O'HARE NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION

2025

Annual Report

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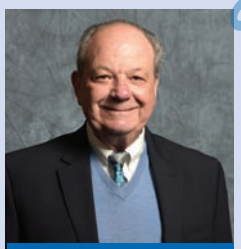
Message FROM THE CHAIR



ONCC Chair Joe Annunzio, Village of Niles

Over the past year, the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) has worked diligently behind the scenes to strengthen our organizational foundation, reinforce the fundamentals of our organization, and collaborate with key stakeholders to advance our initiatives. This report highlights the people, processes, and stories driving our success, all through the lens of our mission: reducing aircraft noise in the communities around O'Hare International Airport.

Participation in ONCC offers members a unique, behind-the-scenes perspective. Through tours, workshops, and presentations, we strive to provide transparency into the many factors influencing aircraft noise.

Here are some of the highlights of the past year -

- The Governance Committee reconvened and embarked on reviewing the bylaws and Intergovernmental Agreement for its approval and adoption by the end of the year. The group took the time to analyze, discuss, and improve both documents. By the end of 2025, the City of Chicago and members confirmed their commitment to the organization, renewing our governing document for an additional five years. The Commission welcomed two new members to our roster – the Villages of Wilmette and Roselle.
- At our annual meeting in May, we presented the annual report and the Fly Quiet Awards *(see Page 3 for award recipients)*. We also held an election for ONCC officers and received a construction update from the CDA.
- The Residential and School Sound Insulation Committees advocated for the completion of the remaining homes under Phase 19, the final phase of the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), and monitored the testing of schools potentially eligible for sound insulation under the Terminal Area Plan Environmental Assessment (TAP EA) noise contour.
- Michael McMurray was appointed as Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA). Commissioner McMurray brings over 25 years of experience in transportation and infrastructure to the role and we look forward to working with him.

CDA Commissioner Michael McMurray

- We welcomed back Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Great Lakes Regional Administrator Rebecca MacPherson, returning to the agency after a temporary reassignment. We continue to work with Regional Administrator MacPherson and her staff on important issues ranging from the proposed Fly Quiet Program to runway use.
- CDA's work on ORDNext, "the bold next chapter in reimagining O'Hare's core terminals to better connect travelers, accommodate future growth, and elevate the passenger experience," continued. A groundbreaking ceremony for the New Concourse D marked the beginning of construction for ORDNext. Concourse D is the first of two new satellite concourses planned as part of the initiative.
- We were invited to participate in the Roundtable of Roundtables, where we engaged with representatives from similar groups at airports across the country and learned about the challenges they are facing.

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2026 Look Ahead

- We will continue to work with CDA and FAA to advance the Fly Quiet Program Proposal.
- ONCC will continue to advocate for funding of future RSIP phases.
- We are in the process of developing a Member Toolkit and other informational resources.
- We will be celebrating ONCC's 30th Anniversary in 2026. Stay tuned for more information on plans for a celebration event.

Finally, I would like to thank our members for their continued dedication to the organization. Your efforts are essential to our success, and we look forward to another productive and impactful year ahead.

Joe Annunzio, ONCC Chair
Village of Niles

Behind the Scenes AT THE AIRPORT

ONCC AIRFIELD TOUR: JUNE 2025

NOISE 201 WORKSHOP

In October, we held a Noise 201 workshop, which provided an in-depth review of noise policy, metrics and more.

View video of presentation

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NEW *Fly Quiet* PROGRAM PROPOSAL UPDATE

Fly Quiet is a voluntary program that aims to balance nighttime noise impacts by rotating runway use and headings based on a predictable schedule. The FAA is currently determining what type of environmental review will be required for the program.

At the request of the FAA, Landrum & Brown conducted a Modeling Analysis for FQ21, assessing the potential changes in flights resulting from the proposal. This work was intended to inform the FAA's determination on the level of environmental review required for the program. After reviewing the data, the ONCC reaffirmed its support for the program to the CDA, and the CDA urged the FAA to continue the review process.

At the time of publication, the FAA has not made a final determination on status (or the level of environmental review required) of the program.

