

IT Committee

From: Yukilei Sugimura
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 10:21 AM
To: IT Committee
Cc: Axel I. Beers
Subject: FW: Flight Paths Over Maui - Resident Complaints Re: Ma`alaea and South Maui

IT-72, FAA flight paths over Maui.
Thank you

From: "Axel I. Beers" <Axel.Beers@mauicounty.us>
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 9:02 AM
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Aloha Councilmember Sugimura,

CM King asked that I forward this correspondence with FAA staff regarding flight paths over South Maui (IT-72) for your information and consideration for adding to the file on this Committee item. We'll also be sharing with Lynn Britton for the concerned residents of Ma`alaea.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance.
Thank you,
Axel



Axel Beers, Executive Assistant

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From: Jaress, Alana B (FAA) <Alana.B.Jaress@faa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 5:35 AM
To: Axel I. Beers <Axel.Beers@mauicounty.us>
Subject: RE: Flight Paths Over Maui - Resident Complaints Re: Ma`alaea and South Maui

Hi Axel,

I hope you are well!

As Favi mentioned, I am the new Community Engagement Officer for Hawaii. Thank you for your patience with us getting back to you. I've included answers to your questions below – please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Is there any way we may provide immediate relief or reduction of flight paths over Ma`alaea or South Maui?

Immediate relief or reduction of flights over Ma`alaea or South Maui is not something the FAA can provide because changing existing flight procedures is a lengthy and complex process. As new flight procedures are developed by the agency, they must undergo in-depth analysis as required by the FAA's own Safety Management System, a stand-alone process that ensures the safety and integrity of the National Airspace System (NAS). If FAA proposes any changes to existing flight procedures that constitute major federal actions, then FAA must also conduct an environmental review subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which would also take some time.

Are any FAA representatives able to take a meeting with community representatives to discuss this issue and potential solutions?

FAA does not meet with local communities one-on-one because we do not want to give, or appear to give, an unfair advantage to any one party. The FAA has embraced roundtables or other similar forums with broad stakeholder representation as an appropriate venue to engage with stakeholders, including community members, on aviation noise concerns. Roundtables can be temporary or formal bodies designed to build a constituency around a specific need or requirement while pursuing consensus on controversial issues, coordinating with technical groups, and reviewing agency activities.

Please know that we have received other procedure requests related to Kahului Airport and we have advised proponents to work with the affected airport to submit the proposed procedure change to the Instrument Flight Procedure (IFP) Gateway.

How can we ensure that our community's input is considered in the upcoming Hawai'i airspace modernization and optimization effort?

While the potential is being discussed within the FAA, there is not a definitive timeline that has been finalized. As plans progress on the Hawaiian airspace modernization and optimization efforts, there will be opportunities for public involvement.

What opportunities and venues are there for the public to ensure a voice at the table in these plans and future flight paths?

We are not aware of future actions, so we cannot currently provide guidance on what venues will be available. For the time being, we ask that you continue to monitor the Kahului Airport webpage, use the IFP gateway to assist in the notification of proposed actions in your area, and reach out to the airport(s) with your interests and concerns.

Additionally, communities can submit questions or comments regarding noise directly to the FAA by accessing the FAA Noise Portal at <https://noise.faa.gov/noise/pages/noise.html>.

We look forward to working with Maui on future Hawaii airspace modernization and optimization efforts.

Best,

-Alana

Alana B. Jaress

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Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 12:43 PM

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Thank you, Favi. I appreciate your work on the matter. We have not heard back yet. I look forward to the response from Ms. Jaress.

Best,

Axel



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Aloha Axel,

It was brought to my attention today that we may not have acknowledged receiving this earlier. If that is the case, my sincere apologies. Unfortunatley Larri is out until Dec. 1st and I cannot confirm whether we have previously done so.

I want to assure you that we have been working on this on a response and we will respond as soon as able. Ms. Alana Jaress is the Community Engagement Officer assigned to Hawaii and she will be in touch with you should we need additional information. You may also contact her to inquire about the status.

Mahalo,

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From: Axel I. Beers <Axel.Beers@mauicounty.us>
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Dear Larri Frelow,

I received your contact information from Ethan McKown, staff member for Representative Kai Kahele. I work for Maui County Councilmember Kelly King, who represents South Maui, an area within Rep. Kahele's congressional district.

Member King requested that I seek a resolution to her constituents' aircraft noise complaints. We understand that progress has been made regarding the North Shore of Maui and similar resident concerns. After working with Ethan on this matter, it was recommended that I reach out to you to inquire:

- Is there any way we may provide immediate relief or reduction of flight paths over Ma`alaea or South Maui?
- Are any FAA representatives able to take a meeting with community representatives to discuss this issue and potential solutions?
 - One community member, a former airline and combat pilot has proposed solutions, which I have attached and may be worth discussion
- How can we ensure that our community's input is considered in the upcoming Hawai`i airspace modernization and optimization effort?
 - What opportunities and venues are there for the public to ensure a voice at the table in these plans and future flight paths?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Aloha,
Axel



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