

# O'Hare Monitor



## ONCC To Continue Work At Least Through 2010

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) will continue its work at least through the year 2010. The extension of the intergovernmental agreement that provides the Commission with its authority to operate was approved by more than two thirds of its membership including the City of Chicago. The Commission's original intergovernmental agreement, which was the basis for the ONCC's formation in 1996, was due to expire at the end of 2005.

"I'm extremely pleased that the communities and school districts belonging to this Commission support so strongly our work," said ONCC Chair, Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene Mulder. "All of us want to continue working on aircraft noise issues on behalf of residents living around O'Hare."

## ONCC Role in O'Hare Modernization Program

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) has been given specific responsibilities through the FAA's Record of Decision for the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), which was issued in September. Those tasks include overseeing a residential sound insulation program that will likely be faster paced than the current program, already considered the most aggressive in the nation.

"The ONCC oversees the most advanced noise mitigation program in the country," said OMP Executive Director Rosemarie Andolino, who briefed the Commission members. "The FAA respected the work of the Commission and recommended continued ONCC oversight of the noise mitigation efforts around O'Hare."

The FAA designated the ONCC to continue overseeing the residential sound insulation program with a directive that 5,446 additional homes be insulated before the OMP is completed. To date, almost 6,000 homes around O'Hare have been sound insulated. The FAA says that all eligible homes within the 65 DNL noise contour that will exist when all the O'Hare runways are reconfigured must be sound insulated. City of Chicago and ONCC officials say that, if needed, they are prepared to accelerate the residential sound insulation program beyond the 600 homes that have been insulated annually in recent years.

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## ONCC Welcomes New Members

Another community and another school district have been approved for membership in the Commission. The addition of the Village of Maywood and Bellwood School District 88 brings the ONCC's total membership to 39. District 88 includes the communities of Bellwood, Melrose Park and Stone Park.

## Commission Members

### Municipalities

Arlington Heights  
Bartlett  
Bellwood  
Chicago  
Des Plaines  
Elmwood Park  
Franklin Park  
Hoffman Estates  
Maywood  
Melrose Park  
Mount Prospect  
Niles  
Norridge  
Northlake  
Oak Park  
Palatine  
Park Ridge  
River Grove  
River Forest  
Rolling Meadows  
Rosemont  
Schaumburg  
Stone Park  
Cook County

### School Districts

59 Elk Grove, Des Plaines, Arlington Hts., Mt. Prospect  
63 Des Plaines, Niles, Morton Grove, Glenview  
80 Norridge  
81 Schiller Park  
84 Franklin Park  
84.5 River Grove  
85.5 River Grove  
86 Harwood Heights  
87 Berkeley, Northlake, Bellwood  
88 Bellwood, Melrose Park, Stone Park  
89 Maywood, Melrose Park, Broadview  
214 Elk Grove, Des Plaines, Arlington Hts., Mt. Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Prospect Hts., Wheeling, Buffalo Grove  
234 Norridge, Harwood Heights  
299 Chicago Public Schools  
401 Elmwood Park

