



WEBSITE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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Every effort was made to ensure the public was given ample opportunity to comment on this study. As work was completed, finished chapters were made available to the public for viewing and downloading online. In addition, users were encouraged to submit comments through the website. The following contains a list of people who visited the website to view and/or download completed portions of the study. Comments submitted online are also included in this section.

The following people accessed the website to view and/or download information pertaining to the study:

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Keith DeGreen
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Comment Made On: 2003-10-27 17:19:08

Comments: We were aware of the airport when we moved to this address. Small planes are not the issue and are not annoying. The helicopter traffic and noise is so frequent and so severe it has had a very negative impact on our ability to use our yard. The windows all rattle. The walls shake.

We were informed that copters were to follow the main roadcuts and not cut over our homes. Not only do they cut over our homes, they fly low, slow and loud. These are not police and rescue teams either. I was told the last time I called the noise \"hotline\" that helicopters have \"no restrictions\". That is completely unacceptable!

Other than the police/sherrif/rescue, all copters, especially jet copters should be going out of Sky Harbour.

In addition, the number of big, very large planes seems to be increasing. There are times now where phone conversations have to stop, lessons have to stop, etc. till the noise fades. Some way too early in the morning and often late in the evening.

I have given up calling the noise hotline because although they are polite when I call, nothing is ever done about the helicopters and the traffic seems to get even worse!

A quiet day in the yard or by the pool is a joke.

I feel as if my privacy is always being invaded.

Now with the cooler weather the private jet traffic will escalate and during the nicest time of the year we will be inside, doors

and windows shut and still haunted by noise we cannot escape.

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Comment Made On: 2003-10-28 12:27:55

Comments: I have no concerns with overflights during the day. I would like the topic of limiting operating hours from 7AM to 10PM to be discussed. Departing jet traffic is my primary concern. Arriving flights are of minimal concern.

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Comment Made On: 2003-10-28 20:20:57

Comments: I live at 8101 E. Theresa Dr. (Scottsdale Stonebrook II).

My wife and I knew we were moving into a home located next to an airport, so the noise never really bothered us.

The recent arrival and departures of military jets (I think mostly F-18's) has made living here twice as enjoyable. We love the roar and power they provide and we love knowing when they will depart so we can watch.

My only suggestion is to have them arrive and depart more often.

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Comment Made On: 2003-10-29 08:32:12

Comments: Have a curfew @ the airport.. No fly 10pm to 7 am

Fly quiet

return to the old flight patterns that are years old

Limit helicopters to a flight patterns over roads not houses

limit helicopters to 1000 ft minimum and quiet

airport noise complain taking people tell (you \" we can tell the pilots anything\")

that is real helpful!!! They say We are doing are best ..that is truly.. not true

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Comment Made On: 2003-10-29 11:37:42

Comments: I won't be able to attend the local meeting but I wanted to comment. In the five years I've lived in McDowell Mountain Ranch we have gone from little prop planes at higher altitudes to very low flying high-powered jets. These jets are extremely noisy and have disturbed many weekend mornings. I don't know why they have to fly so low. I live at the top of the development so the altitude that is acceptable at the bottom of the development is several hundred feet lower than we are but the pilots don't compensate. There have been two planes that crashed into the mountains by my home.

There is so much commercial development and freeway routings that you would think a different flight plan would be possible that did not pass over so many residences. If not, the planes shouldn't fly so low. I think it is possible to fly quieter too. The pilots have no concern for the people below them.

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Comment Made On: 2003-10-30 09:39:34

Comments: Having lived directly under the traffic pattern in two different homes over the last 20 years, I am very familiar with the noise of aircraft flying overhead. I love it! To me that is not noise. It is the sound of commerce. The sound of people going places. The sound of freedom. The worse sound of all was right after 9/11 when all aircraft were grounded. The silence was deafening! The only people who have a right to complain about noise are those who lived near the airport before 1940. They are the only ones who may have been unaware that an airport was to be built where it is. The rest of us made the decision to move where we are knowing full-well that a very active airport existed and that airplanes can be clearly heard when they are in the area. We live in a very big city. Big cities need airports. Those who object to airplane noise might want to consider moving to Window Rock. They probably haven't had a plane fly over in years. Keep the airport!

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Comment Made On: 2003-10-30 10:00:22

Comments: Hi!

I only wanted to say that I live very close to Scottsdale Airport, the planes fly overhead frequently at low altitudes.

I have never been bothered by their sound. Yes, occasionally it seems that a 747 has taken off, but that is not frequent enough to upset me in any way.

In no way do I feel that the airport has had any impact in the quality of my life.

One more thing - I do not like it at all that this site is not Netscape friendly. Netscape was unable to load this site on my Mac and I had to use the miserable Explorer instead.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

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Comment Made On: 2003-10-30 14:46:45

Comments: I fully understand the economic impact of the Scottsdale Airport, and feel that it is a vital component of Scottsdale's growth potential. The corporate jets that use the airport are, for the most part, the biggest noise generators. Even most of those are relatively quiet, however there are a couple that seem to make many times the noise of the average corporate jet. Moreover, one of the noisiest jets seems to make a 5AM departure several times per week. I feel that if the small percentage of corporate jets that make this huge noise could be redirected to Skyharbor, many residential complaints would go away. The planes I am referring to are equal in size to a small commercial jet and make by far the most noise.

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Comment Made On: 2003-10-30 21:09:59

Comments: We are homeowners in North Scottsdale, not directly surrounding. Approximately one year ago, we began having extreme noise over our house from small planes coming into and out of the Scottsdale Airport. These planes fly very low and are very noisy. They begin to make noise as early as 6 am. We are desperate for the city to make some kind of changes to address this issue. It is very frustrating to have this happen five years after buying our dream home.

Steve Willims

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Comment Made On: 2003-10-30 23:25:16

Comments: The noise over my home has greatly increased over the last 4 years. Planes fly in often past midnight.

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Zip Code: 85254

Comment Made On: 2003-10-31 09:01:19
Comments: Dear Coffman & Associates;

My family and I live at 12411 N. 67th Street in Scottsdale. Yes, the noise is often unbearable and the quality of our life has definitely been negatively affected.

At the same time, we understand the economic vitality that the Airpark provides. This is important, but so is our right to enjoy peace and safety while at home.

I would like to know what the minimum altitude requirement is when planes are coming into the airport while over our home. Sometimes, the planes are unbelievably low and this is a huge concern. Of additional concern is the possibility of airplane crashes, air pollution and property devaluation.

We sincerely hope that your consultanting services will prove to be beneficial for the residents affected by the loud air traffic noise in our residential neighborhoods. It truly is a nuisance and there must be some way to resolve it.

One option: City of Scottsdale can rezone all of the residential properties affected by airpark noise to an industrial zoning. That might make everybody happy; homeowners, developers, the City and the Airpark!!!

Thank you for all that you may do to bring an amicable solution to the table.

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Most Sincerely,

Debbie Stoppa

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Comment Made On: 2003-10-31 09:29:59

Comments: We are sitting here in our offices right now with a small jet outside revving it's engines by the blast wall that fronts on FLW Blvd at the NW corner of airport. The fumes seep into the office space & affect our health & the noise is causing hearing problems. The jet has already been here for 15 minutes & there is no sign that it is moving soon. This is becoming a health issue for our employees.

Name: Penny Keaton
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City:
State: AZ
Zip Code: 85255

Comment Made On: 2003-10-31 17:14:44

Comments: I lived in Ironwood Village for six years and moved from there to the Scottsdale Princess community where I've been living for the past eight years. I've been under the flight path for 14 years now, and have NO complaints. I knew the airport was there when I moved into both communities. I was then and am now still willing to live near the airport to have the quality of life that the North Scottsdale area provides.

We need to keep our airport. It provides jobs and is a draw to people coming to Scottsdale to spend their money for business and pleasure.

And DO NOT, under any circumstances, tell the military that they are not welcome. I welcome the \"sound of freedom\", enjoy watching the jets fly over my home, and am glad they are here for us.

Please call me at 480.585.6079 if you'd like any additional input.

Regards, Penny Keaton

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Comment Made On: 2003-11-02 18:29:20

Comments: Living just outside the currently defined noise area, I have seen a significant increase in jets during the past three years. While most traffic is not a problem, the older jets without retrofitted engines are loud enough to wake me up frequently, rattle windows, and generally detract from the enjoyment of my house. Prop planes, newer jets and helicopters are not a problem.

Is it possible to create an economic disincentive to the older jets by having a discriminatory and increased landing fee based on noise produced? Fees could be used to create a fund that would subsidize new windows, doors, soundproofing, etc. in areas surrounding the area.

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Comment Made On: 2003-11-03 16:57:39

Comments: To Jim Harris

Dear Jim,

It's good to see a familiar name in the news (Scottsdale Tribune, 10/29/03 and 11/01/03) and that you are still shepherding most of Arizona's airports.

Noise level testing should help in airport discussions. Good luck!

Sincerely, Bill Cullen

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Comment Made On: 2003-11-04 22:52:39

Comments: What changes do plan to make to the airport in conjunction to this study. What size planes, capacity of passangers and increase frequency?

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Comment Made On: 2003-11-10 11:25:04

Comments: Why is it that air traffic departing on runway 3 is now making a right-hand pattern departure? When we flew out we always used the left-hand pattern over the golf course. It has been extremely noisy with the airplanes taking off with full power. With the increase in vehicle traffic, plus the noise level of the aircraft, this situation is becoming nerve-racking.

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Comment Made On: 2003-11-12 09:31:11

Comments: When will something ever be done about the air traffic noise ? Over the past 2.5 years the noise has gotten worse and worse. I live in the Grayhawk area and planes and jets fly over my house ALL THE TIME. I see articles in the paper saying, \"we have been getting fewer complaints this month than we did the same time last year\". Like people aren't being annoyed as much ort they are \"ok\" with current levels. This is NOT THE CASE!

I'll tell you what it is. We are sick and tired of complaining about the noise and nothing happens, nothing changes. It coninues. After a while, you quit complaining. Why complain ? It doesn't make any difference anyway. The jets and planes do not bank enough when leaving the airport heading north. They wait until they are over the houses to start the slight bank they have.

I am sick of the lies and propaganda spewed by those who want the airport to stay in business.

If the pilots can't fly in a pattern that avoids the houses, they need to be grounded until they \"learn\" how to.

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Comment Made On: 2003-11-13 11:04:32

Comments: It is becoming increasingly evident that something MUST be done about the noise level from the Scottsdale Airport. There must be limits on the noisy older jets, limits on their flying hours (no more 2 am flights) and an in depth study on their flight paths to deviate away from the residential developments. There appears to have been a marked increase in activity lately with NO prior warning from the Airport. A lot of public relations would not come amiss.

Victoria Casperson

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Comment Made On: 2003-11-13 17:38:04

Comments: When we originally purchased our property about 3 years ago, we virtually had no problem with noise from the Scottsdale Airport. Since then, it has gotten dramatically worse. Previously planes landed to the East by following the McDowell Mt. Range till they turned into the landing pattern which was between Union Hills and Bell Road (vacant land). The same pattern existed for the takeoffs. Not any more!!!!

Whether they are taking off or landing, the pilots have no respect for the homeowners in Ironwood Village, Grayhawk, or DC Ranch and seem to be merely interested in the shortest path between two points (takeoff and landing). It normally starts at 6 a.m. in the morning (who needs an alarm clock when you have Scottsdale Airport?) and continues till all hours of the night. I say normally. This morning we were awoken at 4 a.m. by a jet taking off and blasting us out of bed.

When the attractions at Westworld and business conferences in Scottsdale increase, the noise increases as more planes land and takeoff.

Does anyone care about the property owners (and taxpayers) anymore?? Why do we have to keep our windows and doors closed in an attempt to keep the noise down?

I read articles about the fact that there are no complaints about the noise from Scottsdale Airport. There are no complaints because the homeowners are sick of complaining and their efforts going on deaf ears with no reply from anyone in the City, County, State or Country.

I hear (and read) the comments that "when you purchased your home, you knew Scottsdale Airport existed". I surely did, but the landing and takeoff patterns were a mile away, not over my home and neighborhood.

This whole situation has not only affected the personal well being of the homeowners in our neighborhood, but also the property values(s) of the homes they live in. We saw a plane crash into a fast food restaurant last year. Is it going to take one crashing into our neighborhood with possible loss of life before we get some action??

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Comment Made On: 2003-11-14 18:37:13

Comments: Mayor Manrose committed to me that when this study took place my yard would be used for one of the monitors for the noise study. Kevin Shyer also confirmed this and confirmed this with the Mayor.

