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Aviation Stakeholders to Envision Supersonic Aircraft, Environment, Land Use at ONCC Symposium Oct. 24

Des Plaines, Ill., Oct. 21, 2008—Developments in plans for next-generation civil supersonic aircraft will be discussed by federal agency and aircraft industry officials during a symposium, “Breaking Sound Barriers: Talking the Talk about Aircraft Noise,” sponsored by the O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24 at the Hyatt Rosemont Hotel, 6350 N. River Rd., Rosemont, Ill.

Carl Burleson, director of environment and energy for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in Washington, D.C., will moderate a panel discussion with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and aircraft manufacturer representatives about design and research efforts to reduce the intensity of a sonic boom in “State of the Art of Supersonic Aircraft Technology—Progress in Science Since 1973.”

Following the presentation, FAA officials will ask for attendee feedback in the first of a series of nationwide public forums. The agency is seeking input for future consideration of an acceptable new standard that may allow supersonic flights over land. Such flights have been prohibited in the United States since 1973.

Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation will provide a walk-through tour of its sonic boom simulator Wednesday, Oct. 22 through Friday, Oct. 24, outside the Hyatt Rosemont.

The ONCC symposium also will feature experts in noise and other environmental issues, airport and land use compatibility planning, airport economic stability and potential growth, and ways to enhance quality of life for residents living near airports.

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Commissioner Richard L. Rodriguez from the City of Chicago Department of Aviation and ONCC Chairperson and Arlington Heights, Ill., Mayor Arlene J. Mulder will welcome attendees.

Keynote speaker Barry Cooper, regional administrator for FAA's Great Lakes Region, will describe how the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) will affect community groups and the public and will explain the importance of FAA reauthorization funding.

Kenneth Johnson, mayor of the City of Wood Dale, Ill.; Michael Conlan, director of community and economic development for the City of Des Plaines, Ill.; and David F. Carbone, transportation systems coordinator for San Mateo County, Calif., will address land use compatibility and the potential for economic growth in communities near airports.

Ed Laughlin, assistant director of physical infrastructure, and Heather May, analyst, both from the U.S. Government Accountability Office in Los Angeles, Calif., will moderate two break-out discussion groups regarding "Community-Airport Interaction on Environmental Issues." The GAO initiative is the first in a series of nationwide fact-finding sessions to determine how airports and surrounding communities plan and communicate as they address environmental issues.

Landrum & Brown, an international consultancy specializing in environmental and commercial airport planning solutions, will present future trends in airport development and suggest ways communities can enhance quality of life for residents and initiate innovative land use planning to encourage economic growth.

"As one of only a handful of community-based, policymaking organizations committed to reducing aircraft noise, ONCC is providing this national symposium for all stakeholders involved in aviation to meet together in a cooperative spirit," noted ONCC Chairperson Mulder.

Symposium co-sponsors include Delta Airlines, Landrum & Brown, and the Partnership for Air Transportation Noise and Emissions Reduction (PARTNER) based at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

ONCC strives to reduce the impact of aircraft noise through home and school sound insulation, and to reduce aircraft noise, whenever possible, at its source. Members of the 11-year-old non-governmental agency include 27 Cook and DuPage County communities, Cook County and 15 school districts.

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