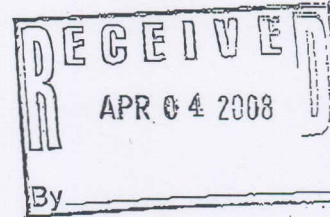


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March 31, 2008

Ms. Linda Bruce, Community Planner
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Dear Ms. Bruce:

Re: Centennial Airport Noise Compatibility Program Recommendations

I am writing in response to the February 22, 2008, Federal Register notice inviting public comment on the Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) recommendations for the Centennial Airport Part 150 Study.

I am a City of Aurora Council Member for Ward IV, and I live in the Eastridge Neighborhood located near Iliff Avenue and Peoria Street. My neighborhood and other neighborhoods in Ward IV (see attached map) have experienced increasing levels of aircraft noise from Centennial Airport over the past several years. Our geographic location is directly under the preferred approach during prevailing wind conditions. I have studied the NCP recommendations and I have included my comments below.

1. I oppose any flight track that has any potential of increasing noise in Aurora. City staff has provided an analysis of proposed flight-track heading changes, and the City Manager has submitted our comments on behalf of the City of Aurora. I concur with those comments.


2. In addition, I would like to specifically address the length of time between initiation of the Part 150 Study in 2000 and the public comment period in 2008. Many of the recommendations are outdated and do not reflect current operating conditions at Centennial Airport. Delays in FAA funding of the Part 150 Study, regardless of the reason for the delays, have left the public to review recommendations that have already been implemented at the airport, such as Recommendations 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10. For this reason, I would like to express my support for Recommendation 11: Operations Review and Part 150 Updates.

Please consider updating the Part 150 Study well before FAA's five-year cycle guideline. Many of my constituents missed the opportunity to participate in the

stakeholder group in 1999-2001 and any public meetings held before the Part 150 Study was first submitted to FAA for review in 2002. Based on information in the Federal Register notice, the Centennial Airport Part 150 Study has not followed a typical FAA timeline. Airport staff has told city staff that the Noise Exposure Maps were so out of date that you required them to produce new maps funded out of Airport revenue to accompany this Study. It appears even FAA recognizes that this study is not up to date.

Although I recognize the tremendous effort it required to move this Part 150 Study to completion, I think everyone recognizes that the Airport needs to provide noise compatibility recommendations that actually have the ability to lower the impact to adjacent communities, and especially address neighborhoods in Aurora that were built before the airport. If you have any questions about the information that I have provided in this letter, please contact me at (303) 941-2244.

Sincerely,



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