## Dramatic O'Hare Aircraft Noise Reduction Seen in New Animation

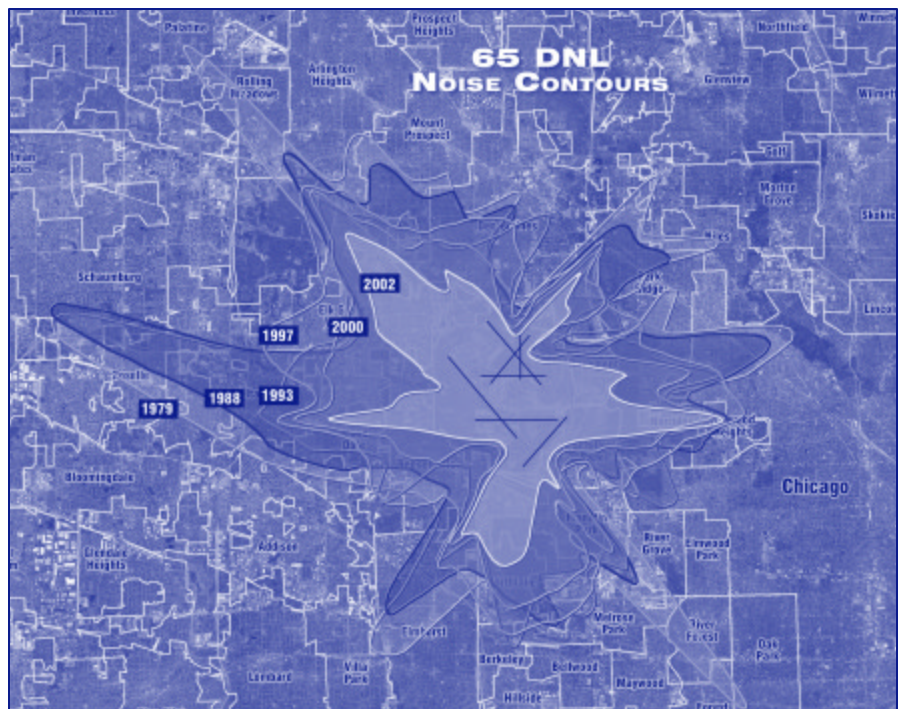
Since 1979, there have been dramatic reductions in aircraft noise for residents around O'Hare. However, because of how people perceive changes in noise over time, these reductions might not be obvious.

Now there is a new animated depiction based on noise contours that shows exactly how the aircraft noise footprint around O'Hare has diminished in the last 26 years. While there is still aircraft noise, this animated video provides assurance that progress is being made in reducing noise for thousands of people.

The decrease in aircraft noise is due to several factors including advancements in aircraft design, airline fleet mixes, the Fly Quiet Program and the efforts of the City of Chicago and the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission to effectively address aircraft noise issues.

The full animated video is available on the ONCC Web site and can be accessed from either the front page or the Technical Committee's pages.

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### ONCC Role in OMP *(Continued from page 1)*

“While the O’Hare Residential Sound Insulation Program has been extremely successful and well received by residents around the airport, historically we have insulated homes already affected by aircraft noise,” said ONCC Executive Director Brian Gilligan. “The Commission members now have the opportunity and the responsibility to consider the new noise contour and insulate homes before they are affected by aircraft noise.”

The aircraft noise patterns will change as O’Hare Airport is reconfigured from a system of primarily diagonal runways to a system of parallel runways. The aircraft noise impact within the 65 DNL noise contour after the modernization program is completed is expected to cover an area of about 17.6 square miles. That is a dramatic 53 percent decrease from the 37.6 square miles within the 65 DNL in 2000, which is the noise contour currently used by the ONCC for its sound insulation programs.

The FAA’s Record of Decision also directs that a new noise contour map be drawn after completion of the OMP to project noise patterns an additional five years into the future. Any eligible homes and schools that are within the 65 DNL of the new contour must also be sound insulated.

In addition, the FAA charged the ONCC with continued oversight of the O’Hare School Sound Insulation Program and the Fly Quiet Program, as well as responsibilities for evaluating changes to the Airport Noise Monitoring System and other aircraft-related noise issues associated with the reconfiguration of the airport.

### Congressman Rahm Emanuel Pledges Support to ONCC

The ONCC enjoys strong support from the Illinois Congressional Delegation, which helps maintain the Commission’s high profile in Washington, D.C. to better represent O’Hare area residents on aircraft noise issues. That was the message delivered to the ONCC in November by John Borovicka, district director for Illinois 5th District Congressman Rahm Emanuel.

Borovicka praised the work and the accomplishments of the Commission in the areas of aircraft noise mitigation through the promotion of technology advances and the sound insulation programs for homes and schools. He said that Congressman Emanuel supports the work of the ONCC and is ready to help the Commission in any way that he can. Congressman Emanuel’s district includes Chicago and several communities around O’Hare.

