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**TORRANCE AIRPORT COMMISSION AGENDA
AUGUST 11, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. VIA TELECONFERENCE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS**

**AIRPORT COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members: De Rago _____, Gong _____, Cohen _____, Witherill _____, Chair O'Brien _____

2. FLAG SALUTE:

3. REPORT OF THE AIRPORT STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Friday August 5, 2022.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Up to a 15 minute period)

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6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JULY 14, 2022.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. Accept and File Monthly Update of Aeronautical Operational Information Under the Purview of the General Services Department.

7B. Community Development – Accept and File Torrance Municipal Airport (Zamperini Field) Noise Abatement Update.

Adjournment of the Airport Commission Meeting to Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. West Annex Commission Meeting Room in person.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Airport Commission Agenda convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2022, via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Cohen, De Rago, Gong, Witherill, and Chair O'Brien.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City of Torrance Airport Manager Rafael Herrera, Facility Operations Manager Gerry Pinela, and Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan, Community Development Director Michelle Ramirez.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Witherill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REPORT FROM THE AIRPORT STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Chair O'Brien and Facility Operations Manager Pinela reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's Website on Wednesday, July 6, 2022.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Facility Operations Manager Pinela stated that Supplemental Items were posted online.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Cohen thanked Commissioner Witherill for his report on helicopters during the previous meeting and requested that more informative / educational reports are presented at Commission meetings.

Chair O'Brien acknowledged the letters that came in regarding Torrance Airport noise and stated that the letters had been read. Chair O'Brien stated that there's a pilot lead initiative to reduce unnecessary noise at the Torrance Airport.

Chair O'Brien acknowledged the women who gathered data on Torrance Airport noise and who flew the south pattern to gather additional data. Chair O'Brien welcomed the public to contact her to learn more about aircrafts, aircraft noise, the patterns, the National Aerospace Standards, and how airplanes work.

Members of the public spoke.

Facility Operations Manager Pinela stated that Staff has been working on the trash situation on the east tees and around the Torrance Airport.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

6A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 9, 2022**

MOTION: Commissioner De Rago moved to approve the June 9, 2022 minutes as amended. Commissioner Gong seconded the motion. A roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

7A. **ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY UPDATE OF AERONAUTICAL OPERATIONAL INFORMATION UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

City of Torrance Airport Manager Herrera reported a monthly update of aeronautical operational information under the purview of the general services department for the month of June 2022:

- There are 6 vacancies for hangars and 59 tiedowns available.
- Specifications for the AWOS system continues; Staff has met with the FAA and electrical contractors and held a job walk May 26, 2022, meeting with several contractors during a mandatory meeting for contractors interested in the project.
- The hangar waitlist, non-aviation waitlist, and meeting room schedule continue to grow.
- There was one incident May 26, 2022 (Cessna citation) resulting in a grazed hangar and broken beacon light; an FBO mechanic made repairs.

Commissioner De Rago inquired if pilots on a month-to-month lease can service their planes at tiedown locations. City of Torrance Airport Manager Herrera replied that mostly, planes are not serviced at the tiedowns, but occasionally light maintenance does take place.

Commissioner De Rago inquired where pilots who lease month-to-month service their planes. City of Torrance Airport Manager Herrera replied that planes are taken to the maintenance shop.

Commissioner Gong requested that a correction be made to the report regarding a discrepancy on the May 2022 Operations Graph. City of Torrance Airport Manager Herrera replied and acknowledged the request.

Commissioner Cohen inquired who, out of aviation and non-aviation tenants, had priority on the hangar waitlist. City of Torrance Airport Manager Herrera replied that aviation would have priority.

Rick Bohner inquired if non-aviation use hangars had reservations for non-aviation use only. City of Torrance Airport Manager Herrera replied that priority would be given to tenants who have aircrafts, but if there is no use for hangars, opportunities for non-aviation use would be available. Facility Operations Manager Pinela clarified that small hangars would only be available for non-aviation use; medium and executive hangars would not qualify.

MOTION: Commissioner De Rago moved to accept and file Item 7A, the Monthly Update of Aeronautical Operational Information report. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

7B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ACCEPT AND FILE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (ZAMPERINI FIELD) NOISE ABATEMENT UPDATE

Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan presented an update on the noise abatement system:

- Radios and ATC recorder have been installed in the noise abatement office and recordings are being loaded in the CASPER noise application.
- All 7 monitors have been installed and are in testing mode.
- Radar, FAA System, and System Wide Information Management data (SWIM) are in operation.
- Staff is working with CASPER to develop the noise lab community outreach page; demonstrations will be provided August 2022.
- The first week of August 2022, Staff will be fully trained on the CASPER system.
- The CASPER team has committed to provide insight and demonstrations August 11, 2022; Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan stated that she will coordinate with City of Torrance Airport Manager Herrera and Facility Operations Manager Pinela on this.

Commissioner De Rago inquired when CASPER would be fully operational. Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan replied that an exact date has not been set in place, but by the evening of the August 11, 2022 presentation, the system should be live.

Commissioner De Rago inquired how the public would be informed about the presentation. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan stated that Staff is working to get information out via social media and City cable. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan stated that there are no plans to present to City Council at this time, but a presentation can be given upon request.

Commissioner De Rago requested to have the Airport Commission webpage updated with current information.

Community Development Director Ramirez stated that Staff is putting together a Torrance Airport website for easier access to information pertaining to the Torrance Airport.

Commissioner Witherill inquired if the 7 monitors are new and if they're in the same location. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan replied and confirmed that all monitors are new and are in the same location.

Commissioner Cohen inquired if the reports from the new noise abatement system would be reviewed by the Commission. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan replied that reports based on violations, complaints, and quarterlies will be available in quarterly reports and on the public-facing noise lab page.

Liz H. voiced her concerns on the noise from the Torrance Airport and inquired what will be done and when.

Judy Brunetti inquired at what decibel level is a violation recorded on the new noise monitors. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan replied that any noise above 65 decibels will trigger a recording; this decibel is not a violation. Notices of the violation will be sent to the pilot

and Staff will work with the pilot to correct the issue; if the issue is not corrected the pilot will go before a hearing board. If a pilot is guilty three times in a three-year period, they will be banned from the Torrance Airport.

Donald inquired who would be enforcing the violations and what the discipline process entails. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan replied that the Community Development Environmental Division will be enforcing the violations.

Commissioner De Rago inquired who set the violation decibel levels. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan replied that violation decibel levels were set in 1977 after an extensive study. Commissioner De Rago inquired if the decibel levels were in line with other neighboring airports.

Commissioner Witherill inquired if the noise abatement system could be contacted by pilots to get a report on what their noise levels would be. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan replied that noise tests had been done in the past and Staff can investigate getting this to the public and pilots again.

Chair O'Brien inquired if noise tests were available currently and if pilots could call right away, call ahead of time, or call and leave a message. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan replied that pilots would need to call ahead for a noise test.

James Pickard stated that more people work from home and are affected by the Torrance Airport noise; Pickard suggested the Commission do a review of the decibel levels in place currently.

Tom inquired why pilots aren't fined. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan replied that Torrance Codes are not written to fine pilots, it was written to correct pilots, if that didn't work, pilots would be banned after continuance of violations.

Chair O'Brien stated that pilots at the Torrance Airport are working on methods to reduce the noise being generated and offered a presentation to show the community; Chair O'Brien inquired if the Commission would be interested in hearing the solutions the pilots are working on. The Commission replied and agreed to hear a presentation.

Commissioner De Rago requested that the noise reduction presentation offered by the pilots at Torrance Airport be agendaized for the August 2022 Commission meeting.

Commissioner Cohen inquired if the presentation could be placed on the City Council agenda and if it could be presented to City Council members due to the bigger impact it would have. Chair O'Brien replied that the presentation could be placed on both the City Council and Airport Commission agenda and presented August 2022.

Facility Operations Manager Pinela stated that agendaizing anything outside Item 7B would have to be brought under Oral Communications during the August 2022 meeting; no concurrence can be made that's not related to Item 7B.