Since hearing the study is going, I have contacted the replacement for Kevin Shyer who has not called me back concerning the study, nor have I heard back from Jim Harris at Coffman who confirm and committed I would hear back from him or Jennifer (Kevin's replacement). This is 11/14/03 and I will be contacting the Mayor for her response as to why her commitment that my yard would be used for one monitor site was not followed through as committed by her.

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Comment Made On: 2003-11-15 11:29:58

Comments: We have been a resident in the same location for 22 years. Obviously, we have noticed a considerable increase in traffic and noise in just the past 3-5 years. We feel this is due to a change in flight patterns over our once quiet residential area (56th St. & Acoma). We now seem to have a daily steady stream of aircraft flying too low beginning at 6:00 a.m. well into the middle of the night. Helicopters on take-off in the mornings, and many jets (especially on downwind landing approach) are extremely loud and way too low over both schools and houses. Our windows rattle, we can't even carry on a conversation at the time the planes are overhead, and we have been woken up in the middle of the night thinking a jet was about to crash into our house. Our once quiet way of life has been extremely negatively impacted. This house was going to be the place we lived in for retirement, but we now have second thoughts. It is unnerving.

1. We wonder why planes aren't approaching the airport downwind over Tatum & Acoma north & south then Shea east (wide busy streets) lessening the impact over so many houses concentrating more on business areas?

2. Is there a decibel level at which a plane is too loud? What can a resident do about it to prove it?

3. How do you go about proving a plane is flying too low?

I've only called the airport hotline once. I'm not really sure if anything is ever mentioned to the pilots. It's frustrating to feel so helpless and to have your life changed so dramatically.

thank you for this consideration

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Comment Made On: 2003-12-10 23:17:05

Comments: Is there an study plan that shows timelines and meeting schedules? When is the next public meeting? Do you have information on the FAA guidelines/flight paths for the airport?

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Comment Made On: 2003-11-30 20:50:25

Comments: The plane noise we hear from the airport has increased substantially in the past 2 years or so. The weekend traffic has also increased. There are too many planes flying over our houses and to many students learning to fly over populated areas. Students should learn to fly over unpopulated areas!

In addition, for about the past 6 months we hear a tremendous roaring noise from a plane getting ready to take off at about 11:00 P.M. at night and also at about 5:00 A.M. in the morning!! Why can't this be controlled! Many times we have been awakened by the loudness of the engine noise at these hours. Something must be done to insure the safety and peace of the people living in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Thank You

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Comment Made On: 2003-11-20 19:43:57

Comments: Why can't all private jets be forced to install \"hush\" kits?? The difference in sound level over a residential area is absolutely amazing!!!

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Comment Made On: 2003-11-18 13:20:18

Comments: I live in McDowell Mountain Ranch, directly under the approach path of a great many jets heading into Scottsdale Airport (as well as to Sky Harbor). Re-routing of planes due to the Northwest 2000 Plan has significantly increased the Scottsdale Airport-bound jet traffic and noise. On some days and times, the noise of jets heading to both airports is almost continuous.

There are two main issues/problems I would like to see addressed by your study:

1. The very low altitude of quite a few of the jets. Many of these fairly large jets can't be more than 150 feet off the ground as they fly over our houses. The noise is incredible.
2. The hours of operation of the airport. Does this airport really need to be open 24 hours when other, larger city airports are not? Again, the issue is the very low jets flying over residential neighborhoods at 3 am.

Thank you for accepting these comments.

Linda Bott

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Zip Code: 85260

Comment Made On: 2003-11-16 10:43:50

Comments: My concerns are the noise pollution and flight paths of the numerous private jets taking off and landing at the Scottsdale Airpark. We are located approximately 2 miles East and 1/2 mile South of the southern end of the airstrip. On certain days there seems to be an onslaught of low flying aircraft banking hard directly overhead. My guess is these are planes that took off in the south western direction of the strip and are banking North bound. 1) Can't they elevate any quicker/higher before circling? 2) They appear too low...if anything were to happen they could take out numerous homes. Thank you, Doug

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Comment Made On: 2003-12-15 11:21:35
Comments: Why Close Scottsdale Airport ?????

