



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

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Mr. Louis A. Turpen
Director of Airports
San Francisco International Airport
San Francisco, CA 94128

Dear Lou:

Thank you for your letter regarding the San Francisco Airports Commission's intentions to take up a proposal to repeal sections 4(B) (1) (e) and 4(C) (5) (b) of the Airport Noise Abatement Regulation. You are correct that repeal of these two provisions will remove the only ANCA obstacles to approval of San Francisco's application for the fiscal year 1990, 1991, and 1992 grant funds. This represents a major first step toward the resolution of the situation which has held up the issuance of Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants in the past.

In anticipation of favorable action by the Commission to repeal the two provisions in question, we will proceed to process your applications for these grant funds. The Airports District Office must receive from San Francisco updated project applications for those items of work to be accomplished with the requested funds. Proposed work must meet all applicable requirements of the AIP.

Upon receipt of the updated project applications, we intend to process them as quickly as possible in order to be able to issue grants before the end of the fiscal year. Our Airports District Office will work with your staff to provide a reasonable margin of time to assure that the grant process can be completed this fiscal year so that the 1990 and 1991 funds do not expire.

Inasmuch as the repeal of the two provisions may not actually become effective until sometime early in 1994, as we discussed, the grants will be conditioned to defer any payments until that happens.

We are continuing to provide discretionary funding for the soundproofing of homes and churches in surrounding communities. Thus far this fiscal year, we have issued six grants for a total of \$6.5 million in discretionary funds for this purpose. We will consider additional projects for the remainder of this fiscal year as well as in future years.

We appreciate your Cooperative spirit on these matters and look forward to continued close cooperation between the Federal Aviation Administration and San Francisco as we work together to improve the airport.

Sincerely,

Original *Signed By*
Monte R. Belger