

RESOLUTION
Southern California Metroplex

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; 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, there are over 150 new flight procedures in this document that will impact numerous Los Angeles and Southern California communities by concentrating flight patterns over homes, schools and recreation areas, and bringing air traffic to communities that have not historically been impacted; and

WHEREAS, the Metroplex procedures were designed in a federal government vacuum, without a meaningful working relationship with Los Angeles World Airports – a City agency that has on the ground experience and knowledge of the affected local communities; and

WHEREAS, despite granting an extended comment period, the FAA failed to conduct public outreach and failed to release a number of documents, including Google tract maps and noise grids until a week before the close of the extended comment period, thereby making it nearly impossible for stakeholders to fully analyze the procedures and 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 more in-depth, comprehensive public outreach to all potentially affected areas; and 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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