines added one daily departure to San Francisco, CA. Southwest Airlines discontinued one daily departure to Salt Lake City, UT.
- March – 83 daily departures. No changes.
- During the month of February, America West officially changed its name to US Airways.

SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM REPORT

Mr. Cameron provided an update on phases 13, 14 & 15 of the residential sound insulation program.

Phase 13 consisted of 158 homes in South Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. Home owner survey results will be shared with the Panel during this meeting.

Phase 14 consists of 90 homes in South Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. Construction is underway and will be completed by June 30, 2006.

Phase 15 consists of 240 homes in South Reno, Sparks and Washoe County and is being split into three groups: 15A, 15B and 15C.

Phase 15A contracts were approved at the April 13, 2006 Board meeting. The window manufacturing contract was awarded to Milgard Manufacturing, Inc. Construction contracts for 15.1 and 15.3 were awarded to Advance Installations, Inc. and the construction contract for 15.2 was awarded to Alpine Energy, Inc. Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2006.

Phase 15B is currently in the design stage with bids anticipated for August 2006 and construction in spring/summer of 2007.

Phase 15C homes will be selected pending funds remaining after the Phase 15B bid openings in August 2006. Additional homes may be included at that time.

SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM SURVEY RESULTS

Mr. Cameron presented the home owner survey results from Phase 13. Construction was completed on November 18, 2005 on 158 homes. A total of 167 surveys were mailed to home owners and tenants who participated. Ninety-two (92) surveys were returned with a response rate of 56 percent. Ninety-nine (99) percent of those who responded were satisfied with the results of the program, and 97 percent would recommend it to their neighbors. Ninety-six (96) percent reported an improvement in speech communication inside their home, while 87 percent reported an improvement in reduced sleep disturbance. Ninety-nine (99) percent reported an improvement in the quality and appearance of their windows, while 89 percent reported an improvement in the quality and appearance of their doors. Lastly, 86 percent reported a perceived improvement in the market value of their home as a result of the sound insulation of their home.

Based on a question from the Panel, Mr. Cameron explained that the relatively high percentage of reported unresolved problems, 43 percent, was largely a result of punch list items not being completed before the survey was submitted by the home owner. In all cases, Mr. Cameron conducted follow up on any unresolved problem.

SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM FUTURE SELECTION CRITERIA

Mr. Cameron explained that the intent of this agenda item was to share with the Panel how the selection criteria for participation in the sound insulation program would progress with future grant monies. The item was added in anticipation of receiving a new database, which would combine two older databases and be updated with current information from the Washoe County Assessor's Office, from a local firm. The new database is still under review. RTAA staff will defer this agenda item to the next meeting.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2005 ANNUAL NOISE CONTOUR REPORT

Mr. Cameron distributed selected pages from the 2005 Annual Noise Contour Report & Noise Exposure Maps as prepared by Brown-Buntin & Associates, Inc. He noted that the area contained within the 65 decibel DNL aircraft noise contour in 2005 is approximately five percent smaller than the 2004 contour, due to an overall decrease in operations at the RTIA and ongoing changes to the aircraft fleet mix. The overall north/south runway departure usage split is 19 and 81 percent respectively.

PRESENTATION OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS

Mr. Schultz provided a detailed overview on what the airport does, in conjunction with the local jurisdictions (City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County), in regards to off-airport development. He was assisted by representatives from those jurisdictions: Mr. Krutz, Ms. Kvas and Ms. Straub. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation and supporting documentation were distributed to all present Panel members. Absent Panel members were mailed copies of the presentation and supporting documentation on June 21, 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Erhard Rathsack, an Arrow Creek resident, commented on the use of the right downwind Runway 25 for heavy commercial aircraft and was referred to Mr. Brooks, FAA/Flight Traffic Control Tower, for answers after the meeting.

Ms. Cathy Brandhorst, a Reno resident, commented on issues unrelated to noise from the airport.

STAFF ITEMS

Mr. Cameron announced upcoming military operations. Between July 9 and July 20, 2006, there will be military exercises at Fallon which will involve ten F-18s, five F-5s and ten helicopters based at the Mercury Air Center. One to two sorties (departures involving military aircraft) will be run per week day with no flights during the nights or weekend. The RTAA Public Affairs Department will be apprised.

Mr. Cameron reported that based on public comment at the last ANAP meeting from Mrs. Jastrow, RTAA staff has worked to make noise complaint procedures easier for the public. The

RTIA website has been modified to make this process easier to understand and contact numbers more readily accessible.

Lastly, Mr. Cameron provided a status update on the Airport Noise & Operations Monitoring System. The request for proposals has been sent to the FAA for review and approval. Once approval has been granted, the request for proposals will be published. A more detailed update will be provided at the next ANAP meeting.

MEMBER ITEMS

Chairman Kleinworth reported that the ANAP air cargo representative, Mr. Delgado, is unable to attend meetings at the regularly scheduled meeting time of 6:00 p.m. Mr. Delgado requested that the Panel consider delaying meetings to begin at 8:00 p.m. At the next meeting, the Panel can discuss this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.