

Centennial Airport Roundtable
November 1, 2017

Re: NextGen/MetroPlex

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for hosting the public information meeting where FAA representatives were to give an update on Metro/Plex in the Denver Metropolitan region. As you are aware there was significant public interest in this meeting, because the location of the pathways has not been identified with adequate specificity for people to determine whether or not they will be impacted.

As I understand the facts, yesterday morning, the day prior to the public hearing, the FAA cancelled its appearance, without giving any reason. The FAA has made it virtually impossible for concerned local governments and citizens to obtain meaningful information concerning the location of flight paths and their associated impacts. This proposed meeting garnered considerable public interest, because it appears that the new pathways may pass directly over existing communities that have never in the past been subjected to significant aviation traffic and noise.

Studies have shown that noise can cause a negative impact on children in schools, the health of people whose sleep is disturbed and can cause a decrease of 20% or more in the value of homes. No community in the greater Denver Metropolitan area should be subjected to levels of noise described as "intolerable" in communities where Metro/Plex has been implemented.

The FAA during the process of the environmental report has an obligation to COOPERATE (emphasis added) (i) with local governments having jurisdiction over land uses and having concerns about project-related noise and (ii) with citizens groups having an interest in aircraft noise issues and who have expressed concerns about airport development. I would strongly argue that the abrupt cancellation of the FAA's attendance at the Centennial Airport roundtable is an example of the FAA's continued failure to observe both the spirit and express intent of the regulations. The FAA has interpreted cooperation to mean minimal public input, minimal notice, minimal information and maximum obfuscation.

I once again want to thank the Centennial Airport Round Table for trying to provide local governments and the public with an opportunity to learn about the current status of MetroPlex directly from the FAA. Your efforts were laudable and my frustration is pointed solely at the FAA.

Thank you again for all your efforts.

Laura Christman, Mayor Cherry Hills Village