2024 *Fly Quiet* AWARDS

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AIR CARRIER
United Airlines

REGIONAL CARRIER
GoJet Airlines

CARGO CARRIER
Qatar Airways

ONCC Chair Joe Annunzio and Technical Committee Chair Mike Latoria presented the 2024 Fly Quiet Awards at the Annual Meeting in May.

Airlines are scored based on Fleet Quality (20%), Airline Schedule (35%), Preferential Flight Tracks (40%), and Ground Run-Ups (5%).

Residential SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM

PHASE 19 - FINAL PHASE OF OMP SOUND INSULATION - NOW UNDERWAY

Work continues on Phase 19 of the Residential Sound Insulation Program, moving towards completion of the final phase of sound insulation under the OMP noise contour.

	*O'Hare Phase 19A**	*O'Hare Phase 19B*
Homes Enrolled	223	198
Home Inventories begin:	10/26/2020	6/28/2021
Advertise for Construction Bids:	3/16/2026	12/4/2024
Bid Opening Date:	4/23/2026	2/14/2025
Construction Contract Award:	3rd Qtr. 2026	6/10/2025
Field Measurements begin:	4th Qtr. 2026	10/13/2025
Construction begins:	2nd Qtr. 2027	1/26/2026
Construction ends:	3rd Qtr. 2027	3rd Qtr. 2026

** Phase 19A has been delayed due to previous bids being rejected*

- Field measurement appointments for all homes enrolled in for Phase 19B were completed.
- Construction has begun on Phase 19B; to date, construction is complete on 21 homes in Phase 19B.

PHASE 19
RSIP INSULATED HOMES
2025 STATS

27 HOMES ENROLLED

198 FIELD MEASUREMENT APPOINTMENTS CONDUCTED

Future Phases of Residential Sound Insulation

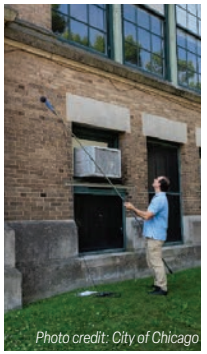
Homes identified under the TAP EA noise contour do not meet the requirements for federal funding. The ONCC continues to advocate with the CDA for continuation of the program while alternative funding options are pursued.

School SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM

TESTING CONDUCTED ON POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS

Eleven schools were identified as potentially eligible for the School Sound Insulation Program under the Terminal Area Plan Environmental Assessment (TAP EA) noise contour. Seven of the schools expressed interest in being tested. Testing was conducted over the Spring and Summer of 2025.

Based on FAA guidance, properties with noise levels equal to, or greater than, 45.0 dBA Leq (day) would be eligible to receive treatments. Testing determined that none of the schools tested are eligible for noise mitigation treatments.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SUMMARY OF TESTING RESULTS	
School	*Average Interior Leq (day) (dBA)*
Beaubien Elementary	24.3
Prussing Elementary	30.4
St. Bellarmine Catholic	32.9
St. Constance Elementary	28.5
Spring Hills Elementary	22.8
Iroquois Community	15.6
Child's Voice	22.6

WARRANTY SERVICE

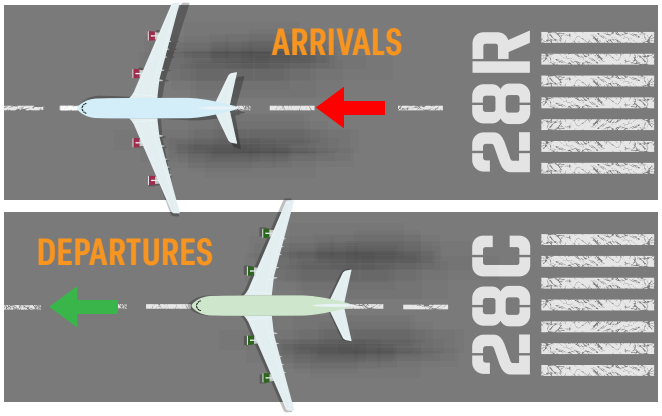
Warranty service work was completed in **132** homes in 2025, concluding all warranty claims submitted by homeowners.

ODOR MITIGATION

326 home inventory appointments were conducted for homes that will receive odor mitigation.

