

**AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT TASK FORCE MEETING  
ST. PETE-CLEARWATER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

October 4, 2017

St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE), Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force (NATF) Committee, a/k/a Task Force, met at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room 234, Airport Terminal Building, with the following members present:

**Present**

Louis Claudio, Safety Harbor Resident  
Austin Fay, Airport Operations Supervisor  
H.D. Holland, Feather Sound Resident  
Tom Jewsbury, Airport Director  
Jerry Karp, Clearwater Resident  
Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound Resident  
John Padavich, Safety Harbor Resident  
Jim Pershing for Matthew Furlong, U.S. Coast Guard  
Cheryl Soszka, Airport Administration  
Mark Sprague, Deputy Director, Operations and Facilities  
Deen Walker, Sheltair  
Matt Weaver, Airport Operations Manager  
Michael Zas, County Attorney's Office

**Absent:**

Russ Argus, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control PIE  
Robert Butler, Allegiant Air  
Steve Fox, Clearwater Aviation  
Joseph Lassen, US Army Reserve  
Barbara Markley, Pinellas Park Resident  
Scott McGuff, Oldsmar Resident  
Michael Short, Clearwater Resident  
Michael Yuska, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control

**Guests in Attendance:**

Amanda Gaskins, St. Petersburg  
Lauren Wilson, St. Petersburg

## AGENDA

1. Introduction & Opening Comments
  - UPS Airlines Departure: October 16, 2017
  - Airport Master Plan
  - NavAid Technical Services
2. 2018 Task Force Meeting Dates
3. Semi-Annual Task Force Report
4. Move Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2017
5. Quarterly Noise Compliance Report
6. Quarterly Noise Complaint Summary
7. Flights within Voluntary Quiet Window
8. Action Items
  - Historical NATF Action Items (handout)
  - Allegiant and PIE Partnership in Training
  - Fall Fly Friendly Outreach Program
  - Update on VOR/DME-B Approach
9. Citizen's Comments
10. Adjournment

## INTRODUCTION AND OPENING COMMENTS

Mr. Sprague welcomed those present to the NATF Meeting and everyone introduced themselves. Mr. Sprague announced that United Parcel Service will be leaving PIE as of October 16, 2017, and operating out of Tampa International Airport.

Mr. Sprague announced the Airport will be developing a new Master Plan. The goal is to devise a 20-year developmental program for the Airport to maintain a safe, efficient, economical, and environmentally acceptable airport facility for the community. The Master Plan provides short-term needs and long-term plans for the Airport, including new noise contours, and will include a series of public meetings; the first of which will be held on November 30, 2017. This first public meeting is educational as well as informative and describes what a Master Plan is and what is involved in the development. Mr. Sprague advised the Task Force that he would provide further information on the public meeting as it becomes available. *Update:* This information was provided to the NATF on October 30, 2017.

Mr. Sprague announced that the Airport will be discontinuing the use of the Passur system for flight tracking and would be implementing NavAid Technical Services. This new NavAid system will look and work the same as the Passur system; however NavAid is more cost effective and will have less blocked aircraft when tracking. NavAid will be available on the Fly2PIE website within the next couple of months.

## **MEETING DATES, SEMI ANNUAL REPORT, AND MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Sprague announced the *NATF 2018 Meeting Dates*, reviewed the *Semi-Annual Task Force Report*, and approved the *Task Force Meeting Minutes* of July 19, 2017.

## **QUARTERLY NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Mr. Sprague referred to the *Noise Abatement Compliance Report* for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017. The overall compliance rate reflected a high compliance rate during the day, with a lower night time (sunset to sunrise) compliance rate. Mr. Sprague stated that he spoke to Allegiant's Chief Pilot who explained a possible reason why pilots were not flying PIE's Noise Abatement Procedures may be due to the PIE-based pilots being away for Airbus training. Compliance rates will continue to be a focus area for improvement, particularly at night time.

## **QUARTERLY NOISE COMPLAINT SUMMARY**

Mr. Sprague reported on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017 *Noise Complaint Summary*. There were 199 complaints received during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter from 11 different households. The top three cities submitting complaints were Safety Harbor, Oldsmar, and St. Petersburg. The top three reasons for complaints were aircraft not flying the Noise Abatement Procedures, late night and early morning operations, and low flying aircraft.

## **FLIGHTS WITHIN VOLUNTARY QUIET WINDOW**

The number of flights flying during the Voluntary Quiet Window ranged between 3-5% for July through September 2017; with a year-to-date average of 4%. In addition, Mr. Sprague advised that two Allegiant destinations will no longer be serviced out of PIE, Youngstown, Ohio and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pennsylvania.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Sprague provided a bullet point list of Historical NATF Action Items that dated back to the creation of the Task Force. In addition, Mr. Sprague commented on the Quarterly NATF Action Items, which included: 1) Allegiant and PIE Partnership in Training; this involves training for Allegiant pilots every 6 to 12 months, and the VOR/DME-B Approach is now a regular part of this training; 2) Fly Friendly Outreach Program, which is an outreach to the Allegiant pilots reviewing Noise Abatement Procedures, obtaining feedback from pilots, and providing PIE promotional items; and 3) update on the VOR/DME-B Approach conversion from "Special" Procedure to Public Procedure, this is on schedule to be published within approximately three months.

## NATF MEMBERS AND CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

HD Holland, Task Force Member, inquired if the RNAV Approach for UPS could become a Public Approach. Mr. Sprague indicated that the Federal Aviation Administration had denied that request, but advised it could remain a "Special" Approach, and will assure that Allegiant obtain approval to fly the Approach.

Jerry Karp, Task Force Member, is requesting that one item be taken from the complaint log and cite what action the Airport has taken to resolve the complaint.

John Padavich, Task Force Member, inquired if the Airport will be replacing UPS with another cargo airline. Mr. Sprague stated not at this time. Mr. Jewsbury stated the Airport is looking at adding additional air service and cargo carriers.

Steve Ochsner, Task Force Member, asked if the Master Plan will identify these types of opportunities. Mr. Sprague advised it will address these matters. Mr. Jewsbury added there is also a large environmental component, an impact to noise contours, and economic impacts.

John Padavich inquired about the Army moving their helicopters to MacDill. Dean Walker, representing Sheltair, advised it should be in 2020. Mr. Jewsbury advised that the Army will not be leaving PIE all together, the rotor-wing aircraft will be replaced with fixed-wing aircraft, and turbo props will remain at PIE.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.