1. The Airport produces nothing but Air and
Noise Pollution.
2. Over 1,000 people have already filed
complaints against the Airport.
3. Very few Scottsdale residents use the Airport.
4. Businesses use the Airport to avoid security
checks and delays.
5. Sky Harbor is less than 30 minutes away.

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6. No more early morning wake up calls.

7. Peace and quiet would return to our neighborhoods.

8. Crashes have and will continue to occur near the Airport.

9. More pilots are being trained and inexperienced pilots increase the chance of crashes.

10. City Government has failed residents miserably in preventing low flying noisy airplanes.

11. City Government is unwilling or unable to fight the FAA in court.

12. City Government chooses economic activity over the welfare of its residents.

13. The Airport is owned by the City. It's 226 acres could be sold for an estimated \$226

million.

14. The Airpark could expand in the current

Airport location and bring more jobs

and reliable tax revenues to the City.

15. With added revenue, Preserve Land could be

purchased, Tax Increases can be held in

check, and Budget Deficits could be

eliminated.

16. Eliminates need to spend millions on Airpark

Tunnel.

17. The Airport is the real cause for potential

loss in property values.

18. Fear that terrorists might exploit lax

security to plot using the Airport as a

takeoff point for attacks on nuclear and

historical sights in Arizona.

Join the fight to close Scottsdale Airport !!! Email Nick at LUONGON@MSN.COM

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Comment Made On: 2004-01-04 17:55:31

Comments: Now how do you all think this study is going to be finalized? The FAA pays for most of it, and it goes through a 'filter' (the ADMIN) before it gets to the public. Now just how do you believe the results will turnout? And... the FAA has to 'approve' the final results.

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Comment Made On: 2004-03-23 09:26:51

Comments: We live as close to the airport runway as anyone in the area. Less than a mile from the Southeast end of the runway on Gray road. Yes, we can hear the occasional noisy jet doing it's take off run but the other 90% of the time there is no noise. We hear more noise from the motorcycles going up Hayden road than we do from the airport. This whole issue is bogus, brought about by a few new outspoken arrivals who bought houses in the airports take off and landing corridor. These people have options, enjoy the beautiful area they now live in and ignore the noise or sell the house and move to a new quiet location. I, for one, am tired of people who constantly complain about everything. They should have performed due diligence before they purchased a house in a flight path. Get a life and stop trying to change my way of life to suit their petty wants. Keep the airport where it is and make it profitable. It's good for Scottsdale and for the income of the city.

Charles T Reader

8031 E. Gray Road

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Comment Made On: 2004-03-24 19:00:12

Comments: Hi-I got your message about the meeting on 3/31 and will not be able to make it-darn it! But, I wanted to let you know that the noise just seems to be getting worse. All the corporate jets go in a big arc when they leave the jetway going east, curve toward Grayhawk golf course and over my house. The noise is soooo noticable! I recently had guests who hadn't been here for awhile and they even commented on it. It is very sad, that the quiet I moved to is basically gone. If it isn't a jet, it's a prop. We've even had people learning how to fly go over and around our house over and over-droning on and on. When I move some day-I won't miss the noise from the airport, but I will miss every thing else. Thank you.

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Comment Made On: 2004-03-23 11:55:30

Comments: I am unable to attend the public hearings recently announced for those reding near Scottsdale Airport. I would like the following suggestions to be recorded and considered.

1. Due to it's location within a large residential neighborhood there should be a curfew on nighttime flights.
2. Noise levels should be restricted and rigidly enforced. Small propeller driven aircraft should not be allowed to use unrestricted engine exhaust systems. Mufflers have been available for some years now and are extensively used in other countrys. It is patently wrong that aircraft are allowed to make excessive noise, far above levels permitted by automobiles and trucks.
3. Pressure should be applied to flying schools, such as those operating out of Deer Valley airport over Scottsdale reidential neighborhoods, making
disturbance. They should fly directly, by the shortest possible routes to uninhabited areas.
Their selfish actions disturb the vast majority of residents that settled here to gain respite from suburban noise levels.

Thank you for considering the foregoing.

Robert J. Tomlin

7/21/2004

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Comment Made On: 2004-03-25 07:19:19

Comments: I live at approximately 77th Street and Dixaleta Drive in N. Scottsdale. That location is approximately ten (10) miles north of Scottsdale Airport and one half (1/2) mile east of Scottsdale Road.