MOTION: Commissioner De Rago moved to accept and file Item 7B, Torrance Municipal Airport (Zamperini Field) Noise Abatement Update. Commissioner Gong seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: At 8:20 p.m., Commissioner Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference. Commissioner Gong seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Subject to Approval

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Honorable Chair and Members
of the Airport Commission

Members of the Commission:

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Aeronautical Operational Information under the Purview of
the General Services Department for the Months of **JULY 2022**

The General Services Department acts as both the landlord for the city-owned facilities
at the airport and as business manager for the airport. As such, the department is
providing the following informational reports for review by the commission:

Report #1: Hangar and Tie down Rental Status

Report #2: Ongoing Projects

Report #3: Meeting Room Calendar

Report #4: Hangar Waiting List

Report #5: Events Requiring Emergency Response

Report #6: Airfield Operations Status

For any questions about this transmittal, please call Rafael Herrera at
(310) 784-7900.

Item 7A

REPORT 1

ZAMPERINI FIELD

HANGAR AND TIEDOWN INFORMATION

Total Number of City-Owned Hangars	341
Total Number of Hangar Vacancies	4
Total Number of Airport Tiedowns	181
Total Number of Tiedowns Available	61

The 341 hangars owned by the City are broken down into three size categories: small, medium, and executive. Of 341 total hangars, 74 were built by the City, while 267 hangars were funded by several private contractors. At time of construction, these hangars were built with individual preferences in mind and were not standardized according to size. Here are approximate sizes of small, medium and executive hangars.

Small Type A: Under 40' Door Opening Width	800-1,200 sq. ft.
Small Type B: 40'-41' Door Opening Width	800-1,200 sq. ft.
Medium: 52'-54' Door Opening Width	1,200-2,200 sq. ft.
Executive: 57'-61' Door Opening Width	2,200-3,200 sq. ft.

Current rates for hangars are: \$0.619/sq. ft. per month for Torrance Residents.
\$0.694/sq. ft. per month for Non-Residents.

Current rates for Tiedowns are: Single Engine \$123.00
Twin Engine \$136.00

Current rates for Transient (Overnight) are: Single Engine \$10.00
Twin Engine \$16.00
Jet Engine \$21.00

REPORT 2

ONGOING PROJECTS AUGUST 11, 2022

1. Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) – We continue to build our job specifications for This project. We have met with AWOS specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, an electrical contractor, airport engineering consulting firms to structure a plan for this project. This is a multi-component project that involves location, weather equipment installation, and implementation. We held a job walk on May 26, 2022 and we had several contractors attend. This is a mandatory meeting for contractors interested in the project. We will meet with our vendors and contractors to review all the technical information to thoroughly analyze this project at every step of the way. We will have monthly updates as we progress through this development.

NON- INFRASTRUCTURE

Capital Projects	<u>FEAP #</u>	<u>PRIMARY FUNDING</u>	<u>PROJECT TOTAL</u>
Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS)	FEAP – 00722	AIRPORT	\$352,000
Remodel General Aviation Center and East “T” Restrooms	FEAP – 00719	AIRPORT	\$275,000
Total			\$627,000.00

REPORT 4

HANGAR WAITING LIST

1	Schmidt, O.	01/17/12	MEDIUM
2	Giannola, P.	08/08/12	MED/EXEC
3	Bohner, R.	08/21/12	EXEC
4	Freitag, D.	11/05/12	EXEC
5	Striplin, D.	04/17/13	EXEC
6	Myronowicz, C.	05/01/13	MED/EXEC
7	Dwoskin, D.	07/12/13	EXEC
8	Deaver R.	10/22/13	EXEC
9	Ellison, B.	11/05/13	EXEC
10	Adams, R.	01/10/14	EXEC
11	Grau, W.	01/31/14	MED/EXEC
12	Yarymovych, N.	05/05/14	MED/EXEC
13	Rietdyk, G.	11/26/14	MED/EXEC
14	Deal, J.	03/12/15	MED/EXEC
15	Deal, B.	03/12/15	MED/EXEC
16	Myers, L.	03/12/15	MED/EXEC
17	Reisman, G.	08/20/15	MEDIUM
18	Garcia, D.	08/20/15	MED/EXEC
19	Hadley, L.	08/31/15	MED/EXEC
20	Schladen, M.	02/18/16	MED/EXEC
21	Robinson, A.	03/22/16	MEDIUM
22	Broen, P.	05/06/16	MED/EXEC
23	Macey, B.	08/02/16	MED/EXEC
24	Van De Velde, D.	09/26/16	MEDIUM
25	Woodside, D.	12/29/16	MED/EXEC
26	Ristevski, B.	01/09/17	MED/EXEC
27	Mabry, M.	01/24/17	MED/EXEC
28	Geiger, G.	02/06/17	EXEC
29	Adli, B.	02/22/17	EXEC
30	Constable, W.	03/23/17	EXEC
31	Stewart, D.	04/07/17	EXEC
32	Regan, K.	05/24/17	MEDIUM
33	Gerts, I.	06/27/17	MEDIUM
34	Armstrong, S.	11/14/17	MED/EXEC
35	Levine, M.	01/26/18	MED/EXEC
36	Bryson, Z.	03/22/18	EXEC
37	Badour, S.	09/24/18	MED/EXEC
38	Wachner, J.	10/02/18	MED/EXEC
39	Vartanian, J.	10/15/18	MED/EXEC
40	McNerney, R.	11/05/18	MED/EXEC
41	McKay, R.	03/28/19	MEDIUM
42	Burshtan, D.	06/24/19	MEDIUM
43	Ribitsch, R.	10/04/19	MEDIUM
44	Jenkins, R.	12/03/19	MEDIUM
45	Colton, J	06/03/20	MEDIUM
46	Ristevki, B.	10/02/20	MED/EXEC

47	Elminoufi, G.	01/08/21	MED/EXEC
48	McGivern, J.	05/14/21	MED/EXEC
49	Zimmer, C.	05/26/21	EXEC
50	Hong, D.	06/17/21	MED/EXEC
51	Henry, M.	09/28/21	MED/EXEC
52	Ford, W.	09/28/21	MEDIUM
53	Liu, A.	12/28/21	MED/EXEC
54	Blaire, W.	03/31/22	MED/EXEC
55	Smith, C.	4/19/22	SMALL TYPE B
56	Jimenez, R.	05/04/22	SMALL TYPE B/MED
57	Le, T	05/23/22	SMALL TYPE B
58	Wodishek, M.	05/25/22	SMALL TYPE B
59	Holm, B.	06/09/22	MED/EXEC
60	Vine, M.	06/13/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B
61	Doss, G.	06/13/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B
62	Thompson, D.	06/16/22	SMALL TYPE B
63	Turner, M.	06/20/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B
64	Stutz, J.	06/21/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B
65	Arora, R.	06/27/22	SMALL TYPE B
66	McCullough, R.	07/11/22	SMALL TYPE B
67	Peterson, J.	07/11/22	MEDIUM
68	Brock, D.	07/13/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B
69	Au, J.	07/18/22	EXEC
70	Tary, J.	07/20/22	SMALL TYPE B
71	Sanocki, J.	07/21/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B/MED
72	McCardy, D.	07/21/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B
73	Gashler,, K.	08/03/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B/MED

Summary of Changes to Hangar Waiting List

Applicants From Waiting List Who Received Hangars

Peterson, J.	04/19/22	Small Type B/Med/Exec
Barker, R.	07/21/22	Small Type A or B
Keran, S.	06/08/22	Small Type A or B

New Waiting List Applicants Added

McCullough, R.	07/11/22	Small Type B
Peterson, J.	07/11/22	Medium
Brock, D.	07/13/22	Small Type A or B
Au, J.	07/18/22	Executive
Tary, J.	07/20/22	Small Type B
Sanocki, J.	07/21/22	Small Type A or B/Med
McCardy, D.	07/21/22	Small Type A or B
Gashler, K.	08/03/22	Small Type A or B/Med

Request For Refund/Removal From Hangar Waiting List

Dessy, M.	04/05/22	Small Type A or B
Gazsi, T.	05/04/22	Small Type A or B

*Hangars Received Through Advertisement (not from Waiting List)

NON- AVIATION HANGAR WAITING LIST

1	Brown, H.	05/09/22	SMALL
2	Pliska, A.	05/09/22	SMALL
3	Barry, J.	05/10/22	SMALL
4	McGivern, J.	05/13/22	SMALL
5	Kwan, T.	05/19/22	SMALL
6	Chang, M.	05/19/22	SMALL
7	McGrath, S.	05/26/22	SMALL
8	Schroff, G.	06/09/22	SMALL
9	Pudumjee, V.	06/24/22	SMALL
10	Rodriguez, M.	08/04/22	SMALL

Summary of Changes to Non-Aviation Hangar Waiting List

Applicants From Waiting List Who Received Hangars

New Waiting List Applicants Added

Rodriguez, D. 08/04/22 Small Type A or B

Request For Refund/Removal From Hangar Waiting List

***Hangars Received Through Advertisement (not from Waiting List)**

REPORT 5

EVENTS REQUIRING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2022

OPERATIONS	-----TOTAL	15,045
INCIDENTS	-----	2
ACCIDENTS	-----	0
PERCENT OF OPERATIONS	-----	.01

Airport Incidents:

6/02/2022 - 14:02 – Cessna C-172 Aircraft tire went flat at 11R. Mobile 102 towed aircraft to transient. No further incident. TFD was not required responded.

