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CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION BRIEFS O'HARE NOISE COMPATIBLITY COMMISSION ON FUTURE RUNWAY 10C/28C

City and FAA officials discuss Runway 10C/28C facts, noise mitigation and upcoming outreach for communities surrounding O'Hare International Airport

CHICAGO – Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials met today with the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) at its monthly meeting and discussed plans to commission new Runway 10C/28C on October 17, 2013.

Runway 10C/28C, which is a component of the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), will be the newest runway commissioned at the airport since November 2008. The opening of Runway 10C/28C will bring about a number of changes in the air and on the ground at O'Hare.

The CDA's presentation to ONCC today included Runway 10C/28C facts and other topics central to the new runway opening in October 2013 including O'Hare East Flow and West Flow configurations, the noise contours forecasted in the 2005 <u>FAA Final Environmental Impact Statement</u> (FEIS), progress on the CDA's Residential Sound Insulation Program, and an overview of the CDA and ONCC community outreach efforts to take place over the next 11 months.

"The CDA is committed to being a good neighbor to the communities surrounding O'Hare," said CDA Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. "Our sound insulation program is an important part of our efforts to achieve a balance between the airport's busy environment and the quality of life for those who live in close proximity to the airport."

The CDA and the ONCC will begin a comprehensive community outreach initiative to inform local leadership and residents in communities surrounding O'Hare about new Runway 10C/28C, forecasted noise contours and noise mitigation efforts. At today's meeting, the CDA invited each ONCC member to provide comments, feedback and suggestions about their preferred methods of outreach for their communities.

"We appreciate the efforts of the FAA and the CDA to come to the ONCC table in anticipation of the commissioning of the new runway," said Arlene J. Mulder, ONCC Chairperson and Mayor of Arlington Heights.

The next regular meeting of the ONCC will be held on Friday, December 7, 2012 at 8 a.m. The location will be Rosewood Banquets, 9421 W. Higgins Rd., Rosemont, IL.