



NATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO INSURE A SOUND-CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT

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N.O.I.S.E. ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

The Board and Officers of the N.O.I.S.E. Organization, as well as the professional staff are engaged in a host of initiatives at the federal level that allow for our organization to have a "seat at the table" as aviation noise policies are developed and implemented. The following is a selection of recent actions that N.O.I.S.E. members and staff have engaged on that support the community perspective and insure our collective voice is heard.

NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC): N.O.I.S.E. President, Brad Pierce (Aurora, CO) serves as the environmental representative to the NAC. The NAC is a 31-member Federal advisory committee formed to provide advice on policy-level issues facing the aviation community in implementing NextGen. Its goal is to foster industry collaboration in an open and transparent manner. It includes executives from the airlines, airports, general aviation, pilots, air traffic controllers, the Department of Defense, environmental interests (N.O.I.S.E.), international interests and providers of air traffic control technology. In response to tasks from the FAA, the NextGen Advisory Committee forges consensus recommendations on implementation-related issues facing the community as it works to implement NextGen.

FAA PBN TASK GROUP: N.O.I.S.E. National Coordinator Emily Tranter recently served on a task group which reported to the NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC) to the FAA. The group was tasked with providing recommendations on better community engagement practices when implementing PBN. The group reported out at the June, 2016 NAC meeting and their full report can be found on the N.O.I.S.E. website aviation-noise.org. Tranter also served on the "non-technical" stakeholders subcommittee of a previous group on best practices for PBN implementation at NAC. The full report can be found linked on the N.O.I.S.E. website.

ASCENT: N.O.I.S.E. Executive Director, Dennis McGrann will attend the Spring, 2017 meeting of ASCENT which is the new FAA Center of Excellence for Alternative Jet Fuels & Environment. ASCENT replaces PARTNER (Partnership for AiR Transportation Noise and Emissions Reduction) and will move forward with some unfinished research. ASCENT's goal is to focus on meeting the environmental and energy goals of NextGEN, including reducing noise, improving air quality, reducing climate impacts, and energy efficiency. McGrann was previously the chair of the PARTNER advisory committee and will remain engaged with this next generation FAA Centers of Excellence.

UC DAVIS NOISE SYMPOSIUM: N.O.I.S.E. Executive Director Dennis McGrann gave a federal update to the 2017 UC Davis Aviation Noise and Air Quality symposium. N.O.I.S.E. Member Ambrose Clay also presented on the need for new noise metrics.

ACRP: N.O.I.S.E. Executive Director, Dennis McGrann and N.O.I.S.E. Member, Dave Carbone are both members of the Airport Cooperative Research Program Project (ACRP) Panel 02-35: *Understanding Public Perceptions of Aircraft Noise and Noise-induced Sleep Disturbance* by the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies. The ACRP is an industry-driven, applied research program that develops near-term, practical solutions to problems faced by airport operators. The FAA is currently using the study commissioned by panel 02-35 to conduct a nationwide survey to update the scientific evidence of the relationship between aircraft noise exposure and its effects on communities around airports. N.O.I.S.E. will provide updates when the results of those surveys are released.

EXCOM: N.O.I.S.E. member and College Park, GA City Council Member Ambrose Clay is the Assistant Chair of Noise Certification Aeronautical Technical Subject Area on the United States Department of Transportation/Federal Aviation Administration (USDOT/FAA) Rulemaking Advisory Committee. The Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations to the FAA Administer concerning a range of FAA's rule making activities, including air carrier operations, airman certification, aircraft certification, airports, and *noise*. Councilman Clay participated in the September ARAC meeting in Washington, DC.