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O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Introduces City of Chicago's Aircraft Flight Tracker

Confirms Four FAA Open Houses, Launches New Website

Des Plaines, Ill., June 5, 2015—Today the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) announced three significant initiatives to address aircraft noise that include the launch of a "real time" flight tracking system for O'Hare International Airport, confirmation that the Federal Aviation Administration will hold four open meetings for the public to review and comment on the draft re-evaluation document, and the introduction of a newly redesigned ONCC website.

"These accomplishments reflect ONCC's commitment to its member communities and their inhabitants to facilitate communications and information flow surrounding O'Hare Airport sound issues," said Mount Prospect Mayor and ONCC Chair Arlene Juracek.

"Residents now will be able to identify and obtain information on specific aircraft via the Internet flight tracker provided by the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA). They can identify individual locations of interest, such as one's home or school, on a map that features O'Hare flights. Aircraft data also include flight number and current altitude," explained Juracek. The address of the WebTrak site is <http://webtrak5.bksv.com/cda>.

The FAA open houses will focus on the results of the draft re-evaluation of the interim environmental impact of the O'Hare Modernization Program currently being conducted by the FAA. Specific dates and meeting locations to review the re-evaluation will be announced this summer. They will be held after release of the draft reports to allow time for review before the new southern Runway 10R/28L is commissioned in October, according to the FAA.

"The new ONCC website, <http://www.oharenoise.org>, uses updated technology to simplify navigation and makes it easier for citizens and members to find information," Juracek said. New features such as a "search" function, active calendar, newsroom, and meeting agendas and minutes complement the monthly CDA Airport Noise Management System and quarterly Fly Quiet Program reports.

Also during today's ONCC general meeting, Juracek introduced Catherine Dunlap as the new chairman of the ONCC Technical Committee. Dunlap represents Chicago Ward 41 and has served on the Technical Committee since September 2011.

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ONCC is an inter-governmental advisory agency dedicated to reducing O'Hare aircraft noise. It coordinates multi-million dollar noise mitigation for schools and homes for close to 1.3 million residents living near O'Hare International Airport.

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