6/26/2022 - 14:05 – Citation Latitude 680A right wing struck fence. Right wing tip damage. Aircraft parked in transient. No further incident. TFD responded.

Definitions:

ACCIDENTS: An occurrence associated with the operation of an aircraft, which takes place between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight and all such persons have disembarked, and in which any person suffers death or serious injury, or in which the aircraft receives substantial damage.

SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE means damage or failure which adversely affects the structural, strength, performance, or flight characteristics of the aircraft, and which would normally require major repair or replacement of the affected component. Engine failure or damage limited to an engine if only one engine fails or is damaged, bent fairings or cowling, dented skin, small punctured holes in the skin or fabric, ground damage to rotor or propeller blades, and damage to landing gear, wheels, tires, flaps, engine accessories, brakes, or wingtips are not considered "substantial damage".

SERIOUS INJURY means any injury which: (1) requires hospitalization for more than 48 hours, commencing within 7 days from the date the injury was received; (2) results in a fracture of any bone (except simple fractures of fingers, toes, or nose); (3) causes severe hemorrhages, nerve, muscle or tendon damage; (4) involves any internal organ; or (5) involves second or third degree burns; or any burns affecting more than 5% of the body surface.

INCIDENT: Any occurrence other than an accident associated with the operation of an aircraft, which affects or could affect the safety of operations.

NOTE: Per the FAA, Airport Operations totals will no longer be reported for the previous month. Due to automation, the totals will now be reported two months after they occur.

REPORT 6

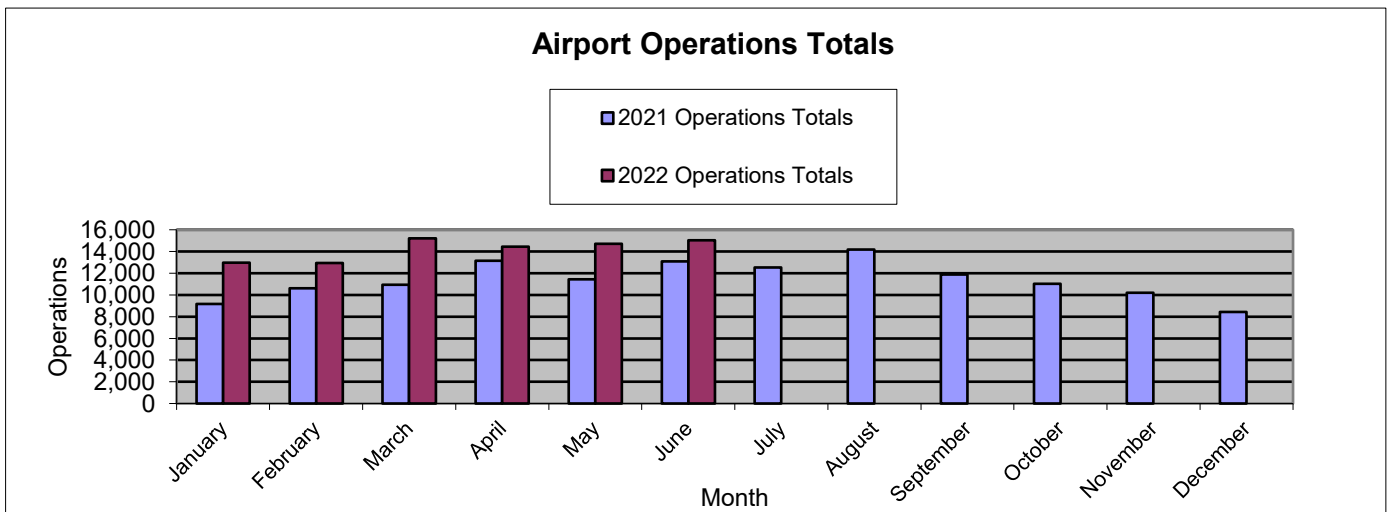
AIRFIELD OPERATIONS STATUS ZAMPERINI FIELD

OPERATIONS ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF **JUNE 2022**

- Morning runway, taxiway, and hospital pad/lights checked for safety
- Foreign object debris checked on all runways and taxiways
- Storm water check done (for foreign object debris) for all drains, inlets, and outlets
- All runways, taxiways, and ramp areas vacuum swept
- Various hangars cleaned and prepared for rental
- All taxiway lights and signs sprayed for weeds
- All runways and taxiways swept
- Large items removed from trash bin area
- FOD removed from fence line

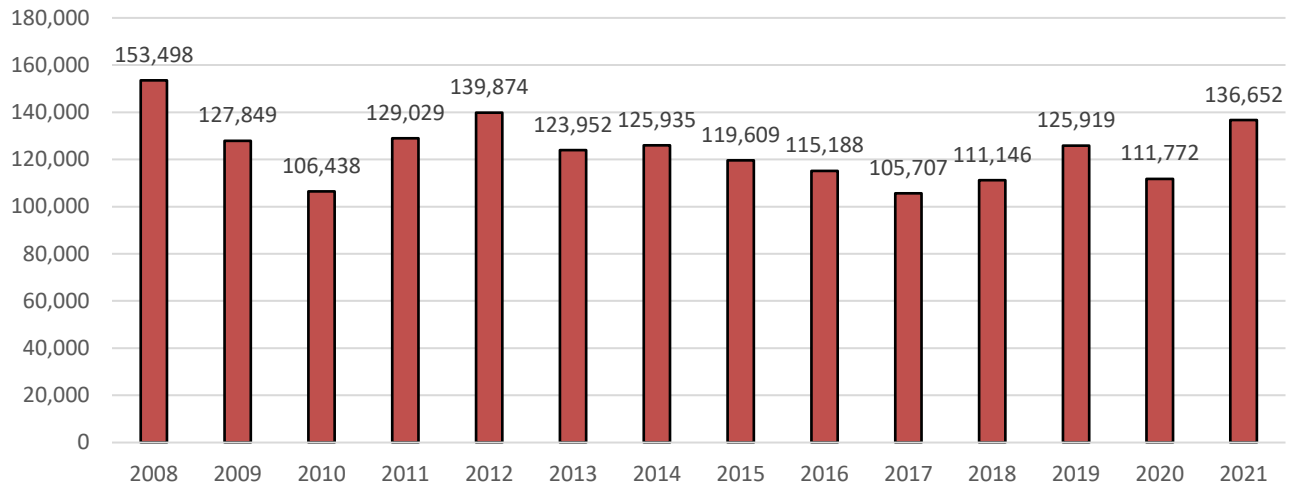
2021/2022 OPERATIONS TOTALS

Month	Year	Operations		Month	Year	Operations
January	2021	9,167		January	2022	12,965
February	2021	10,607		February	2022	12,930
March	2021	10,944		March	2022	15,204
April	2021	13,137		April	2022	14,457
May	2021	11,446		May	2022	14,703
June	2021	13,098		June	2022	15,045
July	2021	12,539		July	2022	
August	2021	14,177		August	2022	
September	2021	11,877		September	2022	
October	2021	11,031		October	2022	
November	2021	10,212		November	2022	
December	2021	8,417		December	2022	



2008 - 2021 Airport Operations Totals

■ Total Operations



Chair and Members
of the Airport Commission
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

SUBJECT: Community Development – Accept and File Torrance Municipal Airport (Zamperini Field) Noise Abatement Update and Demonstration of Noise Lab Community Webpage.


Since the last update at the Airport Commission meeting of July 14, 2022, the below actions have taken place or will need to take place.

