



**RMMA Community Noise Roundtable - Regular Meeting No. 3**  
**March 8, 2021**  
*Approved at the April 12, Regular Meeting No. 4*

**1. Call to Order: 9AM**

**a. Roundtable voting members/alternates attending included:**

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| City of Arvada                | Councilmember John Marriott and City Manager Mark Deven       |
| Boulder County                | Commissioner Matt Jones                                       |
| City and County of Broomfield | Councilmember Stan Jezierski and Councilmember Deven Shaff    |
| Jefferson County              | Commissioner Tracy Kraft-Tharp                                |
| City of Louisville            | Councilmember Jeff Lipton (Vice                               |
| Town of Superior              | Mayor Pro-tem Mark Lacin (chair) and Councilmember Kyle Brown |
| City of Westminster           | Councillor Kathryn Skulley                                    |

**b. Approval of Minutes**

- Kathryn Skulley made the motion.
- Tracy Kraft-Tharp seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Public Comments.** 30 minutes for public comments with 3 minutes per speaker. Speakers included: Chris Carnouskis, Kathy Straw, Elizabeth Heidle, Sharlene Willey, Brie Leeman, Jay McBury, Karen Falardo, Brad Fountain, Laurie Abram, Marge Wake.

**3. Roundtable Agenda items**

- Review of aircraft activity heat map of flight tracks near RMMA
  - Vice-Chair Jeff Lipton presented an overview of the heat map of aircraft flight paths in the vicinity of RMMA over one day (I didn't get what day, time) and two related bar charts.
- FAA Briefing: Re: Roundtable questions submitted to FAA staff for response



- John Bauer and Marc Miller, FAA Office of Airports, Western Region
- Shirl Burton, FAA Air Traffic Control Manager, RMMA

Chairperson Mark Lacin welcomed FAA staff.

Dave Carbone (Primacy Strategy Group) to provide a brief background and to introduce the FAA staff. Mr. Carbone explained the FAA staff were given the questions in advance and there are here today to respond to the Roundtable questions.

There was a total of 15 questions below:

- What is your role within the FAA?
- What is an airport noise roundtable's role within FAA decision making?
- How will the FAA interact with the RMMA Community Noise Roundtable on an ongoing basis and as we need FAA input?
- What can an airport do and not do (to effect aircraft operations and noise) without the involvement of the FAA?
- Will the FAA fund or participate in an airport noise study (or Part 150 study) for us to better understand noise impacts of RMMA?
- What is the relationship between the ADO and ATC?
- Will flight patterns be adjusted based on roundtable input and future development in the region?
- How is flight traffic handled at RMMA? (VFR vs. IFR, traffic patterns, routing into/out of the Class D)
- How does ATC view flight school traffic versus jet traffic?
- How are flight paths and airspace procedures set, and who reviews potential flight path changes? What is the process and factors considered in changing flight paths?
- How does and how can ATC assist in encouraging voluntary noise abatement? Can ATC give instruction to pilots to avoid noise-sensitive areas?
- What are the enforcement actions and consequences if pilots deviate from flight paths? Is there a policy regarding making aircraft tail numbers available publicly to flight tracking websites?
- Can you give us any examples of successes where FAA has successfully addressed community noise complaints?

John Bauer from the FAA Airports District in Denver, answered the first six questions and the last two questions that were submitted by Vice Chair Jeff Lipton. Shirl Burton, RMMA Air Traffic Manager, answered the remaining 7 questions. Some key points from the FAA responses:



- An airport can impose voluntary noise abatement procedures without the involvement of the FAA; such an effort can be difficult to develop and achieve compliance but can be very effective
- ATC does not distinguish between flight school traffic and jet traffic; an aircraft is an aircraft and an aircraft operation is an aircraft operation; safety is foremost
- The development of flight paths and airspace procedures are standardized across the nation
- Local voluntary noise abatement procedures are not FAA policy; procedures are airport and community developed and focused; FAA is focused on safety
- There are no established VFR flight paths; flights are established under IFR; consequences to pilots (pilot deviation action) under IFR if they deviate from IFR and ATC instructions
- Aircraft tail numbers are available but there are examples of them being misused (ie pilots being contacted and harassed, etc.)
- An FAR Part 150 is eligible for federal funding; the airport proprietor needs to request the FAA to fund the study; funding is 90% federal/10% local (airport proprietor)
- The airport proprietor cannot establish limits or encourage growth of certain types of aircraft per federal grant assurances

#### **4. Reports and Next month's Agenda Items Reports:**

- Arvada: No Report
- Boulder County: No Report
- Broomfield: No Report
- Louisville: No Report
- Superior: No Report
  
- Westminster — Councillor Skulley thanked the public and the FAA for their report. Noted that the Roundtable was listening and trying.
  
- Future agenda items read.

- Chair Lacis noted that if any board have suggestions for additions—please send to chair and vice chair and we will incorporate.
  - Matt Jones indicated that receiving site maps would be good soon.
  - Tracy Kraft-Tharp would like to have an agenda item to bring everyone up to speed before the group moves into new agenda items. Chair Lacis happy to invite ABCx2 to present on past work to bring everyone up to speed.
  - John Marriott—noted that a historical perspective of regional successes on noise issues would be a helpful future agenda item.
  - Director Anslow asked for clarity on priorities of agenda for next month. Chair Lacis noted that
    - Background from ABCx2
    - Presentation from Airport regarding development plan and entitlement
    - Flight schools invited into discussion about voluntary noise abatement.
    - Director Anslow noted that for time: says two airport items could be addressed in April then flight schools issues in May
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