

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

April 17, 2024

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:**

H.D. Holland, Feather Sound Resident  
Erin Johnson, Airport Operations Manager  
Barbara Markley, Pinellas Park Resident  
LCDR Timothy Nicolet, U.S. Coast Guard  
Steve Ochsner, Feather Sound Resident  
Steven Santamaria, Airport Operations  
Sean Schrader, City of Clearwater at Large Resident (via teleconference)  
Cheryl Soszka, Airport Administration  
Mark Sprague, Deputy Director, Operations and Facilities  
Deen Walker, Sheltair  
Cody Ward, County Attorney's Office  
Jeff Yost, Allegiant Air (via teleconference)

**Absent:**

Jason Driskill, U.S. Army  
Chris Heden, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control TPA  
Tom Jewsbury, Airport Director  
Andrew Knapp, Oldsmar Resident and City Council Member  
John Padavich, Safety Harbor Resident  
Hank Samuel, Palm Harbor Resident  
Anibal Velazquez, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control PIE

**Guests in Attendance:**

Commissioner Dave Eggers, Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
Bobbie Shay Lee, Aide to Commissioner Scott, Board of County Commissioners  
Kevin Rzeszut, Airport Facilities  
Shane Jackson, FAA Community Engagement Officer (via teleconference)  
Lou Claudio, Safety Harbor  
Reece Nanfito, Del Oro Groves

## AGENDA

1. Introduction & Opening Comments
2. Move Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2024
3. Semi-Annual Report – October 2023 & January 2024
4. Quarterly Noise Compliance Report & Complaint Summary
5. Flights within Voluntary Quiet Window
6. Action Items
  - FOXAR waypoint shift west – publication date May 16, 2024
  - Tampa/St. Pete Airports Full Workgroup Meeting
  - U.S. Coast Guard fleet update
7. Citizen’s Comments
8. Adjournment

## INTRODUCTION, MEETING DATES, AND MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Sprague welcomed those present to the NATF Meeting, including Shane Jackson, FAA Community Engagement Officer, via conference call. Mr. Sprague moved the *Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2023*, and the *Semi-Annual Report – October 2023 & January 2024* into the record.

## QUARTERLY NOISE ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE REPORT AND COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Mr. Sprague referred to the *Noise Abatement Compliance Report* for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024. In January, 248 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; 177 of those flights were able to use a Noise Abatement Procedure (NAP), 159 aircraft did, while 18 did not. In February, 235 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; 183 of those flights were able to use a NAP, 171 aircraft did, while 12 did not. In March, 439 aircraft arrived on Runway 18; 289 of those flights were able to use a NAP, 266 aircraft did, while 23 did not. Average overall compliance for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter was 92%.

There were 654 complaints received during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, with 610 complaints coming from one household in Safety Harbor, representing 93% of the complaints this quarter. The top three cities submitting complaints were Safety Harbor (613/94%), Oldsmar (15/2%), and Palm Harbor (7/1%); with the top three reasons for complaints being low flying, excessive noise, and flying over home.

## FLIGHTS WITHIN VOLUNTARY QUIET WINDOW

The number of flights during the Voluntary Quiet Window (VQW) for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter ranged between 7-13%, averaging at 10% for the quarter. Some reasons for flights during the VQW this quarter were: scheduled flights, local weather, storms across the country, and fog causing diversions. There were several high traffic aviation events in March

including the St. Pete Grand Prix, the Valspar Golf Tournament, and the MacDill Air Show, the latter resulted in FAA Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR), causing flights to fly straight-in over Safety Harbor and did not allow the use of NAPs.

## **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Task Force Resolution**

Mr. Sprague discussed the Noise Abatement Task Force Resolution. The current resolution was adopted on August 20, 2002, which was over 20 years ago. We are looking at making some updates to the resolution. More to follow at the next meeting.

### **FOXAR departure waypoint shift west – Publication Date 5/17/2024**

Mr. Sprague shared with the Task Force that the “community driven” project of shifting the FOXAR waypoint 1,954 feet to the west on the BAYPO ONE Departure from PIE was originally scheduled to be published on March 21, 2024; the publication date was delayed by FAA to May 17, 2024. This will keep aircraft over the mouth of Tampa Bay when departing as opposed to hugging the Oldsmar coastline.

### **Tampa/St. Pete Airports Full Workgroup Meeting**

Mr. Sprague attended this workgroup meeting with FAA Air Traffic Controllers, FAA representatives, and consultants regarding what changes are upcoming to procedures impacting Tampa/St. Pete Airports.

### **U.S. Coast Guard fleet update**

LCDR Timothy Nicolet, U.S. Coast Guard, provided an update on their fleet and the transition from the C-130H’s to the C-27’s.

## **NATF MEMBERS AND CITIZEN’S COMMENTS**

Public Comments were received by:

Lou Claudio, Safety Harbor resident

Reese Nanfito, Del Oro Groves, Clearwater resident

Commissioner Dave Eggers, Pinellas County Commissioner

Meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.