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ONCC Welcomes American Airline's Move to Quieter 737-800 Aircraft New Airplanes to Replace Noisy MD-80s

Des Plaines, Ill., April 29, 2009—Residents living near O'Hare International Airport can look forward to quieter aircraft overhead as American Airlines gradually replaces its local fleet of MD-80 aircraft with new, environmentally friendly Boeing 737-800 airplanes, predicts the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission.

“We are thrilled with American's efforts to eliminate the MD-80, one of the oldest and noisiest planes at O'Hare, said ONCC Chairperson and Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene J. Mulder. “Noise mitigation for communities near O'Hare is our primary purpose and the eventual replacement of an average of 300 MD-80 operations per day with new, quieter aircraft will bring some relief for residents.”

American Airlines officials announced the airline will take delivery in Chicago of 76 new Boeing 737-800s through the first quarter of 2011. Two new 737-800s flew their maiden voyages from O'Hare April 14.

“We congratulate American Airlines, our long-time partner, for its enormous financial commitment to phase out the MD-80s,” said Mulder. “The fuel efficient 737-800 features lower emissions of greenhouse gases and wing tip extensions to create less noise during takeoff and approach. That translates into safer, greener and quieter skies for O'Hare communities,” she said.

ONCC, composed of 27 Cook and DuPage communities, Cook County and 15 school districts, strives to reduce the impact of aircraft noise on surrounding neighborhoods through home and school insulation, and to reduce, wherever possible, aircraft noise at its source. For more information, contact Brian Gilligan, 773- 686-3198, or visit www.oharenoise.org.

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