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Commission Announces Major Fly Quiet Enhancement Initiative

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission is working on a major new initiative to enhance the Fly Quiet Program, which was designed to mitigate nighttime jet noise.

"We're not satisfied with the results (from the Fly Quiet Program) yet and the residents of our communities are not satisfied yet," said Commission Chair, Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene Mulder. "Jet noise continues to be a significant problem in the nighttime hours and this Commission wants the airlines and

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the FAA to know that."

The new initiative will use the City of Chicago's extensive airport sound monitoring system to determine when the FAA controllers begin and end the Fly Quiet mode at O'Hare. Those times will be compared with the Fly Quiet Program's goals for the use of preferred runways and flight tracks during the

hours between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. In addition, specific aircraft that deviate from the Fly Quiet procedures will be identified.

Chicago's Aviation Commissioner Thomas Walker will send detailed written reports to the FAA and the airlines. Written responses will be requested from the

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Pushing for NASA Engine Research Dollars

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in September, announced a redoubling of its efforts to ensure adequate funding of NASA's research work on quieter jet aircraft. Following a detailed

presentation from NASA's Noise Reduction Program Manager Bill Willshire on the progress and promise of the research work, the Commission approved sending letters to all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation

urging passage of a \$100 million appropriations measure for this program.

Willshire explained that NASA's goal is a 50% reduction in

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Commission Members

- Arlington Heights
- Chicago
- Elmwood Park
- Franklin Park
- Hoffman Estates
- Melrose Park
- Mount Prospect
- Niles
- Norridge
- Northlake
- Oak Park
- Palatine
- River Grove
- River Forest
- Rolling Meadows
- Rosemont
- Schaumburg
- Unincorporated Cook County

School Districts

- 59 Elk Grove Village, Des Plaines, Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect
- 80 Norridge
- 81 Schiller Park
- 84 Franklin Park
- 86 Harwood Heights
- 87 Berkeley, Northlake, Bellwood
- 214 Elk Grove Village, Des Plaines, Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Prospect Heights, Wheeling, Buffalo Grove
- 234 Norridge, Harwood Heights
- 299 Chicago Public Schools

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2001 Commission Meetings

Jan. 5	May 4
Feb. 2	Jun. 1
Mar. 9 (at School District 214, 2121 S. Goebbert Rd., Arlington Hts.)	No July Meeting
Apr. 6	Aug. 3
	Sep. 7
	Oct. 5
	Nov. 2
	Dec. 7

All meetings are open to the public. Unless otherwise noted, the meetings begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois

Technical Committee

Jan. 23	Jul. 24
Feb. 20	Aug. 28
Mar. 27	Sep. 25
Apr. 24	Oct. 23
May 22	Nov. 27
Jun. 26	Dec. 18

9:00 a.m. at Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Hts. Rd.

Residential Sound Insulation Committee

Jan. 17	Jul. 18
Feb. 21	Aug. 15
Mar. 21	Sep. 19
Apr. 18	Oct. 17
May 16	Nov. 21
Jun. 20	Dec. 19

12:00 p.m. at Norridge Village Hall, 4000 N. Olcott Ave.

School Sound Insulation Committee

Jan. 10	10:00 a.m. at S.D 214, 2121 S. Goebbert Rd., Arlington Hts.
Mar. 14	
May 15	
Aug. 8	10:00 a.m. at S.D 59,
Oct. 10	2123 S. Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Hts.
Dec. 12	

NASA Research

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perceived aircraft noise within 10 years and a 75% reduction within 25 years. Some of the new technology is already being put into new aircraft designs, he said. During his presentation, Willshire credited the Commission's previous lobbying efforts for helping to get the program's funding included in the new federal budget.

"Now, we have to make sure that the funding stays in the budget so

Web Site

For more Information click:

<http://www.aero-space.nasa.gov/goals/noise.htm>

that this important work to reduce aircraft noise at its source can continue," said Commission Chair, Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene Mulder. "The Commission will be sending letters, and I urge each member of the Commission and our communities' residents to contact their representatives in Washington on this important issue."

