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\$16.75 Million For School Sound Insulation Work

The O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program has been awarded \$13.4 million this year by the FAA to spend on reducing aircraft noise in schools near the airport. The money comes from the federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP). In addition, \$3.35 million are available from Passenger Facilities Charges (PFC) bringing the total for school sound insulation this year to \$16.75 million.

The money is expected to cover sound insulation construction work at three schools:

- East Leyden High School, Franklin Park.
- Stevenson Elementary School, Melrose Park
- St. Andrews Lutheran School, Park Ridge

As of December 2005, total disbursements for 114 schools in the O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program with executed grant agreements were \$261.3 million, and construction had been completed at 103 schools.

Aircraft Noise Mitigation To Play Vital Role in Aviation's Future, Says Report

While there has been a 95 percent reduction in the number of Americans impacted by aircraft noise in the last 35 years, progress in further reducing aircraft noise has slowed nationally, FAA Director of Environment and Energy Carl Burleson told the ONCC at its March meeting.

Burleson briefed the ONCC on a new congressional report entitled "Aviation and the Environment," which concludes that "there is a compelling and urgent need to address the environmental effects of air transportation." He said that continued efforts to reduce aircraft noise are essential to the growth of air transportation in the 21st century.

The report notes that while aircraft are 60 percent more fuel efficient today than they

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Commission Members

Municipalities

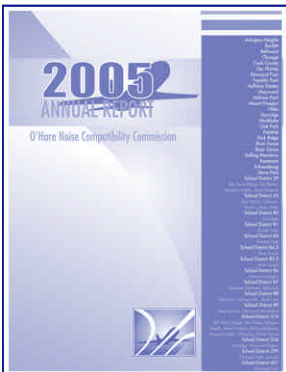
- Arlington Heights
- Bartlett
- Bellwood
- Chicago
- Des Plaines
- Elmwood Park
- Franklin Park
- Hoffman Estates
- Maywood
- Melrose Park
- Mount Prospect
- Niles
- Norridge
- Northlake
- Oak Park
- Palatine
- Park Ridge
- River Grove
- River Forest
- Rolling Meadows
- Rosemont
- Schaumburg
- Stone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

ONCC Annual Report Now Available

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission's 2005 Annual Report is now available by mail or from the Internet. Written requests for free printed copies can be sent to the ONCC, at PO Box 1126, Des Plaines, IL 60017-1126. The report can also be viewed and downloaded from the ONCC Web site at www.oharenoise.org.



Noise Hotline 800-435-9569

Aviation and the Environment Report

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were three decades ago, the strong growth in aviation has resulted in some aircraft emissions increasing. The report concludes that concerns over the adverse impacts of aircraft noise and emissions will place constraints on air transportation, which in turn would ultimately threaten the mobility, economic vitality and security of the nation.

The report recommends to Congress a “National Vision for Aviation and the Environment,” with a goal of further reducing aircraft noise and emissions significantly by 2025. Bureson told the ONCC that there are great opportunities for reducing noise impacts even sooner through flight management tools to keep aircraft away from residential areas around airports. For the past several months, the ONCC has been studying one such tool, called RNAV, (Area Navigation) for possible use at O’Hare.



FAA Director of Environment and Energy Carl Bureson briefing ONCC in March.

However, Bureson noted that the air transportation system and the aviation industry are complex and that there is no silver bullet to reduce emissions and noise. He said that the report calls for a balanced approach of both operational and policy changes.

The 52-page report was prepared by the Partnership for Air Transportation Noise and Emission Reduction, an FAA, NASA, and Transport Canada “Center of Excellence” research organization at MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The ONCC is a member of the organization’s advisory committee. “The broad representation of 38 stakeholders, including the ONCC, makes this report especially important,” Bureson said.

The full report can be downloaded from the ONCC Web site at www.oharenoise.org.



Aviation and the Environment Report

Grants Available to Communities for Land Use Pilot Program

The ONCC is urging communities around O'Hare to investigate a grant program sponsored by the FAA for the purpose of encouraging land use and zoning laws that are compatible with the airport operations.

In December 2003, Congress authorized the Federal Aviation Administration to fund a pilot program for compatible land use planning and projects by state and local governments located near large and medium hub airports. This pilot program, described in section 160 of the Vision 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act, permits the FAA to make grants from Airport Improvement Program (AIP) noise set-aside if the large or medium hub airport never completed a noise compatibility study under Federal Aviation Regulation Part 150, or their Part 150 study is over 10 years old. O'Hare meets those criteria.

But time is running short. The pilot program under Section 160 expires at the end of fiscal year 2007. Communities interested in this program must meet certain eligibility requirements.

For more information communities should contact the FAA at:

Federal Aviation Administration
 Chicago Airports District Office, CHI-ADO-600
 2300 East Devon Avenue
 Des Plaines, Illinois 60018
 Main No.: (847) 294-7336
 FAX: (847) 294-7046



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 8:00 a.m.	All meetings begin at 9:30 a.m.	All meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.	Most meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.
July No Meeting	July No Meeting	July No Meeting	July No Meeting
August No Meeting	August No Meeting	August No Meeting	August 22, 2006 Mt. Prospect Village Hall 50 N. Emerson
September 8, 2006 Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	September 20, 2006 Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	September No Meeting	September 26, 2006 Mt. Prospect Village Hall 50 N. Emerson
October 13, 2006 Rosewood Banquets 9421 W. Higgins Rd. Rosemont	October 18, 2006 Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	October 11, 2006 School District 59 2123 S. Arlington Hts. Rd. Arlington Heights	October 24, 2006 Mt. Prospect Village Hall 50 N. Emerson
November 3, 2006 Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	November 15, 2006 Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	November No Meeting	November 21, 2006 Mt. Prospect Village Hall 50 N. Emerson
December 1, 2006 Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	December No Meeting	December No Meeting	December No Meeting

Meeting schedules are subject to change. Please check www.oharenoise.org for updates.



Aviation Noise Symposium

Several members of the ONCC attended and/or participated in the 2006 Aviation Noise and Air Quality Symposium, "Back to the Future," held March 5-8. The annual international conference is sponsored by the University of California, Berkeley, Institute of Transportation Studies.

ONCC Chair Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene Mulder moderated a panel discussion entitled "Why Care? Because Noise & Air Impacts are Increasing as Growth Returns." ONCC member, Niles Village Attorney Joseph Annunzio participated in a session called "Envisioning the Model Airport of Tomorrow." His presentation was entitled "Achieving the Airport Of The Future: A Citizen's Perspective."

Full transcripts of the 2006 Symposium and past symposia are available at:

www.techtransfer.berkeley.edu/aviation/index.php

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ONCC Elects Leadership



The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) at its Annual Meeting in March unanimously re-elected Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene J. Mulder and Harwood Heights School District 86 Superintendent Dr. Raymond J. Kuper as chairperson and vice chairperson, respectively. Both have served in their positions since the Commission's inception.

"My motivation for chairing the ONCC always has been each of you," Mulder told the other Commission members. "You have made our efforts successful and the envy of many other community groups around the nation that would like to achieve a similar cooperative approach to reducing aircraft noise. Thank you for the honor to be your chairperson."

"This Commission has been a great learning experience for me and a tremendous opportunity to work with so many people who are dedicated to improving the lives of students and residents around O'Hare," said Kuper.

The term of office is one year for both the chair and vice-chair.

