



FAA REAUTHORIZATION POLICY TOPICS

1. Expanded Funding for Sound Insulation Programs
 - Continue to provide and expand dedicated funding that can be used to fund sound insulation programs that offset the impact of aircraft noise on residents.
2. Modernization of Air Traffic Procedures
 - Encourage the FAA to continue to investigate and implement next generation air traffic procedures and technology that would reduce noise impacts around airports (e.g. optimized profile descent).
 - Although the ONCC is in favor of modernizing procedures to reduce noise impacts, any implementation of procedures must consider unique characteristics of individual airports and any proposed legislation should not include any mandatory implementation requirements.
3. Expand School Sound Insulation Qualifications
 - Some schools in the O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program were sound-insulated almost 40 years ago. Improvements and materials have a lifespan but the noise impacts on schools near airports remain. Since the initial funding for sound insulation, significant Federally approved changes to runways and airspace have caused new noise impacts to arise for these schools.
 - Include language in the reauthorization bill that would allow for previously insulated schools to qualify for funding to replace aging windows and doors that have met or exceeded their useful life.
4. Expand FAA Public Engagement and Education
 - The ONCC strongly supports the ombudsman role and recommends continued funding of that position.
 - Include language that would require better collaboration and transparency by the FAA throughout processes that require FAA review and approval.
 - Improve and expand public engagement during the environmental review process. Require that the public is given an opportunity to engage with the FAA and their consultants in person to ask questions and provide comment.
5. Continued Funding for the CLEEN Program
 - Recognizing that CLEEN technology can help reduce environmental impacts through reducing the source noise from the airframe and engine and improving noise absorption, provide funding through the CLEEN program to support the continued development of more efficient airframes and engines which has resulted in significant aviation fuel, emissions, and noise reductions.
6. Consideration of Environmental Impacts of New Technology and Advancements in Aviation
 - As new technologies and advancements in aviation are pursued by private industry, include regulations that will ensure that environmental impacts are evaluated, considered and mitigated prior to the implementation of new technologies.
7. Establish the Scheduled Phase Out of Stage 3 and Older Aircraft
 - Formalize the advancements in aircraft development by establishing a date certain for the phase out of older, noisier Stage 3 and older aircraft from operation in the United States.
8. Funding and Implementation of Noise Research
 - Include language that will continue to fund noise research and direct the implementation of recommendations that result from research programs.