



DATE: September 25, 2018

CATEGORY: New Business

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

TITLE: **Adopt a Resolution to Join the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Community Roundtable for Regional Aircraft Noise**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City of Mountain View to Join the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Community Roundtable for Regional Aircraft Noise, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).
2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Memorandum of Understanding providing for the continuing operation of the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Community Roundtable for Regional Aircraft Noise (Attachment 2 to the Council report).
3. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Memorandum of Understanding or an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding to clarify the language regarding the member contribution.

BACKGROUND

In June 2017, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (Cities Association) received a letter from Representatives Anna Eshoo (18th District, Santa Clara County), Rho Khanna (17th District, Santa Clara County), and Jimmy Panetta (20th District, Santa Cruz County) asking the Cities Association to take a leadership role in forming a regional aircraft noise roundtable. The Cities Association formed an ad hoc committee to build the framework of forming a roundtable that works for the region. Councilmember Pat Showalter served on the ad hoc committee. The roundtable, conceived to include the 21 local jurisdictions of Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties, is intended to work together with San Francisco International Airport (SFO), Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport (SJC), and the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) to address the growing concern of aircraft noise in one of the busiest metroplexes in the country.

After hearing from the ad hoc committee in June 2018, the Board of Directors of the Cities Association concurred that there is a critical need for an organization that convenes all of the stakeholders and provides a forum for citizens to be heard. The Board approved a resolution, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), bylaws, and a draft funding allocation to provide for the continuing operation of the Roundtable.

The Cities Association is requesting all member cities to formally join the regional effort to create the Roundtable to serve as a venue that facilitates regional collaboration regarding aircraft noise and serve our communities and constituents (Attachment 4).

ANALYSIS

The City of Mountain View has frequently heard from residents that airplane noise because of arrival and departure flights from SFO, SJC, and other regional and general aviation airports has a negative impact on their quality of life.

In January of this year, the City Council identified airplane noise as one of its top Federal priorities in 2018 and actively engaged with San Jose's Ad Hoc Committee on South Flow Arrivals. The City has stated their support of the establishment of a permanent airport roundtable for Santa Clara County and Santa Cruz County stakeholders to provide input on SFO and SJC arrival and departure flight paths and address airplane noise issues on an ongoing basis.

The proposed Roundtable will serve as a venue that will facilitate regional collaboration regarding aircraft noise. The Roundtable, conceived to include the 21 local jurisdictions of Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties, will work together with SFO, SJC, and the FAA to address the growing concern of aircraft noise in the region.

The Roundtable is subject to the Brown Act and is modeled after the SFO Roundtable. Voting membership consists of one designated representative and one designated alternate from the following agencies/bodies: Campbell, Capitola, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Saratoga, Scotts Valley, Sunnyvale, Watsonville, County of Santa Clara, and County of Santa Cruz.

As of September 20, 2018, Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Monte Sereno, Palo Alto, Santa Clara, Saratoga, and Sunnyvale city councils, and the City of Capitola and Santa Cruz County have voted to approve resolutions to join the Roundtable. The cities of San Jose and Milpitas and the Town of Los Gatos have indicated they will not participate. It is unclear at this point about the participation of other agencies in the

two counties. While staff has some concerns about the feasibility and effectiveness of the Roundtable if not all agencies participate, the FAA has indicated they will participate even if all cities do not, and there is a value to having a venue for issues to be raised, and the SFO Roundtable began without 100 percent participation.

The annual Roundtable funding is based on the SFO Roundtable budget, with a proposed target budget of \$250,000 annually and assumes hiring a part-time planner/manager for the Roundtable and contracting with various airplane consultants (Attachment 5). The MOU funding has a per-capita fee structure of \$0.50 per capita. However, it is our understanding this is intended to be a “not-to-exceed” amount and that full amount would not be needed. Therefore, the MOU should be modified to reflect an *up to* \$0.50 per capita, which would result in contribution from Mountain View of approximately \$39,000. According to the Cities Association, Mountain View’s initial contribution is expected to be about \$23,000. A clarification or modification of the MOU is requested for the funding prior to Mountain View signing.

To join the Roundtable, the City Council is being asked to adopt a resolution and to authorize the City Manager to execute the MOU (Attachment 2). The MOU outlines the objectives of the Roundtable; the term, membership, and voting rights; and the process for amending the MOU or withdraw from the Roundtable in the future. The MOU also incorporates a set of comprehensive bylaws that provide guidelines for the operation, administration, funding, and management of the Roundtable to be adopted by the members of the Roundtable (Attachment 3).

FISCAL IMPACT

Each participating agency will be required to contribute a proportionate amount based on the population of each jurisdiction. Based on the estimates from the Cities Association, the cost to the City would be approximately \$14,000 if all agencies participate, \$23,000 based on the current agencies committed, and up to \$39,000 if the funding is \$0.50 per capita. The Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget includes a \$25,000 placeholder for participation which should be sufficient for this year.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Support joining, contingent upon participation of a majority of agencies and the cost to the City being within the current budget authority.

2. Do not adopt a resolution to join the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Community Roundtable for Regional Aircraft Noise.
3. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING

Agenda posting and a copy of report to Andi Jordan, CASCC Executive Director.

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- Attachments:
1. Resolution
 2. Roundtable Memorandum of Understanding
 3. Roundtable Purpose and Bylaws
 4. Letter from the Cities Association of Santa Clara County
 5. Funding Allocation Draft Plan