

RMMA Community Noise Roundtable – Regular Meeting No. 7
July 12, 2021 – 9:00 AM
Approved at August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting No. 8

1. Call to Order; Roll Call

The July 12, 2021 RMMA Community Noise Roundtable Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Lacis at approximately 9:00 A.M. Dave Carbone, Primacy Strategy Group, call the Roll. A quorum (at least 4 Members present) was present, as follows:

Town of Arvada
Boulder County
City and County of
Broomfield
Jefferson County
City of Louisville
Town of Superior
City of Westminster

John Marriott, Council Member
Matt Jones, County Commissioner

Deven Shaff, Council Member
Tracy Kraft-Tharp, County Commissioner
Jeff Lipton, Council Member
Mark Lacis, Mayor Pro-Tem
Kathryn Skulley, Councilor

2. Approval of the Agenda

Vice-Chair Jeff Lipton moved approval of the Agenda as submitted. Tracy Kraft-Tharp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the June 14, 2021 RMMA Community Noise Roundtable Regular Meeting No. 6

Tracy Kraft-Tharp moved approval of the Minutes as submitted. Vice-Chair Jeff Lipton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment:

Chairperson Lacis opened the Meeting for public comments. He noted the comment period is limited to 30 minutes and 3 minutes per speaker.

The following speakers offered comments:

Bri Lehman, Lafayette (She also submitted a longer version of her comments to the Roundtable via mail)
Elizabeth Heidl, Sky Stone
Kate Ansic, Westminster
Brad Walker, Superior and he is a pilot
Marge Wake, Westminster
Ray Thomas, Boulder County

Tamare Prince, Louisville
Debra Atkinson, Louisville
Chris Caranski, Louisville

Chairperson Lacis thanked the speakers for their comments. He noted the Roundtable continues to listen to all public comments. He suggested the Roundtable could look at other options to get the public more involved. Ben Miller, RMMA Staff, noted the possibility of holding a quarterly meeting to hear more public comments.

5. Roundtable Agenda Items

A. Consideration of fixing the amount of the RMMA Community Noise Roundtable Member annual dues for Calendar Year 2022 (per Roundtable Bylaws Article IX., Section 9.2)

Discussion: Chairperson Lacis noted the dollar amounts shown in Roundtable Resolution No. 21-01, should be corrected to read as follows:

“The initial budget will be \$25,200 and will be shared equally by the Local Government members, with each Member contributing \$3,600 for calendar year 2021 operations of the Roundtable.”

“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roundtable Board of members hereby fixes the amount of the annual dues for each Member of the Board to be \$3,600 for Calendar Year 2022 ...”

Several Roundtable Members discussed the details and tech related issues regarding holding future Roundtable Meetings in person and potential meeting locations.

- Consideration/Adoption of RMMA Community Noise Roundtable Resolution 21-01, A Resolution to Fix the Amount of the Annual Dues for Each Member of the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport Community Noise Roundtable Board of Members for Calendar Year 2022

Vice-Chair Jeff Lipton moved approval of Roundtable Resolution No. 21-01, with the corrected dollar amounts indicated by Chairperson Mark Lacis. Deven Shaff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At this point in the Meeting, Chairperson Mark Lacis moved to Agenda

Item No.5. D. Presentation on the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University noise reduction exhaust systems for its fleet of training aircraft to accommodate a time constraint for Mr. Phil Rosnik, who presented on this item.

Presentation of the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University nose reduction exhaust systems for its fleet of training aircraft.

Phil Rosnik, a member of the RMMA Airport Advisory Board, presented an overview of the aircraft noise reduction effort at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. He explained the project included retrofitting the University's fleet of 41 Cessna 172 training aircraft with new propellers and exhaust systems to reduce noise from aircraft in flight. He explained that after significant testing, the aircraft modifications for noise reduction resulted in several safety issues including engine hesitation and sputtering at low RPMs and exhaust back pressure issues. The overall effort to achieve the desired noise reduction was unsuccessful.

Several Roundtable Members discussed some of the details and difficulty regarding modifications to general aviation aircraft. They noted that FAA certification of aircraft is also a factor regarding modifications. Mr. Rosnik noted he would report back to the Roundtable with any relevant information when it becomes available.

At this point in the Meeting, Chairperson Mark Lacis moved back to Agenda Item. No. 5.B.

5.B. Follow-up from the June 14, 2021 Roundtable Regular Meeting, RE: Airport Advisory Board/RMMA process to develop a Strategic Business Plan to guide investments and development decisions that will affect RMMA over the next 20 years.

- Presentation on the Strategic Business Pan development process and Draft Plan content
- Nick Johnson, of Johnson Aviation Consulting, presented an overview of the subject matter to be addressed in the RMMA Strategic Business Plan. A draft Plan document was not available for review by the Roundtable at this meeting
- Mr. Johnson explained RMMA has about 200 acres of potential developable land. The Strategic Business Plan would be a tool to help RMMA Administration review and evaluate proposals for new development on available airport land. He highlighted four key areas to be addressed in the Plan:
 - General Aviation
 - Corporate Aviation
 - Commercial Aviation

- MROs/Manufacturing
- Mr. Johnson also reviewed the study schedule and noted the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners would receive a briefing on the Draft Plan at its meeting on August 10, 2021. That briefing would also include an opportunity for public comment. Mr. Johnson explained a draft document would be provided to Airport staff for review by the end of July. Airport staff would provide their comments by the end of August and the Plan would be finalized sometime thereafter.
- A lengthy discussion followed Mr. Johnson's presentation. Numerous comments were made by various Roundtable Members about a variety of concerns and issues, such as the public review and input process, airport growth, airport noise impacts, increased flight activity, potential flight path changes, compatibility with the surrounding communities, relationship of the Strategic Business Plan to the Airport Master Plan, and other related issues.

Based upon all that input and comment, three key issues were raised by Roundtable Members:

- The presentation by Mr. Johnson did not include any information regarding potential aircraft noise impacts, potential flight path changes, or increased flight activity related to RMMA land development scenarios that will be addressed in the Strategic Business Plan. Based on that information, the Roundtable was going to provide comments to the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners for consideration at its August 10, 2021 meeting.
- The Roundtable Members emphasized that they couldn't comment or provide meaningful input at this meeting based on a document they haven't seen.
- The Roundtable Members further emphasized that the Strategic Business Plan process is moving too fast.

Mr. Johnson explained that he is aware of the Roundtable's issues and concerns. He further explained his job is to look at all of the issues and identify the highest and best use of the available land at RMMA.

Tracy Kraft-Tharp asked Mr. Johnson to do a noise assessment of the proposed highest and best use of the available land at the airport and describe how the airport is going to change over time. She also mentioned that aircraft noise is only part of the issue.

Mr. Johnson agreed to come back to the Roundtable at its August 9, 2021 Meeting to address the Roundtable's airport noise concerns and other issues and provide more definitive information. He also noted that staying on schedule of important to RMMA and that the Strategic Business Plan process is also important.

At this point in the Meeting, Chairperson Mark Lacin tabled Agenda Item 5.C. Follow-up from the June 14, 2021 Roundtable Regular Meeting, RE: Discussion of the 2019 RMMA Noise Mitigation Study prepared for the Town of Superior and the City of Louisville by ABCx2 consultants

6. Airport Director's Report

There was no report.

7. Committee or Board Members Reports

City of Arvada – none

Boulder County – none

City and County of Broomfield - none

Jefferson County – County Commissioner Tracy Kraft-Tharp commented on several activities at the Airport, including 60th Anniversary Dinner, B-17 aircraft fly-in, and tours of the flight schools and pilot facilities

City of Louisville – none

Town of Superior -none

City of Westminster- none

8. Fututr Agenda Items

The Agenda for the next Roundtable Meeting will include Agenda Item 5.C. from today's Meeting.

9. Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:51 A.M.