

AIRPORT NOISE ADVISORY PANEL (ANAP)

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, December 14, 2006

6:00 P.M.

**FINAL**

MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Sparks Citizen	Dr. Larry Kleinworth, Chair
City of Sparks Planning	Neil Krutz, Vice-Chair
FAA/Flight Standards District Office	Louis Benton
General Aviation	Don Berman
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning	Rosanna Coombes
Fixed Base Operator	Ryan Gauger
Sparks Chamber of Commerce	David Ginsburg
Washoe County Planning	Sharon Kvas
Airport Board of Trustees	Joe Mayer
Washoe County Citizen	Ron Nicholson
City of Sparks Citizen	Mike Railey
EDAWN	Russ Romine
Nevada Air National Guard	Lt. Col. Mitch Sperling
City of Reno Citizen	Charles Ulm
Washoe County Citizen	Bill Vandenberg

MEMBERS ABSENT

FAA/Flight Traffic Control Tower	Donald Brooks
Air Cargo	Ron Delgado
City of Sparks Citizen	Karen Johnston
City of Reno Citizen (Stead)	Arbie Neal
Airlines	Tom Prescott
Washoe County Citizen	Patrick Reardon
RSCVA	Tim Smith
City of Reno Planning	Beverly Straub

ALSO PRESENT

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

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter meeting of September 14, 2006.

#### NOISE COMPLAINTS & CARGO ACTIVITY

Mr. Cameron presented the noise complaints from July, August and September of 2006. The total number of noise complaints for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was 127 with 33 complaints in July, 11 in August and 83 in September. There have been 211 noise complaints, year to date. In addition, 354 noise complaints have been generated in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter as of December 13, 2006. In response to a question from a Panel member, it was noted that the spike in complaints was primarily a result of a single caller. The caller has been contacted by airport staff and the air-traffic control tower staff. The caller lives in the Huffaker Hills area and was a participant in Phase 8 of the sound insulation program.

The largest percentage of noise complaints came from the “Other” area (of which Huffaker Hills is included) with 84 complaints at 66 percent of the quarterly total. The South Hills area was next with 33 complaints at 26 percent.

The total average daily passenger airline operations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter were 158. Eighty-nine (89) percent of these operations occurred during daytime hours (7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.) with the remaining 11 percent occurring during nighttime hours (10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) Of the 127 total noise complaints, 91 percent referred to flights occurring during daytime hours. The nighttime complaint percentage was nine percent.

Mr. Cameron explained that the cargo flight operations PowerPoint slide reflects all the current changes in flight times and fleet mix. The most significant time period in regards to noise complaints is 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. followed by 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

#### FLIGHT SCHEDULE CHANGES

Mr. Cameron detailed the following flight schedule changes since June (79 daily departures):

- ➔ July – 79 daily departures. No changes.
- ➔ August – 79 daily departures. No changes.
- ➔ September – 79 daily departures. American Airlines discontinued one daily departure to Chicago, IL, and US Airways added one daily departure to Phoenix, AZ.

#### SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM STATUS

Mr. Cameron provided an update on the residential sound insulation program.

Phase 14 consisted of 90 homes in South Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. Construction is complete and final project close-out is underway. Summary survey results were presented to the Board of Trustees and to Panel members.

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

Phase 15A consisted of 107 homes in South Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. Construction was completed on November 17, 2006.

Phase 15B consists of 90 homes in South Reno, Sparks and Washoe County and will begin construction in May 2007. Contracts for 15.4 and 15.6 have been awarded to Alpine Energy, Inc and the contract for 15.5 has been awarded to Advance Installations, Inc.

Phase 16 consists of approximately 120 homes in South Reno, Sparks and Washoe County, based on applications sent out in August 2006. Scope and fee negotiations with Architects +, LLC for architectural consulting services and with Brown-Buntin & Associates, Inc for acoustical consulting services have been completed. Field design measurement appointments have been completed and floor plan appointments with home owners will be conducted in early February 2007. Bids will be opened in late March 2007. Construction is anticipated for fall 2007.

#### SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM – PHASE 14 SURVEY RESULTS

Mr. Cameron highlighted the key points from the Phase 14 survey results. Of the home owners who responded, 100% were satisfied with the final results, 100% indicated that the project administrators, consultants and staff were helpful, courteous and prompt and 100% would recommend the program to their neighbors. In addition, 96% reported an improvement in speech communication inside their home, 96% reported an improvement in sleep disturbance, 100% reported an improvement in the quality and appearance of their windows and 98% reported an improvement in the quality and appearance of their doors. Finally, 81% believe that the market value of their home has increased. Mr. Cameron also noted that any unresolved issues cited on the surveys were tracked and the home owner was assisted by either the airport or the contractor.

#### PERMANENT AIRCRAFT NOISE AND OPERATIONS MONITORING SYSTEM STATUS

Mr. Cameron reported that a meeting was held with Lochard Corporation on December 6, 2006 to begin the negotiation process. While many of the contract items have been agreed upon, there are several issues still under negotiation. Contract award may occur as early as February 2007. In order to expedite the process, Harris Miller Miller & Hanson will provide services for design drawings for monitor site locations, an item that Lochard was anticipated to have been responsible for.

#### SAN FRANCISCO N.O.I.S.E. CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. Vandenberg provided handout materials from the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual N.O.I.S.E. Conference and Aviation Noise Symposium held in San Francisco. An extensive conference summary and bibliography of the available materials was provided to all Panel members who were encouraged to request hard copies of any of the materials to be provided to them by airport staff at a later date. Mr. Vandenberg reported that the “Noise 101” seminar presented by David Carbone was

one of the better workshops and would be of value to all Panel members. In response to questions on the “Noise 101” seminar, Mr. Schultz offered to look into the possibility of having Mr. Carbone present a “Noise 101” seminar to the Panel as part of a future quarterly meeting.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Brien Walters, a Galena resident, wanted to thank the airport because the air traffic has improved. Early morning FedEx flights are still an issue but there has been improvement which is very good because of all the new residential developments in the area.

Mr. Mike Fontana, a Huffaker Hills resident, commented that he is the person cited as being the noise caller whose calls increased the quarterly complaints so dramatically. He explained that he was not aware of the noise complaint hotline until the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting, otherwise he would have been calling frequently for the past two years. Mr. Fontana stated that he received several calls from airport staff, the air-traffic control tower manager, Don Brooks from the FAA. He found the information helpful and informative, however, the height of current traffic seems to be half the height it was two years ago. Since the ILS and landing lights have not changed in two years, then the responsibility for the change lies with the flight crew. The inbound flights seem to be getting lower and lower, but it is not all flights only about 2/3 of the flights. It doesn't matter if the home is sound-insulated or not when the flight crew is lazy and comes in low.

### STAFF ITEMS

Mr. Cameron presented a PowerPoint slide showing the seasonal adjustments in air cargo aircraft operations effective December 15, 2006 to accommodate holiday season deliveries. FedEx will not increase flights but will rearrange the flight times and may up-gauge the aircraft. UPS will add ten additional daily operations which will include several during early morning hours.

### MEMBER ITEMS

Col. Sperling discussed the December 14, 2006 press release from the Nevada Office of the Military. With the temporary closure of a runway in Amedee Army Airfield in Herlong, CA, the Nevada Air National Guard will be moving additional training airlift and airdrop missions to Reno-Stead Airport until November 2007. During these training sessions, Stead residents can expect as many as three C-130s, flying at very low altitudes, for periods of up to three hours at a time. Training flights will begin approximately two hours after sunset. While most flights will end by 10:30 p.m., the weather and night sky conditions may vary the start and stop times. The Nevada Air National Guard will be meeting with the North Valleys Citizens Advisory Board and the Reno Neighborhood Council to communicate this information. A copy of the press release was provided to all Panel members.

Chairman Kleinworth provided the Panel with the 2007 meeting dates, all to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays:

- March 8, 2007
- June 14, 2007
- September 13, 2007

- December 13, 2007

In addition, he reminded Panel members that 2007-2008 officers will be elected at the March 8, 2007 meeting and requested that consideration be given to nominations ahead of time. Lastly he noted that the Airport Noise Advisory Panel and Community Outreach Committee Holiday Appreciation Breakfast will be held on Monday, December 18, 2006.

Ms. Kvas announced her retirement from Washoe County effective January 3, 2007 and therefore her retirement from the Panel. Paul Kelly will be her replacement. Chairman Kleinworth thanked her for dedicated service.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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