

CENTENNIAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE

DATE: May 5, 2021 for May 13, 2021 ACPAA Meeting
TO: Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority
FROM: Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable, Don Kuskie
SUBJECT: Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable Update
RECOMMENDATION: Advisory

CACNR held a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting on May 5, 2021.

- Seven members of the public joined the meeting, from areas including Greenwood Village, Louviers, Elizabeth, Denver, and the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District. As is so frequent, the focus of those representatives was the increased noise over their neighborhoods, identified primarily as being caused by training flights. Comments were made about the need to enforce the Noise Abatement Guidelines somehow, how absurd it is for the public to have to call in complaints when the airport has data from the noise monitors, and the public's frustration with repetitious noise.
- The request from the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District to become a Regular Member of the Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable was approved. That brings the make-up of the group to 12 Regular Members and 8 Advisory Members.
- Committees are continuing to address the tasks in the Work Program. One major focus is working with the flight schools, with a preliminary meeting held between CACNR, airport staff, and three of the four major flight schools based at the airport. It is anticipated this is the first of several such meetings to explore ways of working together to lessen training noise wherever and however possible.
- The southeast and southwest practice areas apparently established by the flight schools continue to be topics of interest. Also being explored is any possibility of modifications to the C1 hotspot area.
- Work to get Centennial Airport information on the Whispertrack data base is being resumed.
- A spreadsheet showing night time operations, between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., is being developed.
- A statement will be placed on the website, alerting the public to an anticipated increase in airport activity now that summer is arriving, and the Covid-related guidelines are changing toward a more normal pattern of operation.
- We learned the former LOOOP departure procedure is now called the Good Neighbor Procedure. It is used in north flow traffic between 10:0 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. for jets that are IFR and RNAV capable. There was considerable discussion about possible other times and uses for the procedure.
- There was continued interest and concern about the frequency with which the pattern is extended and the impact this has on the public living in proximity to the airport.
- The document "NextGen Benefits Have Not Kept Pace with Initial Projections, but Opportunities Remain to Improve Future Modernization Efforts," from the Office of the Inspector General, US Department of Transportation, was noted with interest. Aurora Alternate Representative Karen Hancock was thanked for calling the document to CACNR's attention. It had been shared with ACPAA, and will be shared with the Colorado members of the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus.