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RE: Request for Status of HUSSH Departure from OAK RWY 30

City of Berkeley

Dear Regional Administrator Girvin:

City of Hayward

Thank you for your attention to the pressing noise matters raised by the Oakland Airport-Community Noise Management Forum and the people of the East Bay areas of Alameda County and West Contra Costa County. As you know, the Forum's NextGen Subcommittee submitted a proposal requesting the re-evaluation of several of the new NextGen Metroplex procedures, including HUSSH. The proposal was initially submitted in 2017 with a substantial amount of follow up since then; but three years later, the FAA has yet to adequately respond to our proposal. At recent meetings with FAA technical experts, it was evident that they have made little progress regarding changes to the HUSSH procedure, saying only that the proposed changes are "under consideration" and that re-evaluation of the HUSSH procedure is "in the queue," giving no clear indication of when a response would be forthcoming. This non-response is unacceptable.

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While we appreciate the attendance of FAA representatives at Noise Forum meetings, we are concerned that although the FAA has agreed to consider recommendations from local communities, the agency is doing little to resolve the issues associated with the HUSSH procedure. These changes and the resulting noise have negative health and quality-of-life effects on East Bay residents, families, and communities.

Federal Express

The Forum (specifically the Forum's NextGen Subcommittee) requests to meet with the technical staff of the FAA responsible for the development of these procedures to review alternative flight paths. The Forum would also like an update on the HUSSH TWO Departure. Specifically, what is the status of the HUSSH TWO Departure as it relates to the milestones and program timeline under the chart of the Performance Based Navigation Timeline?

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We would like clarity on the timeline and expected dates for the milestones. The FAA update at the meeting in October left it unclear as to what the future expectations are and how soon they might occur. In addition, we understand that the FAA is addressing each proposed change individually. The changes related to HUSSH proposed in the Subcommittee's Supplemental Proposal (dated January 2017) are minor, but they would greatly alleviate noise for impacted people. Therefore, we request that consideration of the HUSSH changes be expedited.

The Forum's NextGen Subcommittee is ready to meet with FAA technical specialists to review this and other procedures. Please let us know when specialists are available for a collaborative meeting at the Oakland International Airport. We hopefully look forward to meeting with them prior to the date of the next Forum Meeting on January 20, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to meeting with your technical representatives and an expeditious resolution of the noise impacts on our communities.

Respectfully submitted:

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