- The new Noise Abatement system has been successfully installed and is collecting data.
- Staff and Casper have completed the initial development of Noise Lab Community outreach page.
- Staff training occurred the week of August 8th.
- Casper to finalize the reports development and publishing by August 15, 2022.
- Casper and Staff have set the go-live date of August 15, 2022.
- Staff will to meet with the Consultant bi-monthly to follow up on any concerns with and/or improvements of the noise abatement system.

As part of the Noise Abatement Update, Casper representative Kelsey Cote will be presenting a demonstration of the Community outreach webpage, Noise Lab. Attached is correspondence to the Airport Commission and Airport Noise Abatement regarding aircraft noise, the noise system and aircraft training.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHELLE G. RAMIREZ
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

By 

Nora Duncan
Sr. Environmental Quality Officer

Attachment:

- 1) Correspondence items.

FW: Increase In Jet Traffic Noise

Pinela, Gerardo <GPinela@TorranceCA.gov>

Tue 8/2/2022 12:57 PM

To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>;

Dear Commissioners and Noise Abatement,

Below you will find an email to the Airport Commission from a community member.

Best Regards,

Gerry Pinela

EOC Donations Coordinator, Facilities Operations Manager, General Services Department

Torrance Airport | 3301 Airport Drive | Torrance CA 90505 | 310.784.7900 voice | 310.784.7930 fax | GPinela@TorranceCA.Gov | www.TorranceCA.Gov

From: bhileman@socal.rr.com [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 12:23 PM

To: Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Increase In Jet Traffic Noise

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Please verify sender before opening attachments or clicking on links.

Dear Commissioner O'Brien,

My Name is Mary Hileman. I live near the intersection of Anza Avenue and 231st Street. We have lived in this community for over 40 years.

Over the last several years we have noticed more air traffic over our neighborhood. Of late, there has even been low flying jets.

Specific reference is made to one Sunday in particular, July 17, in the afternoon, at least two very low flying jets flew over the area heading north.

It is very concerning to myself and my neighbors that the air traffic has increased over the years. And, again of special concern is the jet traffic activity.

I would greatly appreciate your presenting my concerns to your next Airport Commission meeting.

Sincerely

Mary Hileman

RE: Videos from today

Pinela, Gerardo <GPinela@TorranceCA.gov>

Thu 8/4/2022 11:21 AM

To: Donnie Tippie [REDACTED]; Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>; Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>; City Council <CityCouncil@TorranceCA.gov>;

Dear Ms. Tippie,

Your email has been received and has been forwarded to the Noise Abatement office and the Airport Commission.

Best Regards,

Gerry Pinela

EOC Donations Coordinator, Facilities Operations Manager, General Services Department

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From: Donnie Tippie [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 11:13 AM

To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>; Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>; City Council <CityCouncil@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Videos from today

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 [20220804_104535.mp4](#)

 [20220804_104623.mp4](#)

Attached videos were taken today around 10:45 AM. The videos were recorded 30 seconds apart from each other.

This was just two of the more than 50+ planes that have flown over the neighborhood just this morning, very low, and very loud.

Now not all have flown this low and this loud, just a majority.

The frequency of these flights are way up and it is deteriorating the quality of life for neighborhoods around the airport.

As a human being, can you imagine how distracting and troublesome it is to hear this noise constantly all day?

When are you guys going to start protecting the interests and quality of life of the residents of Torrance?

RE: Noise pollution over New Horizons in Torrance.

Bowman, Mary [REDACTED]

Wed 8/3/2022 1:38 PM

To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>;

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To whom it may concern at Zamperini Field,

Please take a few minutes and watch this video. This covers 10 minutes of aircraft over our community. 9 planes in 10 minutes. This continues ALL DAY perhaps this will give you a better idea of what we are having to put up with.

<https://youtu.be/KCGxMUEkhjE>

Please share this with your staff, and at your next meeting. I am beyond frustrated and my mother and our elderly neighbors cannot get their needed rest.

I would like a response after you watch this video and would like to hear your thoughts.

Thank you
Mary Bowman

From: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 6:24 PM

To: Bowman, Mary [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Noise pollution over New Horizons in Torrance.

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Thank you for bringing this to our attention, we apologize for the delay in our response. While there have been no official changes to the flight patterns, Noise Abatement staff is aware of the increase in flights over the New Horizons neighborhood while the North Pattern is being used for training. Airport staff and Noise Abatement staff are currently doing outreach with flight schools in Torrance and outside airports, the Pilot's associations, and the local FAA Control Tower in order to lessen the disturbance to residents while we complete the installation of the new noise abatement system. Part of this outreach is to redirect training to the commercial/industrial area north of the airport, while avoiding the residential areas. We are hoping this outreach will create a better relationship between the Airport and the surrounding community on a more permanent basis. Once our new Noise Abatement system is operational, we will be able to investigate noise violations and follow up with the pilots. While we will be able to address violations of the Torrance municipal code, especially concerning noise levels, we do not direct pilots where to fly and/or how high to fly. Our current outreach is an effort to work with the pilots to be more mindful of the surrounding residential communities while using our airport.

If you have concerns regarding altitude or reckless flight, that is within the jurisdiction of the FAA Long Beach FSDO. Please contact them directly through their website at:

https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/field_offices/fsdo/lgb/

Regards,

Noise Abatement Center Staff

Zamperini Field-Community Development Department

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From: Bowman, Mary [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 2:05 PM
To: Noise Abatement
Cc: City Council; Airport Commission
Subject: RE: Noise pollution over New Horizons in Torrance.

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Thank you,
Mary Bowman

[REDACTED]

From: Bowman, Mary
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 7:18 PM
To: noiseabatement@torranceca.gov
Subject: Noise pollution over New Horizons in Torrance.

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From: City Council <CityCouncil@TorranceCA.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 2:27 PM

Cc: Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: FW: Live example of the excessive aircraft noise in our neighborhood...

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Bcc: Council2

From: Bowman, Mary <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 1:48 PM

To: mary lee lombardi <[REDACTED]>; mary beall <[REDACTED]>; Wendy Moon <[REDACTED]>; Margaret Rodman <[REDACTED]>; Nancy Stoffer <[REDACTED]>; Joyce Paine Cell <[REDACTED]>; Elisabeth McCue <[REDACTED]>; Norma Maurer <[REDACTED]>; Judy Patten <[REDACTED]>; Marilyn Kenney <[REDACTED]>; Sullivan Cathie <[REDACTED]>; Barbara Helm <[REDACTED]>

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The email addresses to include in your complaint/concern message are listed below.

CityCouncil@TorranceCA.gov;
AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov
noiseabatement@torranceca.gov

I've called numerous times, we need more people to please call or email to voice our concern. Please forward this to any of your neighbors who are also fed up with the airplane noise over our community.

Thank you!
Mary

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To: noiseabatement@torranceca.gov
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Dramatically increased noise pollution and safety issues from Torrance Airport


Fri 7/22/2022 3:00 PM

To: Chen, George <GChen@TorranceCA.gov>; Kaji, Jon <JKaji@TorranceCA.gov>; Sheikh, Asam <ASheikh@TorranceCA.gov>; Mattucci, Aurelio <AMattucci@TorranceCA.gov>; Kalani, Sharon <SKalani@TorranceCA.gov>; Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>; Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>; Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>;

Cc: City Council <CityCouncil@TorranceCA.gov>;

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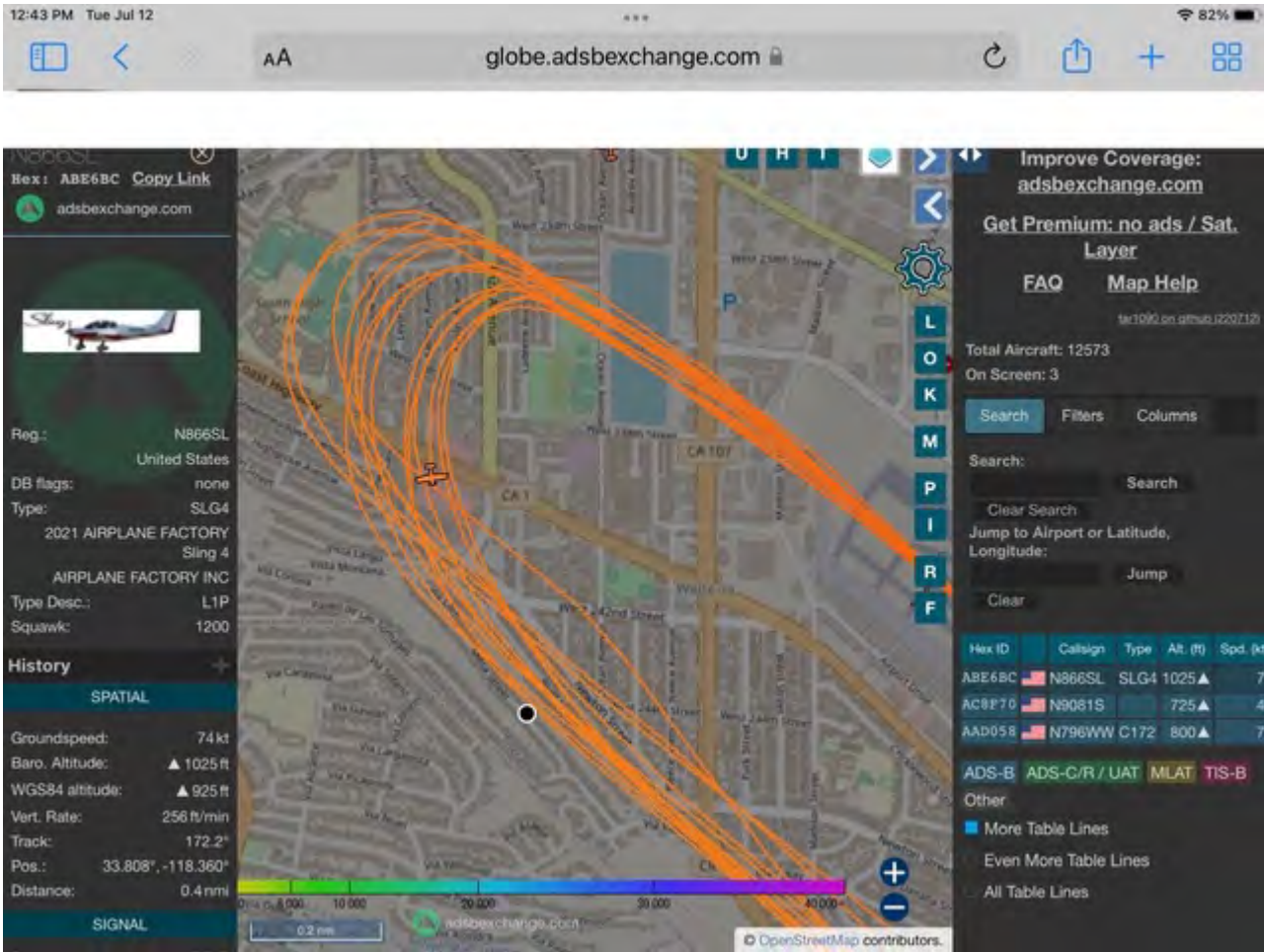
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The screenshot displays the ADS-B Exchange website interface. On the left, a sidebar provides details for aircraft N92995, including its registration, manufacturer (CESSNA 152), and owner information. The main area features a map with an orange line tracing the aircraft's path. On the right, a control panel offers search and filter options, and a table of flight data.

Aircraft Details:

- Reg.: N92995
- United States
- DB flags: none
- Type: C152
- 1981 CESSNA 152
- DIMSDALE TREVOR M, DIMSDALE JEFFREY T
- Type Desc.: L1P
- Squawk: rv/a

Table:

Hex ID	Callsign	Type	Alt. (ft)	Spd. (kts)
ACE34A	N92995	C152	800▲	70

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United States
DB flags: none
Type: C152
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 DIMSDALE TREVOR M,
 DIMSDALE JEFFREY T
Type Desc.: L1P
Squawk: 1200

History
UTC day:
 2022-07-16
 previous next
Legs: All
 previous next
Time: 21:28:19 Z
 stop 1x 5x
 10x 20x 40x

Hex ID	Callign	Type	Alt. (ft)	Spd. (kt)
ACE34A	N92995	C152	700	73
A3B8DC	N339SP	C172	100	3
A1AAB8	N2060U	C172	ground	8

This particular pilot had passed over too low a few times and had also had apparently come from Riverside flight school to do his loops:

Hex: A70A86 Copy Link
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Reg.: N55291
United States
DB flags: none
Type: C172
1981 CESSNA 172 Skyhawk
RIVERSIDE FLIGHT ACADEMY LLC
Type Desc.: L1P
Squawk: 0206

History
UTC day: 2022-07-14
Legs: All
Time: 18:17:24 Z

Hex ID	Callsign	Type	Alt. (ft)	Spd. (kt)
A70A86	N55291	C172	900▲	90

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Other
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All Table Lines

One last example of a pilot flying too low at just a few hundred feet above us:

7:36 PM Wed Jul 13

globe.adsbexchange.com

N439LP
Hex: A54595 Copy Link
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Reg: N439LP
United States
DB flags: none
Type: C172
2003 CESSNA 172 Skyhawk
3D SCENESHOP LLC
Squawk: 1200

History

UTC day:
2022-07-14

Legs: All

Time: 02:14:48 Z

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Click on the trace line to start playback!

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tar1090 on arbus (220713)

Total Aircraft: 8742
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There seems to be no rules—and if there are any at all—there is certainly no oversight, no enforcement, and no accountability. It may only be a matter of time before something terrible happens up here when it could have been avoided with the original rule in place. Noise aside I have no choice but to continuously monitor this and report these low altitudes to the FAA because although it's the last thing in the world I have the time or desire to do I feel that someone has to do something about it, and with this I am pleading for your help.

Thank you so much for your consideration and time in reading this, and any followup or feedback would be greatly and deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Jason Mills

FW: Sling Pilot Academy noise test

Pinela, Gerardo

Tue 7/12/2022 9:00 AM

To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>;

📎 1 attachment

2022-07-06 Sling Noise Test Report to M Ramirez.pdf;

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From: Jim Gates [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, July 9, 2022 8:27 AM

To: Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>; Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Sling Pilot Academy noise test

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Attached is the result of the Academy's test of noise reduction procedures. Please include in the records of the Airport Commission for July 14.

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Jim Gates
[REDACTED]

FW: Noise complaint

Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>

Fri 7/22/2022 6:03 PM

To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>;

Please follow up on the below complaint. Thanks.

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From: Hydee Ong [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 4:48 PM

To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>; City Council <CityCouncil@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Fw: Noise complaint

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4:45pm - plane has been flyer low and loud for the past hour. Lost count of how many times.

At what point did the residents, who live here 24/7 and pay high taxes, begin to have less rights than the pilots/students who use the airport for a few hours each week?

Sincerely,

Hydee

[REDACTED] resident

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From: Hydee Ong [REDACTED]

To: Noise Abatement <noiseabatement@torranceca.gov>; citycouncil@torranceca.gov <citycouncil@torranceca.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 02:54:38 PM PDT

Subject: Fw: Noise complaint

2:33pm - same plane has been flying low and loud about 8 times now. No signs of abating.

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From: Hydee Ong [REDACTED]

To: Noise Abatement <noiseabatement@torranceca.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 11:54:43 AM PDT

Subject: Fw: Noise complaint

11:58am - I didn't think it was possible for these planes to fly lower. Apparently, they can and will. Again, no restrictions it seems.

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From: Hydee Ong [REDACTED]
To: Noise Abatement <noiseabatement@torranceca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 09:28:01 AM PDT
Subject: Fw: Noise complaint

Correction - that was 9:09am.

It's now 9:27am - hasn't stopped by the way.

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To: Noise Abatement <noiseabatement@torranceca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 09:09:44 AM PDT
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9:09pm Still loud, still disruptive, still happening.