Over the past 2+ years I have experienced a significant increase in aircraft noise at my home due to commercial aircraft from Sky Harbor, and corporate jets arriving and departing Scottsdale.

When I bought my home in 1999, neither of these conditions existed. In fact, I regularly experience corporate jet overflights directly over my home heading south at altitudes as low as 1000 to 1500 agl.

Why has there been a shift in arrival / departure paths for corporate jets in this area (previously I would see these planes 3-5 miles east of my locations), and why do pilots need to fly that low on arrival 10 miles north of the airport.

This change (noise and pollution) has adversely effected my property.

Why did the change occur, and will the flight paths be returned to their original position?

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Comments: We have the following comments regarding the Scottsdale Airport:

We live behind Rawhide (about four or five miles northwest of the airport) and have no problems with noise from most of the jet or propeller driven aircraft. HOWEVER, each day there are a few jets that are EXTREMELY noisy on takeoff, way noisier than most of the jets. We would like to see these exceptionally noisy jets prohibited at this airport!

In addition, usually on the weekends, there are very loud, buzzy small propeller aircraft flying overhead. Why are some of these prop. jobs so darn noisy when most others are not? Please stop these excessively noisy propeller driven aircraft!

Finally, every week there are a few aircraft, both jet and propeller driven, that fly too low over our home. Why must these aircraft be so darn low when almost all the others maintain higher elevations in this area? Please monitor, discover and stop these rogue pilots!

Thank you very much - Gary & Fern Tetu

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Comments: I agree completely with the comments of Norm Geisenheimer dated 11/14/03. My home is 10 miles north of the Scottsdale airport at approximately 77th Street. When I bought my home 5 years ago, this area did not suffer from corporate jet overflights. For almost 3 years now we regularly experience low, loud corporate jet traffic that previously had been several miles to the East.

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Comments: Executive jets with excessively loud engines are still a problem and these jets should be phased out of service. In the past we were told that this would take place in the near future and it has not happened. We have lived at this address since 1967. There have been instances of being on the telephone when a noisy jet comes over and having to discontinue the conversation because of not being able to hear anything but the noise of the jet.

Pilots that do not follow the proper patterns and noise abatement procedures should be fined and repeat offenders should be banned from the airport.

Weekends and nights are a particular problem. Perhaps a curfew could be in effect from 10:00 pm until 6:00 am.

Military jets should not use airport except in cases of dire emergencies. They are extremely loud. There have been two that we are aware of in the past 6 months.

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Comments: I have been an Arizona resident for 22 years, and a Scottsdale resident for 12 years. My feeling is that if people do not like the noise from the airport, then they should not have purchased a home nearby. They should have done their research...The airport has been there as long as I can remember. It also brings in so much income that area residents are not even aware of. I live East of Scottsdale Road on Deer Valley Rd. I don't even notice the airport noise...what I notice are the sounds coming from all of the vehicles that travel up and down Scottsdale Road. Do these moaners have nothing better to do than to complain?! I hope Scottsdale Airport is left alone....I've never met a single person that thought it was a problem...in fact, I know two people that keep planes there and use the airport frequently. Arghhh! Thank you for you time....Paige Livingston

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Comment Made On: 2004-03-29 18:39:46

Comments: I understand that there is a public meeting being held on March 31st at Grayhawk School in North Scottsdale regarding airport noise. I can not make this meeting, but would like my comments below to be heard and considered.

Since the implementation of the NW 2000 flight plan, the North East valley of Phoenix has become nothing short of a noise pollution disaster thanks to the growing number of very low flying aircraft coming to and from Scottsdale airport.

Two years ago, my family could sit in the back yard and not hear a peep. Now we have continuous 7 days a week aircraft noise, exhaust fumes and lose of privacy due to the new flight paths implemented. On top of the Corporate jets, we now have propeller aircraft, trainee pilots, stunt pilots and helicopters on a non stop basis.

My suggestions to bringing the NE Phx valley back to a resemblance of what it use to be is:

1. Have curfew times for the airport 8am-6pm. I don't see why literally thousands of people have to be woken up for a handful of people in a jet at 6am.
2. Stop class II jets from using the airport.
3. Put a quoter on the number of student pilots. At present the number is unlimited.