## 2006 ONCC Meeting Schedule

All meetings are open to the public

O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission	Residential Sound Insulation Committee	School Sound Insulation Committee	Technical Committee
All meetings begin at <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	All meetings begin at <b>9:30 a.m.</b>	All meetings begin at <b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Most meetings begin at <b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>January No Meeting</b>	<b>January 11, 2006</b> Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	<b>January 10, 2006</b> School District 214 2121 S. Goebbert Rd. Arlington Heights	<b>January 24, 2006</b> Arlington Heights Village Hall 33 S. Arlington Hts. Rd.
<b>February 10, 2006</b> Rosewood Banquets 9421 W. Higgins Rd. Rosemont	<b>February 15, 2006</b> Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	<b>February No Meeting</b>	<b>February 21, 2006</b> Arlington Heights Village Hall 33 S. Arlington Hts. Rd.
<b>March 24, 2006</b> Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	<b>March No Meeting</b>	<b>March No Meeting</b>	<b>March 28, 2006</b> Mt. Prospect Village Hall 50 N. Emerson
<b>April No Meeting</b>	<b>April 19, 2006</b> Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	<b>April 12, 2006</b> School District 59 2123 S. Arlington Hts. Rd. Arlington Heights	<b>April No Meeting</b>
<b>May 5, 2006</b> Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	<b>May 17, 2006</b> Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	<b>May 24, 2006</b> School District 59 2123 S. Arlington Hts. Rd. Arlington Heights	<b>May 23, 2006</b> Mt. Prospect Village Hall 50 N. Emerson
<b>June 2, 2006</b> Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	<b>June 21, 2006</b> Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	<b>June No Meeting</b>	<b>June No Meeting</b>
<b>July No Meeting</b>	<b>July No Meeting</b>	<b>July No Meeting</b>	<b>July No Meeting</b>
<b>August No Meeting</b>	<b>August No Meeting</b>	<b>August No Meeting</b>	<b>August 22, 2006</b> Mt. Prospect Village Hall 50 N. Emerson
<b>September 8, 2006</b> Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	<b>September 20, 2006</b> Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	<b>September No Meeting</b>	<b>September 26, 2006</b> Mt. Prospect Village Hall 50 N. Emerson
<b>October 13, 2006</b> Rosewood Banquets 9421 W. Higgins Rd. Rosemont	<b>October 18, 2006</b> Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	<b>October 11, 2006</b> School District 59 2123 S. Arlington Hts. Rd. Arlington Heights	<b>October 24, 2006</b> Mt. Prospect Village Hall 50 N. Emerson
<b>November 3, 2006</b> Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	<b>November 15, 2006</b> Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	<b>November No Meeting</b>	<b>November 21, 2006</b> Mt. Prospect Village Hall 50 N. Emerson
<b>December 1, 2006</b> Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	<b>December No Meeting</b>	<b>December No Meeting</b>	<b>December No Meeting</b>

**Meeting schedules are subject to change. Please check [www.oharenoise.org](http://www.oharenoise.org) for updates.**

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## American Airlines Wins Fly Quiet Award, Again

For the third consecutive year, American Airlines has won the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission's prestigious Fly Quiet Award. The airline was recognized by the Commission for its sustained commitment to the Fly Quiet Program and its overall strong support of the ONCC during 2004.

The Fly Quiet Program began in 1997 and is designed to reduce nighttime aircraft noise over residential areas around O'Hare through the use of preferred departure runways and flight paths. In addition, the program encourages airlines to use the O'Hare Ground Runup Enclosure, which significantly reduces the impact of aircraft engine noise during routine testing and maintenance that occur primarily at night.

"All of the airlines based at O'Hare Airport have contributed to the O'Hare Fly Quiet Program's workability and success," said ONCC Chair, Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene Mulder. "However, American Airlines has once again stood out from the others in all the categories used for determining the winner of the Fly Quiet Award."



American Airlines Chief Pilot, Captain John Jirschele, Managing Director Bill Hood and Chicago Regional Vice President Bernie DeSena accept the 2004 Fly Quiet Award from ONCC Technical Committee Chair, Palatine Mayor Rita Mullins (second from left) and ONCC, Chair, Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene Mulder.