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From: Hydee Ong [REDACTED]
To: Noise Abatement <noiseabatement@torranceca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 08:52:24 AM PDT
Subject: Noise complaint

It's 8:47am on 7/21/22 and the loud, low flying planes have started to invade the morning calm.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2022 3:01 PM
To: Chen, George <GChen@TorranceCA.gov>; Kaji, Jon <JKaji@TorranceCA.gov>; Sheikh, Asam <ASheikh@TorranceCA.gov>; Mattucci, Aurelio <AMattucci@TorranceCA.gov>; Kalani, Sharon <SKalani@TorranceCA.gov>; Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>; Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>; Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
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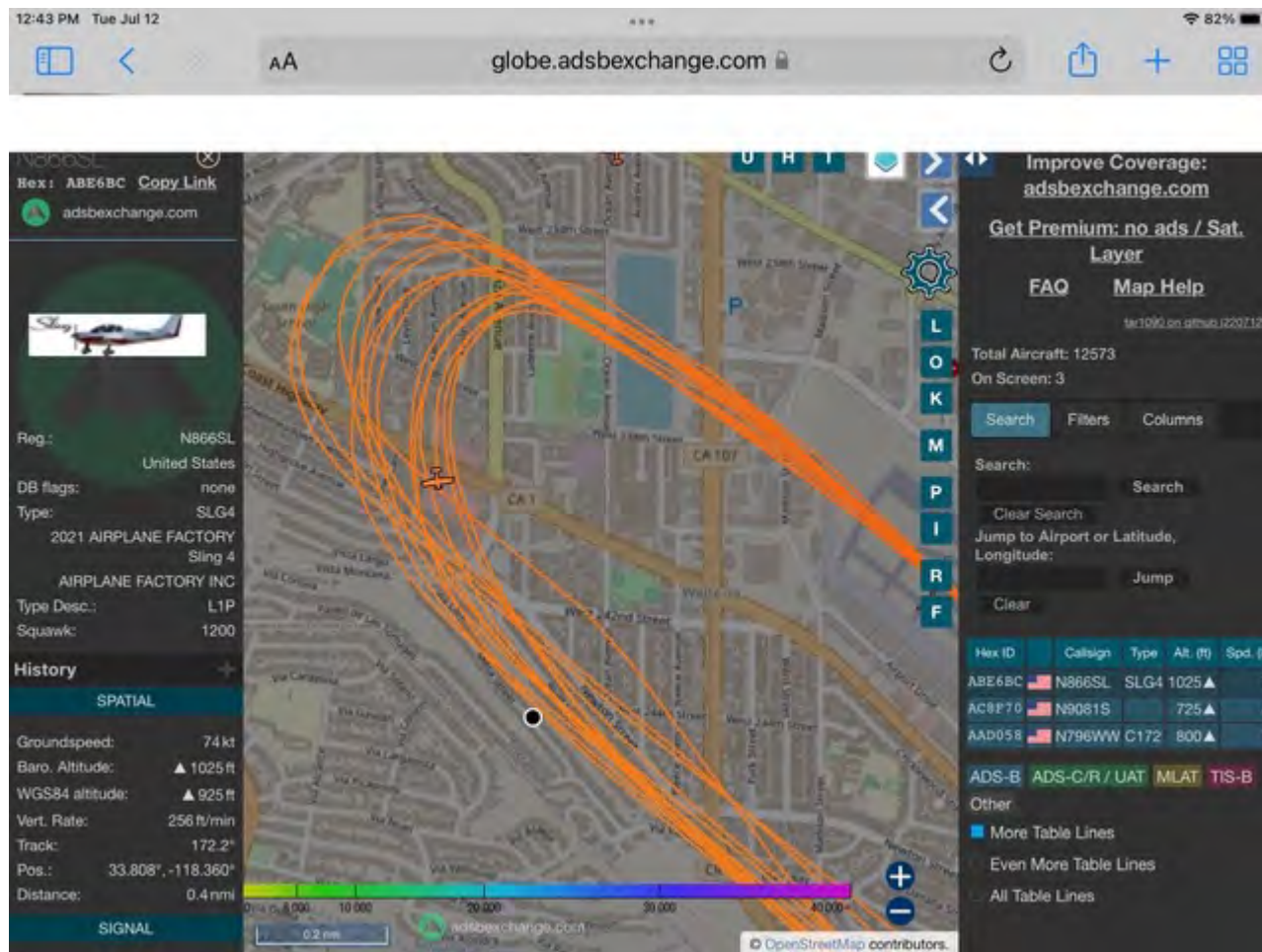
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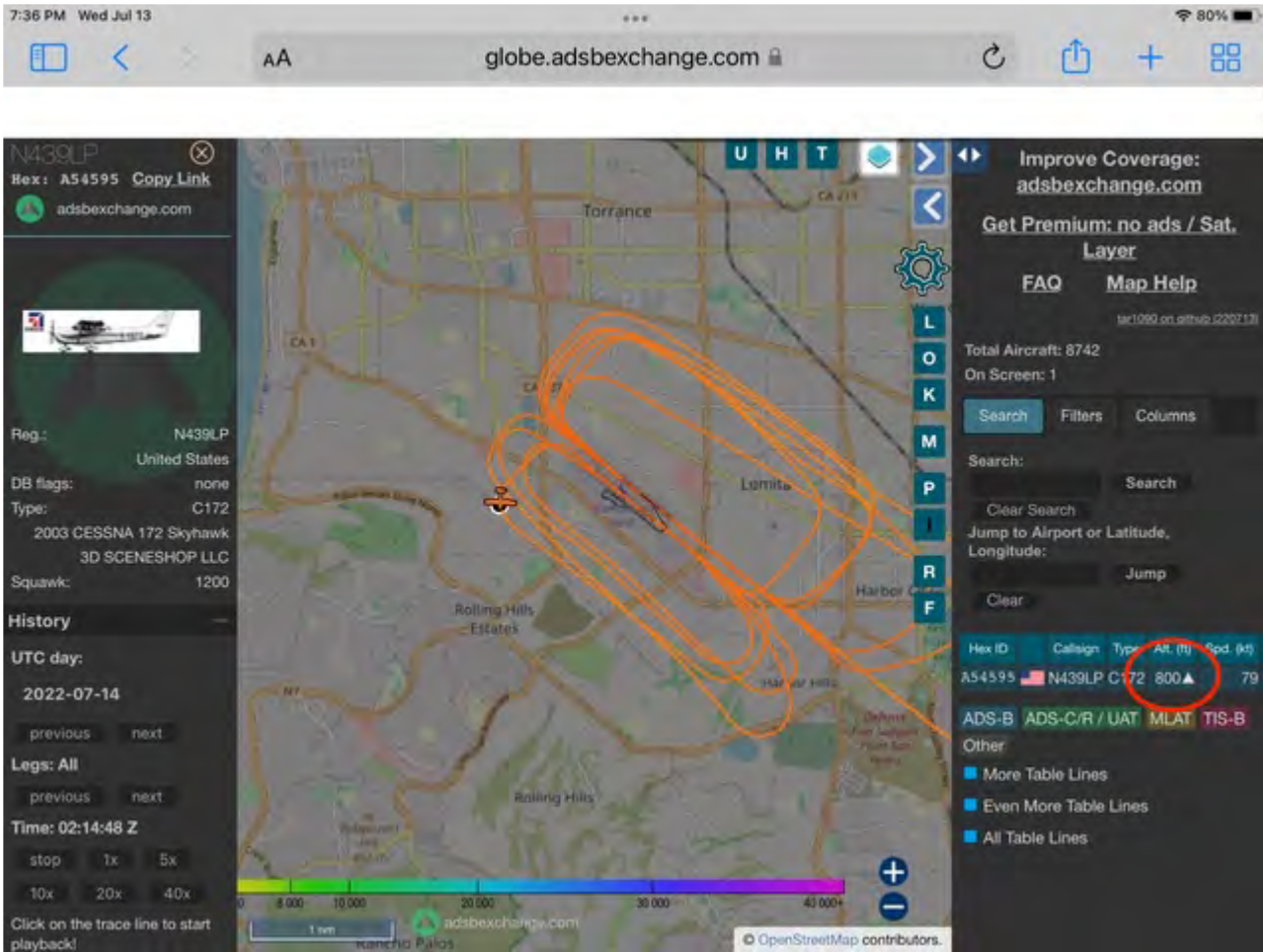
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One last example of a pilot flying too low at just a few hundred feet above us:



There seems to be no rules—and if there are any at all—there is certainly no oversight, no enforcement, and no accountability. It may only be a matter of time before something terrible happens up here when it could have been avoided with the original rule in place. Noise aside I have no choice but to continuously monitor this and report these low altitudes to the FAA because although it's the last thing in the world I have the time or desire to do I feel that someone has to do something about it, and with this I am pleading for your help.

Thank you so much for your consideration and time in reading this, and any followup or feedback would be greatly and deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Jason Mills

11:17amPDT

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Thanks for the meeting last night. I'm eager to engage directly with the noise monitoring system.

