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### **Bloomingtondale Joins O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission To Seek Aircraft Noise Relief**

Des Plaines, Ill., September 12, 2014—The Village of Bloomingtondale in DuPage County became the 53rd member of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) this month as it seeks relief from a significant increase in aircraft noise at O'Hare International Airport.

The shift in aircraft noise began in October 2013 when O'Hare moved to an east/west flow parallel runway pattern with the opening of south Runway 10C/28C, according to Bloomingtondale Mayor Franco Coladipietro. The village joined ONCC Sept. 5. at its general meeting.

Bloomingtondale, with a population of 22,240, is located 18 miles west of the airport. Earlier this year Downers Grove joined ONCC. It has a population of 49,400, and is situated 18 miles southwest of O'Hare. In addition, four other DuPage County communities represented in ONCC are Bensenville, Itasca, Schaumburg and Wood Dale.

In November, several DuPage communities will include aircraft noise questions on general election ballots in an effort to gain attention and support from Congress and the Federal Aviation Administration.

At its September 5 general meeting, ONCC set a January 2015 deadline for the FAA to re-evaluate the impact of interim aircraft noise generated when O'Hare modified its modernization schedule. "Residents are looking for relief from noise now. The re-evaluation may disclose environmental differences," said ONCC Chairman Arlene J. Mulder.

A second south Runway 10R/28L will be commissioned in October 2015. The airport's complete build out is projected for 2020.

ONCC is recognized internationally as a leading community-based organization that strives to reduce the impact of aircraft noise near O'Hare through its residential and school sound insulation programs and to reduce aircraft noise, whenever possible, at its source. For more information, contact Jeanette Camacho, 773-686-3198, or visit [www.oharenoise.org](http://www.oharenoise.org).

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