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## **Chicago, Suburbs Urge FAA to Re-Evaluate Impact of O'Hare Aircraft Noise**

### **O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Sets January 2015 Report Deadline**

Des Plaines, Ill., September 5, 2014—Chicago wards and suburbs near O'Hare International Airport today set a January 2015 deadline for the Federal Aviation Administration to re-evaluate the impact of interim aircraft noise generated by the airport's modernization program.

The 53-member O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission voted to approve the resolution that specifies the early 2015 deadline for results of a federally funded study to re-evaluate shifts in aircraft noise created when O'Hare modified its modernization schedule.

"Residents are looking for relief from noise now and the FAA's environmental re-evaluation should validate noise levels and environmental concerns," Mulder said. According to the FAA, the re-evaluation is a first step that could lead to a Supplemental Environmental Impact Study if the FAA's re-evaluation discloses environmental differences," she explained.

A significant shift in aircraft noise occurred when the airport moved to an east/west flow parallel runway configuration in October 2013 with the commissioning of Runway 10C/28C. A new southern Runway 10R/28L will be commissioned in October 2015.

"The Environmental Impact Study Re-Evaluation has been under consideration since 2011 when the FAA agreed to review interim aircraft noise as a result of negotiations with airlines and the city of Chicago to change the original sequence of the airport's modernization," Mulder said. "It's time to finish this study and address its ramifications."

The O'Hare Modernization Program was approved in September 2005. Deadlines for completing the airport's modernization have been extended to a build out date of 2020.

ONCC is recognized internationally as a leading community-based organization that strives to reduce the impact of aircraft noise near O'Hare International Airport through its residential and school sound insulation programs and to reduce aircraft noise, whenever possible, at its source.

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