

**Beyond 65 DNL Noise Working Group #3  
Meeting Notes**

Meeting Date	<b>Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 6:00-8:00pm</b>
Meeting Location	<b>Portland International Airport, St. Helens Conference Room</b>
Attendance	John Weigant Erwin Bergman Maryhelen Kincaid Karen Meyer Hector Roche Joe Smith Kelly Sweeney Vicki Thompson John Weigant George Bruender
Staff	Jason Schwartz Sean Loughran Paul VanOrden Jay Sugnet Jacob Brostoff
Consultants	

**Introductions & Announcements** – Sean & Jacob reviewed the agenda for the evening, called for introductions and shared some thoughts regarding the meeting, the challenging nature of the material and our need to work together.

Jason reviewed the work plan that the City/Port core team developed based on the work scope approved by PAG. The work plan is broken down into five primary tasks as follows:

Task 1: Discussion of mitigation categories

- Overview of airport and municipal programs (worldwide)
- Role of airports vs. cities and land-use authorities

Task 2: Identify mitigation strategies working group recommends as focus for PDX

Task 3: Development of mitigation boundaries

- Boundaries may be based on noise exposure level using a variety of metrics (measurable)
- Boundaries may be based on expected impacts (difficult to measure)

- Discuss whether or not mitigation strategies should vary depending on location, operations or noise exposure (tiered)

Task 4: Match mitigation strategies/measures (identified in Step 2) and mitigation boundaries (identified in Step 3). Develop mitigation plan recommendations.

Task 5: Finalize recommendations and produce report.

The group discussed the work scope and the flexibility it would provide to discuss and address impacts and that the focus was to look beyond traditional approaches or boundaries. A key to that approach is looking beyond the 65 DNL.

Some discussion related to different noise metrics. The discussion of noise metrics, including number of events above or time above will be part of Task 3.

Staff briefly introduced a survey of noise abatement and mitigation measures that included community outreach programs, community enhancement programs, energy and sustainability, land use planning and management, airport facilities and regulatory and financial penalties. Staff explained that the survey was sent out in advance of the meeting to give people some background on what types of programs have been considered by airports throughout the world and help generate ideas.

NWG Members shared the following ideas for further consideration and discussion in the development of working list of mitigation strategy concepts:

- Raise awareness
- Education
- Accessibility to information as well as staff resources
- Information does not mitigate fear in all cases
- Stakeholders should acknowledge impacts
- Education should not be 'public relations'
- Empower people through information sharing and education
- People who work from home may have an increased sensitivity to aircraft noise.
  - Ensure they have adequate information when making the decision to purchase a home within a specific community
  - Neighborhood Profiles (ONI) may be a good resource to communicate information about noise issues (airport and other).
- Incentives (financial or other) to airlines or aircraft operators other industry stakeholders
- Pilot outreach
  - "Carrot/Stick" – Fly Quiet
  - Positive recognition in response to minimizing community noise impacts for aircraft operators, airlines, etc.

- Raise awareness/educate those who are making the impact: operators and regulatory organizations (e.g. FAA).
- Information/accountability – inform operators when they fail to meet noise program goals/procedures.
- Runway 28L Offset (sidestep)
- Reduce use of thrust reverse
- Incentives for participation in noise abatement program
- Be aware of trade-offs (e.g. noise vs. emissions)
- Existing Development / Actions in Neighborhoods
  - Energy efficiency enhancements, sound insulation
  - Clean Energy Works Program, include window upgrades
- Focus on what we can change, not what we cannot
- Ensure mitigation benefits those who are impacted
- Remain aware of quality of life balance

Staff agreed to take the input received, combine with the other material presented on mitigation strategies and get it back out to the group prior to the next meeting.

Meeting days and times were discussed at the next meeting was set as April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 pm.