Just now, 11:17amPDT – this plane flew right over my home: N667DG.

I'm keen to figure out decibel levels here by Richardson Middle School and South High School and our surrounding neighborhoods.

It is noticeable, the increase in air traffic over our homes. It is loud. It is clear others are hearing it too.

I'll continue writing to find out what the city intends to do to make us all smart and informed about what's happening here, and what's changing in our community.

Best,

Ryan Rauzon

[REDACTED]

RE: today - 10:54amPDT

Ryan Rauzon [REDACTED]

Thu 7/14/2022 4:27 PM

To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>; Mattucci, Aurelio <AMattucci@TorranceCA.gov>;

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I just want to reiterate that whatever the conditions are for today, the flight path is loud and obvious and clear today, even now at 4:27pmPDT. It started at 10:30amPDT and it continues now. Thought you should know for the record.

From: Ryan Rauzon

Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 10:58 AM

To: Noise Abatement <Noiseabatement@torranceca.gov>; Mattucci, Aurelio <AMattucci@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: today - 10:54amPDT

Hi all. I'm writing today to find out if on-shore breeze, wind or other weather conditions has resulted in the planes flying right over South High School and Richardson Middle School right now. It's rarely this loud but I'm noticing that certain conditions result in a very loud, very consistent routing of aircraft over this part of Torrance. I look forward to learning more about whatever conditions result in the pattern—but thanks for also writing to me previously about how pilots do not have strict patterns they're required to fly over our community. If the reasons for extending normal patterns are for safety reasons, when will we learn those facts in our community?

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Is the Airport Commission meeting happening on Zoom today/tonight? Thanks.

Ryan Rauzon
[REDACTED]

FW: INCREASE IN NOISE SOUTH AND WEST OF TORRANCE AIRPORT

Duncan, Nora <NDuncan@TorranceCA.gov>

Thu 7/14/2022 9:38 AM

To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>;

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Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 5:11 PM

To: Duncan, Nora <NDuncan@TorranceCA.gov>; Dartois, Jana <JDartois@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: FW: INCREASE IN NOISE SOUTH AND WEST OF TORRANCE AIRPORT

FYI ~

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From: Richard Root [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 4:50 PM

To: Mattuucci, Aurelio <AMattuucci@TorranceCA.gov>; Griffiths, Mike <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>

Cc: Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: INCREASE IN NOISE SOUTH AND WEST OF TORRANCE AIRPORT

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Honorable Councilmen Mattuucci and Griffiths:

Airport noise is primarily concentrated in your districts. The City Council last considered the issue four months ago. At that time the Council approved a number of motions including asking legal to explore options for enforcement of the city's "no left turn" law and requesting that staff obtain a formal written opinion from the FAA as to their position. We have been told nothing about the status of either of these motions. It has been THREE YEARS since staff suspended enforcement of the city's no left turn law (TMC Section 51.2.3) in order to revisit its legal authority. The city has had plenty of time to resolve the legal issue but has not done so.

The new noise abatement system is about to become operational (hopefully soon). We have heard that staff is meeting with tenants of the airport and preparing written informational materials. Presumably, the purpose of these meetings is to advise

pilots of the procedures to be implemented. However, the left turn rule is apparently still in limbo. This issue should be resolved before implementing the new system so that the city's policy is clear from the outset.

As shown on the attached five slides, the magnitude of this problem is growing significantly. Many of us are hoping you will exercise the leadership needed to resolve this issue without any further delay.

I am available any time to explain further and discuss any questions or comments you may have.

Respectfully,
Richard Root,
Torrance Resident

RE: Mary Bowman: Noise abatement at the airport - New Horizons

Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>

Mon 8/1/2022 4:51 PM

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Noise Abatement Center Staff

Zamperini Field-Community Development Department

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Re: Noise pollution over New Horizons in Torrance.

Herrera, Rafael <RafaelHerrera@TorranceCA.gov>

Mon 8/1/2022 4:36 PM

To: Bowman, Mary [REDACTED]; Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>;

Cc: Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>;

Hi Ms. Bowman,

I got your voicemail and your email below this morning.

The Noise Abatement office has been extremely busy working with Casper (noise monitoring) to go live in the next few weeks.

I have relayed your messages to Noise Abatement (they are included in this email). They will be following-up with you.

Thank you for your patience.

RAFAEL HERRERA

Airport Manager – Office of The General Services Department

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From: Bowman, Mary [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 2:05 PM

To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>

Cc: City Council <CityCouncil@TorranceCA.gov>; Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: RE: Noise pollution over New Horizons in Torrance.

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FW: Torrance Airport noise

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Mon 8/1/2022 12:19 PM

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 2 attachments

Noise abuse; Torrance Airport Noise Increases;

Good Afternoon ~

Please ensure staff follows up on the attached two complaints. Thanks.

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From: Briseno, Isela <IBriseno@TorranceCA.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 11:09 AM

Cc: Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Torrance Airport noise

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Torrance Airport Noise Increases

Nell Crawford <[REDACTED]>

Sat 7/30/2022 9:21 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@TorranceCA.gov>; Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>; Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>;

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Hello,

I'm writing to inquire about the increase in air traffic and low-flying planes (and NOISE) from Torrance Airport. The noise over the last several months has seen a large and very discernable increase. There must be an explanation either due to lower altitude restrictions or a change in the take-off flight path.

The communities near the airport have lived in relative harmony for many, many years. While development for the City of Torrance is a good thing, it cannot come at the expense of so many who live (and work) in these neighborhoods.

Hoping for a prompt response,

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Nell Crawford

N2902S

Ryan Rauzon [REDACTED]

Fri 7/29/2022 2:16 PM

To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>;

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I hope we can start a process soon to revisit changing the decibel levels allowed under our municipal law, and I hope our city attorney and his team are prepared to challenge any governmental body claiming we can't take control of this part of our lives. Thanks for your public service and hard work and I'm eager to learn more on August 11.

p.s. – that same aircraft just went over my phone at 2:15pm and the items on my desk are rattling.

Best to you,
Ryan Rauzon

[REDACTED]

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RE: Noise abatement at the airport - New Horizons

Ramirez, Michelle <MRamirez@TorranceCA.gov>

Thu 7/28/2022 3:24 PM

To: Polliard, Kathy <KPolliard@TorranceCA.gov>;

Cc: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>;

Hi Kathy ~

Staff will follow up with the resident. In the future, please encourage the public to contact Noise Abatement at (310) 784-7950 or via email at Noiseabatement@torranceca.gov. Thanks.

MICHELLE G. RAMIREZ

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From: Polliard, Kathy <KPolliard@TorranceCA.gov>

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Thu 7/28/2022 3:19 PM

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Re: Torrance Airport. Increased flights and noise.

Roger Svensson [REDACTED]

Wed 7/20/2022 10:01 AM

To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>;

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Our family woke up at last night around 3AM from noise of a light aircraft leaving Torrance Airport. It's supposed to be no activity after 10PM. What's the reason? Please reply.

Roger

From: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>

Date: Friday, July 8, 2022 at 2:43 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Torrance Airport. Increased flights and noise.

Hi Roger,

Airport Commission meetings are held virtually via zoom.

The information for attending the zoom can be found on the agenda posted on the City website. The link to the agendas can be found here: <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/city-clerk/commissions-and-advisory-boards/airport-commission/agendas-minutes/-folder-5192>

The agenda for the meeting on the 14th has not been posted yet but will be up before the meeting. If you want to look at past agendas the information for the Zoom can be found at the top of the first page.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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From: Roger Svensson [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, July 8, 2022 2:14 PM

To: Noise Abatement

Subject: Re: Torrance Airport. Increased flights and noise.

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for update. Appreciated!

What time is the Commission's meeting on the 14th? And were?

Happy to attend.

Enjoy the summer-weekend!

Roger

From: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>

Date: Friday, July 8, 2022 at 10:52 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Torrance Airport. Increased flights and noise.

Good Morning Roger,

The system is currently on track to be installed and in the testing phase by late July. Three of the seven noise monitors have been installed and are in the testing phase and we expect the others to be installed next week. Staff will be providing a more detailed update on Thursday July 14th at the Airport Commission meeting if you would like to attend. If you cannot attend, the staff write up will be available on the Air Commission website.

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From: Roger Svensson [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, July 7, 2022 5:54 PM

To: Noise Abatement

Subject: Re: Torrance Airport. Increased flights and noise.

