



April 30, 2018

Mr. Dennis Roberts
Regional Administrator
FAA Western-Pacific Region
15000 Aviation Blvd
Lawndale, CA 90261

Dear Mr. Roberts:

It has come to our attention that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently published a notice on the Instrument Flight Procedures Information Gateway on the FAA website that a new arrival procedure is being designed by the FAA for use at Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) during certain South Flow configurations. This possible new procedure is deeply concerning to our communities.

Our cities suffer from the constant challenges presented by aircraft noise and emissions in and out of San Francisco International Airport and, now, with the South Flow arrivals, in to SJC. We have participated on various regional committees and are currently actively involved in the San Jose ad hoc committee on south flow arrivals. That is why we are shocked that this new arrival path was not brought to the attention of that group in a timely manner, nor has public input been sought for this significant change to the flight path. In addition, our research indicates there are no environmental reports available for public inspection.

This new flight path could have a significant impact on our communities as the track moves closer to the foothills than currently and moves the track further north. And, the impacts would be even greater as the proposal lowers the altitude of the flight path over our communities, including directly over schools and potentially over historic districts.

We respectfully request that the FAA delay implementation of this plan until a robust public and community input strategy can be formulated and implemented. We offer the services our agencies to assist you in publicizing opportunities for the public to participate in this important process.

Please let us know how you plan to proceed.

Sincerely,

Jean Mordo, Mayor
City of Los Altos

Lenny Siegel, Mayor
City of Mountain View

Liz Kniss, Mayor
City of Palo Alto

cc: Hon. Anna G. Eshoo, Member of Congress