4. Make all aircraft using the airport have insurance to cover damage on people's property after a crash.

5. Change the airpaths back to what they were prior to the implementation of NW 2000.

6. Make the jets arriving hold higher elevations. At present our neighborhood is a 45 min. drive from the airport. Why are they flying an approach pattern at 1000-3000 ft agl?

7. Make the aircraft departing fly at higher departure altitude. Again, our neighborhood regularly sees aircraft leaving the area at 3000 ft agl. Very loud when you talk about a class II jet engine.

8. Get the FAA to make the NE valley a min. of 1000 ft flying altitude. This was promised by the Scottsdale city council over a year ago.

Many thanks

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Comments: We would like to bring to the attention of the study group our noise concerns. We live in Carefree, which was a quiet community, when we bought our property six years ago. After the Northwest 2000 plan was implemented we experienced a substantial increase of noise from airplanes flying out of Sky Harbor. In addition the incoming jets into Scottsdale Airport were rerouted over our area. We realized that the size of the jets and the frequency of those flights increased enormously. In addition we are constantly bombarded with noise from motor-planes flying and practicing directly over our area. As early as 4:30 in the morning motor-planes are coming from the south. The noise interrupts our sleep. As a result of all this noise pollution we suffer from sleep deprivation and high blood pressure.

Despite the fact that we do not live in Scottsdale, we require that all considerations of noise reduction should also include the neighboring areas and not stop at the Scottsdale town limits.

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Comments: I won't be able to attend the meeting on Wednesday and I must admit that even if I could, I am not sure that my comments would have any affect, it (along with hundreds of others) certainly hasn't to date. I live outside the Scottsdale noise impact area, but am affected by it on a daily basis. Although I periodically file complaints I am not sure why as it appears to have no effect on the "powers." The primary problems, which I have commented about before, involve (1) older jet airplanes, (2) planes flying too low (my elevation is approximately 2,200 feet above sea level) thus, when a jet is flying at 4,000 feet it is only 1,800 above me, (3) planes arriving and departing outside the times of 7:00am and 10:00pm, a "curfew" which other airports maintain (e.g., John Wayne) and (4) most importantly, the rerouting of planes by the FAA.

After reading your material (all of it) it appears that there is little the residents of Scottsdale can do to impact the airport operations. We are at the mercy of the FAA and the airport operator. This leads me to the only conclusion that we must elect representatives that will reexamine the airport operations from a fresh perspective, stop subsidizing the airport with abnormally low rents for tenants, stop sucking on the FAA dole, and recognize that the airport and city are two distinct economic engines. One, the airport, is a drain on revenues and the other, the city, is a vital contribution to Scottsdale.

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Comment Made On: 2004-03-31 10:45:08

Comments: I am a homeowner that resides northwest/west of the airport, near the TPC golfcourse. I have the following comments that I would hope be included in your study information:

1. Residents in this area are faced with constant low overflights of single engine aircraft departing Runway 3, and to a lesser extent the same aircraft landing on Runway 21, depending upon winds. As your noise study charts show, most aircraft that depart Runway 3 turn left upon departure of the airport. This, in general, is logical with the 101 Freeway providing a natural noise alley that these aircraft should utilize. However, many single engine aircraft are turning left even before leaving the airport boundary, or immediately thereafter, and as a result of "cutting the corner" fly directly over residential areas at a very low altitude. The touch and go operators are the worst offenders at this as it is often the exact same planes that pass over the area sometimes every several minutes for hours at a time. All areas within the Princess Resort grounds are impacted. This area is designated as a "noise sensitive area".

It is our desire that flight paths be instituted that require single engine pilots leaving Runway 3, or approaching Runway 21, to either follow a path that utilizes the 101 Freeway corridor (which is the current recommended noise abatement flight pattern), or for touch and go operators, to "cut the corner" tighter and pass over the Frank Lloyd Wright/Greenway Hayden intersection. Interestingly, during the FBR/Phoenix Open, pilots demonstrated that cutting the corner even tighter is easily accomplished as almost all single engine departures during the tournament managed to pass directly over the golf course.