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Hello,

Just a follow-up on below email. Any update? The noise is intolerable. It starts at 8am with a new take-off every **five minutes**. Every day including weekends.

Thank you.

Roger

From: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 3:49 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Torrance Airport. Increased flights and noise.

Good Afternoon Roger,

We are in the process of the implementation/installation of the new noise abatement system and anticipate the system being operational by June/July (barring any supply chain issues that may arise).

Thank you.

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From: Roger Svensson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 11:20 AM
To: Noise Abatement
Cc: Pinela, Gerardo
Subject: Re: Torrance Airport. Increased flights and noise.

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Hello,
Any update re noise abatement system?
We are at a point where we our patience is running out. It ever stops, a new takeoff every 5 minutes and changed flight paths. It used to be a right turn at Hawthorne. Not anymore – the turn is now over the Lago Seco Park. Other light aircrafts take the direction right over our rooftop on Ocean Avenue 23802 with a left turn toward RPV. Never happen before during my 30 years living on this address.

Appreciating any new data about the progress with the noise system.

Thank you.
Roger

From: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>
Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 at 8:50 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: "Pinela, Gerardo" <GPinela@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Re: Torrance Airport. Increased flights and noise.

Good morning Mr. Svensson,

We apologize for the delay in response as we were short staffed due to the holiday season.

To address your concerns, there is currently not a noise abatement system in place so we are unable to verify if complaints regarding noise result in violations. However, in December, our City Council approved the installation of a new noise abatement system at the airport and we are working on execution of the installation at this time. We anticipate the installation to take a few months and once the system is in place and operational we will be able to investigate for noise violations.

The Torrance Airport is a General Aviation airport and does not keep a schedule for the aircraft using the airport, nor is there a limit on how many aircraft operations can be performed in a day. The Torrance Airport does however have certain curfews:

M-F departure curfews are 10pm-7am and Saturday and Sunday 10pm-8am.

Training curfew M-F 8pm-8am and Saturday no training before 10am or after 5pm. No training on Sundays or the following holidays: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Aircraft may land at the airport 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Torrance Airport/Noise Abatement also do not determine the altitude or flight paths aircraft use. The authority to determine altitudes or flight paths is held by the FAA/Air Traffic Control and the pilot operating the aircraft. If you have concerns aircraft are flying too low, too frequently in an area, or flying in a dangerous manner we recommend contacting the FAA Flight Standards District Office at http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/field_offices/fsdo/.

Please feel free to contact us with any additional questions or concerns or for updates regarding the new noise abatement system.

Thank you.

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From: Roger Svensson [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 3:35 PM

To: Pinela, Gerardo

Cc: Noise Abatement

Subject: Re: Torrance Airport. Increased flights and noise.

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A month now gone since our email correspondence. I'm still awaiting a response on my email concerns from the Noise Abatement officials.

Thank you.

Roger --

From: "Pinela, Gerardo" <GPinela@TorranceCA.gov>

Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 5:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: RE: Torrance Airport. Increased flights and noise.

Good Afternoon Mr. Svensson,

Thank you for your email.

Aviation schools do serve as a starting point for pilots to work toward commercial pilots.

I will forward this email to the Noise Abatement Office.

Best Regards,

Gerry Pinela

EOC Donations Coordinator, Facilities Operations Manager, General Services Department

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From: Roger Svensson [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, November 27, 2021 11:39 AM

To: Pinela, Gerardo <GPinela@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Re: Torrance Airport. Increased flights and noise.

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Hello Mr. Pinela,

Wanted to follow up on our correspondence back in September re increased noise at Torrance airport. It has become an unlivable environment with a take-off every 5 minutes with light aircrafts from the airport. What's going on? Lived here for the last 30 years and never experienced something like this. It's going one every day, including Saturday and Sunday from 8qm to 8pm . **Please let us know what has increased the noise.** Have the airport's aviation schools signed up to educate commercial pilots? I have a hard time to trust this is only "to train pilots in fun and **sexy** airplanes" as described on their website.

Thank you for your time.

Roger (Svensson)

[REDACTED]

Torrance, CA 90505

\From: "Pinela, Gerardo" <GPinela@TorranceCA.gov>
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 at 1:18 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Torrance Airport. Increased flights and noise.

Good Afternoon Mr. Svensson,

I have forwarded your concerns to the Noise Abatement Division.

Sincerely,

Gerry Pinela

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From: Roger Svensson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 12:27 PM
To: Pinela, Gerardo <GPinela@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: FW: Torrance Airport. Increased flights and noise.
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I'm following up on last week's phone conversation. The increased leisure flight activity has not changed since we talked. It's getting out of hand!

I'm forwarding my email to Daily Breeze, and it will be followed with an email to the Editor of the Los Angeles Times.

Thank you.
Roger

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 4:57 PM
To: "letters@dailybreeze.com" <letters@dailybreeze.com>
Subject: Torrance Airport. Increased flights and noise.

To the Editor,

The traffic with leisure airplanes has increased enormously lately. Last Saturday we counted to 50 takeoffs, which is roughly a flight in the air every 4-5 minutes. It has not eased since then. It is enormously disturbing for us working from home during the pandemic and is dependent on Zoom communication, which we must cease during flyover. Something is going on... please give it a try and **investigate**. We also understand that take off is not permitted before 8am or after 10pm. We have noted several occasions when this rule has not been followed. My phone call to Torrance City Hall has been to no avail.

Thank you.
O. Roger Svensson



Re: Flight ID Question

Donnie Tippie [REDACTED]

Tue 7/19/2022 2:54 PM

To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>;

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Thank you!

On Tue, Jul 19, 2022, 2:13 PM Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@torranceca.gov> wrote:

Mr. Tippie,

Thank you for your email. No, the aircraft are not required to display their ID to WebTrak, as it is a privately owned radar tracking service.

Regards,

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From: Donnie Tippie [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 7:38 PM

To: Airport Commission; Noise Abatement

Subject: Flight ID Question

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Good afternoon,

How can I easily ID an aircraft that displays a Flight ID of "0" on Webtrak?

Are aircraft required to display this information? Thank you.

-Donnie

Flight ID Question

Donnie Tippie [REDACTED]

Mon 7/18/2022 7:38 PM

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FW: Public Comment

Pinela, Gerardo <GPinela@TorranceCA.gov>

Thu 7/14/2022 12:19 PM

To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>;

FYI for Correspondence received.

Gerry Pinela

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From: Ryan Rauzon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 11:01 AM
To: Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Public Comment

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I write to offer my experience with city staff about airport noise. I do not want to take up time on tonight's meeting but I plan to listen in on Zoom. I live over by South High and Richardson Middle School and welcome the new monitoring system. I hope it is set up very soon. Please see below what I wrote to the city staff.

I look forward to learning more about your great work. Thanks for stepping up to do public service and help with the airport commission! Grateful for you as neighbors and friends.

Best,

Ryan Rauzon

Cell: [REDACTED]

From: Ryan Rauzon
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 10:58 AM
To: Noise Abatement Noiseabatement@torranceca.gov; Mattucci, Aurelio AMattucci@TorranceCA.gov
Subject: today - 10:54amPDT

Hi all. I'm writing today to find out if on-shore breeze, wind or other weather conditions has resulted in the planes flying right over South High School and Richardson Middle School right now. It's rarely this loud but I'm noticing that certain conditions result in a very loud, very consistent routing of aircraft over this part of Torrance. I look forward to learning more about whatever conditions result in the pattern—but thanks for also writing to me previously about how pilots do not have strict patterns they're required to fly over our community. If the reasons for extending normal patterns are for safety reasons, when will we learn those facts in our community?

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Ryan Rauzon

Cell: [REDACTED]

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Cell: [REDACTED]

RE: Videos from today

Pinela, Gerardo <GPinela@TorranceCA.gov>

Thu 8/4/2022 11:21 AM

To: Donnie Tippie [REDACTED]; Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>; Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>; City Council <CityCouncil@TorranceCA.gov>;

Dear Ms. Tippie,

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From: Donnie Tippie [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 11:13 AM

To: Noise Abatement <NoiseAbatement@TorranceCA.gov>; Airport Commission <AirportCommission@TorranceCA.gov>; City Council <CityCouncil@TorranceCA.gov>

Subject: Videos from today

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The frequency of these flights are way up and it is deteriorating the quality of life for neighborhoods around the airport.

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