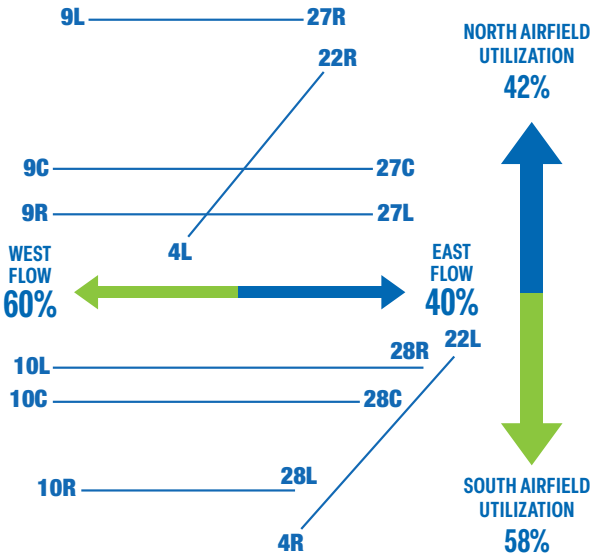
2025 DATA *Dashboard*

MOST USED RUNWAYS



87% of runups used the Ground Runup Enclosure (GRE)

RUNWAY USE



NOISE COMPLAINTS

6% increase from 2024

357,942 (2025)

339,060 (2024)

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

10.8% increase over 2024

860,015 (2025)

776,036 (2024)

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O'HARE *In the News*

O'HARE NAMED BUSIEST AIRFIELD IN THE WORLD

Earlier this year, FAA data revealed that O'Hare was the busiest airport in the U.S. in 2025 by flight operations, overtaking Atlanta for the first time since 2019. In April 2026, Airports Council International (ACI) World announced that O'Hare has reclaimed the title of the world's busiest airfield by operations with 860,015 aircraft landing or taking off from O'Hare in 2025.

In 2025, **860,015** aircraft landed or took off from O'Hare

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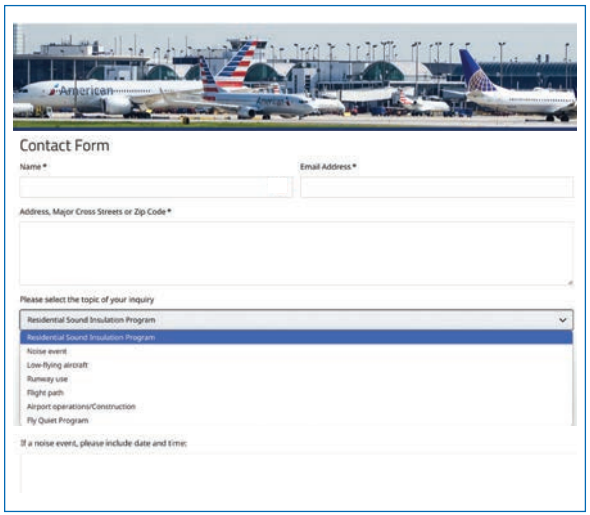
RESIDENT *Inquiries*



We recently revamped our process for handling resident inquiries. This included redesigning the website inquiry form to capture more detailed information, allowing for more efficient and accurate responses. In addition, we implemented a new system to track and manage inquiries, improving both response time and overall communication.

Since May of 2025, staff has responded to **65** resident inquiries

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Bensenville
Bloomingdale
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Chicago Wards
36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45
Cook County
Des Plaines
DuPage County
Elmhurst
Elmwood Park
Franklin Park
Glenview
Hanover Park
Harwood Heights
Hinsdale
Hoffman Estates
Itasca
Lincolnwood
Melrose Park
Mount Prospect
Niles
Norridge
Northlake
Palatine
Park Ridge
River Forest
River Grove
Rolling Meadows
Roselle
Rosemont
Schaumburg
Schiller Park
South Barrington
Stone Park
Wilmette
Wood Dale

School Districts:
2, 7, 59, 63, 64, 80, 81, 84, 84.5, 85.5, 86, 87, 88, 89, 100, 214, 234, 401

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Village of Niles

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