



LAX Community Noise Roundtable

Aviation Noise News Update

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FAA Reauthorization Bill Likely Pushed to September



- **On July 1, 2015, House Republican leaders chose to delay the introduction and consideration of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill until September at the earliest**
- **The provision of the bill that proposes to privatize FAA's air traffic control function has drawn substantial opposition from general aviation groups, the National Air Transport Association, the FAA employee's union, and Senate appropriators**
- **Given the September 30th reauthorization deadline, Congress may have to pass a stopgap funding bill to keep the FAA operating and Airport Improvement Program funds flowing until a long-term bill is passed**



Boeing to Cut 747-800 Production

- **Boeing announced that, beginning in March 2016 ,it will cut production of the 747-800 from 1.3 aircraft per month to 1 per month**
- **Boeing has only 32 firm orders for the aircraft, which represents 2.5 years of production at the newly announced rate**
- **Boeing said, “We continue to believe in the long-term strength of the freighter market and the 747-8 is uniquely positioned to capture this demand. . .”**
- **“The market drives our production rate and we adjust accordingly to keep our business running smoothly,” the company said.**



Photo Credit: Boeing

Deborah Ale Flint Named LAWA Executive Director



- **On June 23, 2015, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously confirmed Deborah Ale Flint as the new Executive Director of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)**
- **Until her appointment, Ms. Ale Flint had served as the Director of Aviation for the Port of Oakland since 2010**
- **Ms. Ale Flint said her vision for LAWA is "to make sure that we're the most innovative, that we have the best passenger experiences, that we're protectors and creators of great environment around the airport, that we have a world-class airport, and that we're first-class neighbors."**



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Burbank Airport Curfew Amendment Defeated



- **On June 9, 2015, an amendment to a House Appropriations bill that would have allowed enforcement of a mandatory nighttime curfew at Bob Hope Airport was defeated 157-266**
- **This was Representative Adam Schiff's (D-Burbank) second attempt to attach a curfew amendment to a funding bill; his first attempt came in 2011 when an amendment to an aviation funding bill was also defeated**
- **The Burbank Glendale Pasadena Airport Authority submitted a FAR Part 161 application to FAA for a curfew in 2009, but the restriction was disapproved**
- **Representative Schiff said, "We will keep fighting on behalf of the thousands of San Fernando Valley residents who have long sought relief from aviation-related noise, and continue to look for opportunities to press this issue."**

Greener Skies Initiative Results Released



- **A recent Boeing report revealed that the Greener Skies initiative at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) is producing greater fuel savings, shorter flight times, and better air emissions reductions than originally predicted**
- **Boeing said that Alaska Airlines will save nearly 90 gallons of fuel and reduce flight times by nine minutes with each landing at SEA, while utilizing noise-reducing flight corridors**
- **Alaska Airlines Vice President of Flight operations Gary Beck said, “This project is proof that when airlines partner with the FAA and air traffic controllers, airplane manufacturers and airports, great things can happen.”**
- **Alaska's annual reduction in carbon dioxide is equivalent to the emissions produced from driving 4,800 roundtrips between Seattle and Miami**

FAA Deploys NASA Tool to Improve Airspace Efficiency



- **NASA's Terminal Sequencing and Spacing (TSAS) software will help air traffic controllers manage the airspace that begins five miles from an airport outward to 35 miles**
- **TSAS will allow pilots to use on-board automation to fly fuel-efficient, optimized profile descents, which will reduce fuel use and noise near airports**
- **TSAS “. . .also safely permits more flights to merge together at a point where they can be cleared for final approach and landing.”**
- **FAA intends to deploy the capability between 2018 and 2022 at nine major airports: Phoenix, Houston, Atlanta, Seattle, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Charlotte, Denver and Los Angeles**