Commission Submits Comments to FAA

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission in October submitted formal comments to the FAA, as that agency began its review of its 25-year-old Aviation Noise Abatement Policy. The Commission's 21 specific comments include support for an aggressive

phase-out of Stage-3 aircraft by 2010 with an emphasis on eliminating the so-called "hush-kit" aircraft first. The Commission's comments also include a call for increased funding for research on quieter jet aircraft, and support for improved management of

airspace to reduce delays that push flights into nighttime hours. The detailed comments were sent to the FAA and widely distributed to government leaders and the public.

Community Outreach Vehicle Hits the Road

The work of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission is highlighted aboard the Chicago Department of Aviation's new Community Outreach



Vehicle that was unveiled for Commission members recently. The van travels to communities

surrounding O'Hare to help educate the public about the school and residential sound insulation programs, the noise monitoring system, the Fly Quiet Program, the Chicago Airport System, the work of the Commission and general aircraft noise issues.

Fly Quiet Enhancements

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respective airlines.

Mulder announced that the monitoring began in October to establish a benchmark. Notices will be sent to the airlines for any Fly Quiet deviations during November. A full evaluation of the initiative is scheduled for January. "This Commission is grateful to Commissioner Walker for his



enthusiastic support of this initiative," Mulder said. "And based on the level of cooperation that we have received in the past from the FAA and the airlines on so

many other issues, I fully expect a positive response from them on this newest initiative."

Commission Debuts New Web Site

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission is now on the World Wide Web.

At the September Commission meeting, Executive Director Brian Gilligan announced that the new Internet Web site is now online. The site explains the

Commission's purpose and accomplishments. In addition, the Web site provides visitors with detailed information on aircraft noise issues and the efforts to mitigate noise in the Communities around O'Hare.

The site also provides valuable

links to other aircraft noise sites on the Internet including the City of Chicago's Noise Office, which reports O'Hare noise levels monthly .

Questions about the Commission and noise issues can be submitted through the site via e-mail.

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Celebration !!!

On October 30, 2000, Chicago and suburban officials celebrated the completion of the 75th school to receive noise remediation improvements under the City of Chicago School Sound Insulation Program. Aviation Commissioner Thomas Walker joined River Grove Mayor Thomas Tarpey, Sister Nancy Nolan, SP, President of Mother Theodore Guerin High School, Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene Mulder, Chair of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission and students in the

re-dedication of Mother Theodore Guerin High School.

"Since 1982, the Department of Aviation has worked with our neighboring communities at O'Hare to improve the quality of life for residents and students," said Commissioner Walker.

"Today is a clear example of the accomplishments of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission and its ability to ensure that the schools and homes most impacted by aircraft noise receive

noise remediation funds."

"We are pleased with the efforts of the City of Chicago and the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission to effectively reduce the noise level in our school," said Sister Nancy Nolan.



Noise Facts

- There are 31 permanent noise monitors around O'Hare.
- The state-of-the-art noise monitoring system cost \$4 million.
- The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission independently verifies the accuracy of the system.



World's Largest

A new study confirms the City of Chicago's School Sound Insulation Program is by far the world's largest. The study of other large cities found that New York has sound insulated 36 schools around its three airports at a cost of \$6.8 million. The City of Chicago has insulated 75 schools around O'Hare alone at a cost of \$181 million. Fifty-five of the 75 schools were sound insulated in just the last four years since the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission was formed.

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Seven More Schools Slated for Sound Insulation

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission received official word in October from the City of Chicago that funding will be available to sound insulate seven more schools around O'Hare. The schools participated in noise testing and were ranked according to the results of that testing.

"It's estimated that as much as \$25 million will be spent to sound insulate these schools," said Chicago Aviation Commissioner Thomas Walker. "I am pleased to tell this Commission that the City of Chicago continues its strong com-

- **St. Francis Borgia, Chicago**
- **Bethlehem Lutheran, River Grove**
- **Lutheran School of the Holy Spirit, Elk Grove Village**
- **Holy Cross High School, River Grove**
- **Maine East High School, Park Ridge**
- **Dever Elementary, Chicago**
- **Queen of the Rosary, Elk Grove Village**

mitment to the school sound insulation program, which is the largest program of its kind in the world."

Walker noted that to date 94 schools have been sound insulated or will soon benefit from this program. When the seven

schools named most recently are completed, the City of Chicago will have spent almost a quarter of a billion dollars to make classrooms quieter.

