



City of Centennial

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Dear Ms. Bruce

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Part 150 study now underway at Centennial Airport. As you might imagine, the City of Centennial and Centennial Airport are closely linked and we highly value its role in our community. In addition to our shared namesakes and the fact the City of Centennial surrounds the airport on three sides, we well understand our mutual interdependence and we appreciate the importance of a vibrant and viable airport in our community.

To that end, I would like to offer the following comments on behalf of our governing body – the City Council, our 103,000 residents, and the many thousands more who choose to work in and recreate in our community daily:

- **Ban all Stage One aircraft.**
The City accepts this recommendation.
- **Ban all Stage Two jets at night from 10 pm till 6 am.** *The City is heavily impacted by noise resulting from aircraft operations and requests the ban times be extended from by three hours – to begin at 8 pm and end at 7 am. Otherwise, the City accepts the recommendation.*
- **Amend zoning and planning documents to accommodate compatible development.** *The City accepts this recommendation with the understanding the City be involved in any development changes that occur at the airport that will affect the City and its Citizens.*

We request the FAA require the airport to include formal representation by the City in the airport's public meetings and processes. In other words, the City of Centennial would like to be offered a "seat at the table" and would like to increase its involvement in the airport's policy development and decision-making. Our acceptance of this recommendation is contingent upon this change.

- **Establish a Noise Office.**
The City accepts this recommendation.
- **Acquire and install a radar linked noise monitoring system.**
The City accepts the recommendation.
- **Establish a "Fly Quiet" program for the flying community at Centennial airport.**
The City accepts this recommendation.
- **Conduct periodic reviews of the plans and operational procedures**
- and -
- **Conduct a standing "Roundtable" of stakeholders.**
The City accepts these two recommendations with the understanding that the City be invited to participate in all meetings and all stakeholder committees that make plans and develop policies that directly affect the City of Centennial and its citizens.

Of the twelve recommendations, the City does not accept:

- **Departing aircraft to the north will fly a heading of 010 degrees (for two miles) at night from the hours of 10 pm and 7 am.**
The City objects vigorously to this recommendation as it will require departing aircraft to use a heading that will place them closer to citizens working and living in the City, hence increasing noise levels over parts of our community. Perhaps more important than the number of households under the proposed flight path is the number of new homes and businesses planned in the vicinity. This area of Centennial is one of our community's fastest growing and most important economically. Simply put, we cannot support any change in flight operations that would negatively impact our community, either today or in the future.
- **Flight test a 350 to 010 degrees fan departure track on a twenty four hour basis.**
The City objects to this recommendation as this may lead to more departures night and day encroaching near the residents and businesses of Centennial.

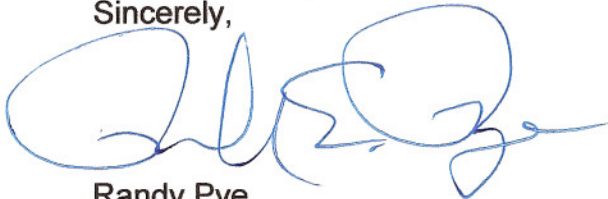
- **Eliminate the “Preferential Runway” use procedure.** *Eliminating the procedure will put more traffic to the north and will negatively affect our community. The City does not accept this recommendation.*

Finally, we would also like to recommend the implementation of the ICAO “Balanced approach to aircraft noise management” program for all northbound departures. Since departure noise is the bulk of noise management problem, the study of ICAO’s “Noise abatement departure procedures” and implementation of their related procedures is hereby requested.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Public Works Director, Dave Zelenok. He may be reached at 303-754-3375 or dzelenok@centennialcolorado.com.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to offer comments on your Part 150 Study, congratulate you for the extraordinary effort to date, and wish you every success as you finalize your recommendations in the future.

Sincerely,



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