

RESOLUTION

SUBSTITUTE 16

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is in the process of implementing the Next Generation Air Transportation System, or NextGen, with the goal of transforming the country's air traffic control system from a ground-based system to a satellite-based system in order to increase efficiency, safety, and predictability to flights throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, as part of NextGen the FAA has developed a Metroplex program with proposals to optimize the crowded airspace for the Southern California region, which is made up of airports from Los Angeles to San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to document the potential environmental effects associated with the optimization of aircraft routes and the supporting airspace management structure while departing from or arriving to the Southern California Metroplex area; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding that the Draft EA finds no significant impact to noise, historic resources, tribal lands, wildlife, air quality, or climate, and notwithstanding that the Draft EA finds that most areas will see reduced air traffic, nonetheless there are still over 150 new flight procedures in this document that will impact certain Los Angeles and Southern California communities by potentially concentrating flight patterns over certain homes, schools and recreation areas, and of which some will bring air traffic to communities in the City of Los Angeles that have not historically been impacted; and


WHEREAS, the Metroplex procedures were designed by the FAA in conjunction with air transportation experts pursuant to a Congressional mandate, and as part of the environmental review process the FAA continues to work with Los Angeles World Airports to identify ways to mitigate impacts to communities in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has recently released new information on flight procedures since it provided notice and periodic updates concerning the status of the Metroplex program to various stakeholders, after conducting four public workshops in the greater Los Angeles area pursuant to an extended comment period; and

WHEREAS, the information recently released by FAA, only one week before the close of the extended comment period, includes Google tract maps and noise grids in a first-of-its-kind interactive medium, more public outreach and time to review the Draft EA is needed for stakeholders to make informed comments;

NOW, THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for administrative action by the Federal Aviation Administration to allow more time for Los Angeles World Airports and other impacted community stakeholders to study the full slate of Metroplex project documents; perform additional, comprehensive public outreach to all potentially affected areas; and as part of the environmental review process, be amenable to altering and/or further studying individual procedures that will result in significant impacts to communities throughout Southern California.

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