

Timeline of Activities related to Airplane Noise

October 6, 2014

City Council referred the topic airplane noise to the Policy & Services Committee for discussion. This was due to the October 1, 2014 decision of the SFO Roundtable to only allow the City to participate as a nonvoting member. (For additional background prior to October 2014, please refer to Staff Report #5517.)

February 10, 2015

Policy & Services Committee held a discussion about Air Traffic Noise Impacts on Palo Alto Citizens (Staff Report 5517).

March 10, 2015

Mayor Holman met with FAA staff in Washington D.C. during the National League of Cities Conference.

April 22, 2015

City Manager Jim Keene met with John Martin, San Francisco Airport Director John Martin.

June 5, 2015

County Supervisor Joe Simitian met with Sky Posse at Mitchell Park Community Center to discuss his 13 points of effective advocacy.

July 24, 2015

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo held a meeting with local elected officials, staff and representatives of the FAA at Palo Alto City Hall.

August 24, 2015

City Council approved Policy & Services Committee and Staff Recommendation that the City Council Authorize a Request for Proposals for; a Technical Study of Increased Air Traffic Noise, to Designate a Council Member to act as a Liaison to Engage in Regional Mitigation and Advocacy Efforts, Adopt a Resolution Urging the Federal Aviation Administration to Address Increased Aircraft Noise in Palo Alto, and Direct Staff to Engage in Additional Outreach, Coordination and Advocacy Activities Regarding Aircraft Noise (Staff Report #6023).

September 24, 2015

City issued RFP #161182 titled Airplane Noise Assessment & Mitigation with a close date of November 25, 2015.

October 6, 2015

City Attorney Molly Stump met with Sky Posse to listen to their concerns about the legal elements of this topic.

October 7, 2015

Council member Eric Filseth (Council liaison) and Sr. Management Analyst Khashayar Alaee attended the regularly scheduled SFO Roundtable meeting. Representative of Sky Posse were also in attendance.

October 9, 2015

Sr. Management Analyst Khashayar Alaee and Lee Christel, Sky Posse representative, attended a meeting with FAA representative at San Jose International Airport. At this meeting technical representatives of the FAA were present along with noise group's representatives from Santa Cruz and staff from Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's office.

November 16, 2015

Congresswoman Eshoo, Congresswoman Speier, and Congressmen Farr released the *FAA Response to Congressional Inquiries* about Aircraft Noise

November 25, 2015

RFP # 161182 titled Airplane Noise Assessment & Mitigation closed with four bidders: g2 Engineering, Bruel & Kjaer, Sawhill Consulting, and Freytag & Associates.

December 2, 2015

Sr. Management Analyst Khashayar Alaee attended the regularly scheduled the SFO Roundtable. Representative of Sky Posse were also in attendance.

December 3, 2015

Cities of Palo Alto, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills met to discuss partnership in addressing the topic. Cities of Mountain View, Menlo Park and East Palo Alto were also invited but did not attend.

December 9, 2015

Mayor Holman receives letter from Congresswoman Eshoo requesting support for Quiet Skies Act, FAA Community Accountability Act and a request to respond to the FAA Initiative in a timely manner.

December 10, 2015

Sr. Management Analyst Khashayar Alaee and Airport Manager Andrew Swanson attended a special SFO Roundtable Technical Working Group focused on Departures/Arrivals. Representative of Sky Posse were also in attendance.

December 15, 2015

The City received a letter from Congresswoman Anna Eshoo requesting prompt feedback to the *FAA Response to Congressional Inquiries* document.

January 6, 2016

City staff and Sky Posse representatives interviewed RFP applicants.

January 7, 2016

Sr. Management Analyst Khashayar Alaei attended a special SFO Roundtable Technical Working Group focused on Departures/Arrivals. Representative of Sky Posse were also in attendance.

January 25, 2016

Congresswoman Eshoo and Congressman Farr send letter to local noise groups requesting cooperation amongst groups and unified voice in working with FAA.

January 27, 2016

Cities of Palo Alto, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills held conference call to discuss issue and receive a status update on the topic from Congresswoman Eshoo's office. County of Santa Clara and Portola Valley were not able to call in.

January 28, 2016

City Attorney Molly Stump, Outside Counsel Peter Kirsch, Assistant City Manager Ed Shikada, Public Work Director Mike Sartor, Airport Manager Andrew Swanson, and Sr. Management Analyst Khashayar Alaei met with Sky Posse representatives to discuss legal and legislative matters.

February 2, 2016

Congresswoman Eshoo and Congressman Farr issued letter to Mr. Glen Martin, FAA's Western Regional Administrator, thanking him for standing up FAA Select Committee. Additionally requesting City of Palo Alto does not join SFO Community Roundtable.

February 3, 2016

City of Palo Alto issue letter to SFO Community Roundtable regarding their consideration of having Palo Alto join the group.

February 8, 2016

City of Palo Alto enters into a contract with Freytag & Associates

February 20, 2016

Sr. Management Analyst Khashayar "Cash" Alaei attend Quiet Skies NorCal Summit in Los Gatos.

March 2, 2016

City of Palo Alto responds to FAA Initiative of November 16, 2015.

March 7, 2016

FAA hold meeting in City of Los Altos. City of Palo Alto attendees include Councilmember Eric Filseth, Sr. Management Analyst Khashayar "Cash" Alaei and Dennis Hughes from Freytag & Associates.

March 8, 2016

City holds Community Meeting in City Council Chambers to discuss March 7 meeting.

March 10, 2016

Santa Clara County Cities Association nominates Council members Mary-Lynne Bernald of Saratoga and Gary Waldeck as member on the FAA Select Committee with Palo Alto Vice Mayor Greg Scharff and Council Member Jean Mordo of Los Altos as alternates.

March 21 & 22, 2016

Andrew Swanson, City of Palo Alto Airport Manager, and Dennis Hughes attend SFO Class B Airspace Workshop.

March 31, 2016

City issues work order for Freytag & Associates to begin Historical Operations Assessment and Historical Noise Assessment.

April 4, 2016

Eshoo, Farr, Speier announce new Select Committee on South Bay Aircraft Noise and issue updated FAA Initiative.

April 12, 2016

Letter from Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer to FAA Administrator Michael Huerta.