

**AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT TASK FORCE
ST. PETE-CLEARWATER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
(April and July 2022)**

Since the last report, the Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force (Task Force, NATF) met virtually via the GoToMeetings platform, on April 19, 2022, and shared data from a meeting scheduled for July 20, 2022, cancelled due to COVID. The purpose of this report is to briefly outline initiatives taken by the Task Force and St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (Airport, PIE) to address public concerns regarding aircraft noise impacts on surrounding communities.

NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE REPORT

The *Noise Abatement Compliance Report* for the months of January through June 2022 was reviewed and reported to the Task Force. The overall compliance rate reflected an average of 90%.

The number of flights during the Voluntary Quiet Window (VQW) ranges between 7% - 17%, with an average of 11% for this period. The latest scheduled flight within the VQW is 11:45 p.m. Some of the reasons for non-scheduled flights during the VQW were: weather causing ramp closures for safety, ground stops issued from the Jacksonville Air Traffic Control Center due to COVID (shortage of controllers) and/or severe weather en route, and air traffic flow.

NOISE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

There were 998 complaints received during the 1st Quarter, with 519 complaints coming from one household in Safety Harbor, 381 complaints from another household in Safety Harbor, and 62 complaints coming from one household in Oldsmar. The top three cities submitting complaints were Safety Harbor, Oldsmar, and Clearwater; with the top three reasons for complaints being excessive noise, low flying aircraft, and flying over home.

There were 945 complaints received during the 2nd Quarter, with 679 complaints coming from one household in Safety Harbor and 219 complaints from another household in Safety Harbor. The top three cities submitting complaints were Safety Harbor, Oldsmar, and Palm Harbor; with the top three reasons for complaints being excessive noise, low flying aircraft, and did not use a Noise Abatement Procedure (NAP).

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

RNAV Procedure assigned effective April 13, 2022

Mr. Sprague announced that effective April 13, 2022, the RNAV procedure will now be assigned. We will no longer have to rely on a pilot asking for the RNAV NAP. This will

apply to Allegiant, Sun Country, Swoop, and Delta (baseball charters). Mr. Sprague is working with United and Air Canada to get on the RNAV Procedure.

Naval T-45 Training Jets

During the period of March 6-18, U.S. Navy/Marines had T-45 trainer jets at PIE conducting training over warm water.

Update on 5G

As previously discussed, PIE was identified as an airport within the radius of a 5G cellular tower. It was identified that this will not affect the Airport and the angle of the service cone will be angled away from the Airport to further reduce any chance of interference.

Update on Pinellas County Congested Airspace Working Group

Mr. Sprague stated the last update he received was in January. The Group had taken the collaborated information from all members and are working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Mr. Sprague will provide the Task Force with an update as soon as he receives one and will update citizens when they become available.

As a follow up to the last meeting regarding improper altitude encoding above Oldsmar in PIE's portal, Mr. Sprague stated there was a software error and it has been corrected.

Metroplex Standard Instrument Departure (SID)

Since the implementation of Metroplex's three new Standard Instrument Departures, two of the departures have a fix flying a route more to the east, directly over Oldsmar versus the middle of Tampa Bay. The Metroplex departure should have been identical to the St. Pete 9 Departure; however, we identified it is not. Mr. Sprague has been working with the FAA to get this rectified.

Runway 18/36 "Fix"

Since the Runway 18/36 rehabilitation and reconstruction project was completed last year, we have discovered some slight deficiencies that are covered in the warranty period. To correct these deficiencies, Runway 18/36 will be closed for approximately one month beginning in mid-October. When exact dates are set, an email will be sent to the Task Force and a press release will be sent. Further, Mr. Sprague will be meeting with Tampa TRACON Manager on August 24, 2022, to review the departure procedures off Runway 4. The Airport chose the fall as Allegiant's flight schedule reduces significantly thus having the least impact on the surrounding communities.