2. Your Appendix C states that fewer residents are being impacted by noise now than in 1995 due to narrower decibel contours. While this may technically seem logical, I do not believe that it is realistically true. It would seem there are more residents/dwellings that live in the area now than in 1995. If so, while the decibel contour may be narrower, that does not mean that the current decibel levels in the old broader contours are now acceptable and these residents are not now impacted. However, I applaud and support the progress in narrowing the contours as this will definitely help mitigate, but not necessarily eliminate noise issues.

3. I do not advocate a position that areas around the airport should be noise free. That is not realistic. However, I do believe that steps should be taken to reduce noise where possible. The airport and city should aggressively pursue changes with the FAA, and not merely state they have no control over these issues. Where there is a will there is a way.

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Comment Made On: 2004-03-31 10:57:39

Comments: I live in Carefree, AZ, and I am writing to tell you of the severe negative impact that jet noise from Scottsdale Airport has had on the quality of my life.

I live 20 miles from Scottsdale Airport at an elevation of 3000'. Since the implementation of the FAA's Northwest 2000 plan, jets from Scottsdale Airport crisscross daily over my house. (It seems like a giant "X" must be painted on the roof.) Because of our high elevation, jets are as low over my house as if I lived one mile from the airport. The "scream" of descending jets is the most offensive.

Because of the noise and disruption to our normal, quiet lifestyle, I have suffered from severe depression and am considering selling my home. Nearby friends are selling their home and moving away because of the jet noise.

Here is an example: In February, we had guests in the evening. As it was winter, all doors and windows were closed. The television was on as well. All of a sudden there was this loud noise. Everyone stopped talking and looked up at the ceiling. After a few seconds, I said, "It's a jet." My company responded, "It sounds like it's on your roof!" And it quite literally almost is.

Once again, I live 20 miles away! How far must I go to escape the jet noise (arrivals and departures) from Scottsdale Airport? The noise has destroyed our dream of a serene and peaceful life.

Sincerely, Mary D. Gosule

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Comment Made On: 2004-04-01 20:25:49

Comments: what are you doing at Coffman to mitigate these problems. They are serious and "life threatening"?

How about an answer outside the corporate baloney?

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Comment Made On: 2004-04-02 08:56:37

Comments: I attended your Scottsdale Airport Noise Workshop on March 31. Below are my comments and suggestions:

As Scottsdale has grown, so has the population of larger, noisy aircraft operations. Aircraft have become larger with more powerful engines.

For sure, there has been an increasing number of larger corporate/private jet operations. These aircraft produce unacceptable levels of noise vs. the smaller single engine piston aircraft. To make matters worse, many of these larger planes appear not to be complying with the noise abatement procedures currently in place. Often, they fly over our home at low altitudes when taking off and landing. The level of noise is very disturbing and alarming.

Suggestions:

Mandate that all planes adhere to noise abatement procedures currently in place- with a financial penalty for non-compliance.

Climb steeply after take off at reduced power levels. When landing, reverse the process.

Limit hours of aircraft operations to 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Ban noisy Lear Jets - or any jet that produces unacceptable loud footprints. Military aircraft excepted.

Eliminate "touch and go" operations; use other remote airstrips for practice.

Prohibit commuter aircraft operations - no CRJ-type aircraft.

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Comments: I live in the Ironwood Village community that is located just off the Runway's NE centerline. Pima Rd at Downing-Olsen. The jets that fly over our community do create noise. But it doesn't seem to be a problem. It is rare that the noise disturbs any of my activities. However the same people who complain about aircraft noise in this community purchase very loud and disturbing motorized scooters and motorcycles for the children. These are the same people in our neighborhood that put up signs on our streets telling us to slow down in our cars, while their crazy children are allowed to drive these non licensed motorized scooters dangerously on our streets, sidewalks, and create continuous disturbing noise. But they complain about the aircraft that they don't fly in. Absolutely amazing!

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Comments: What defines harassment? If I called each of the city council members home phone number 3 to 4 times a week before 6AM and after 10PM, I would probably be reported to the police for phone harassment. Yet when I log complaints between these hours, I'm labeled a complainer who should just live with the fact that the population is growing and so is the airport.

Up until when the FAA rerouted Sky Harbor traffic 2 years ago, the amount of air traffic overhead was barely noticeable. Now, its almost unbearable. Even with our double paned windows closed at night, and a sound machine running to drown out aircraft noises, we continue to be awakened 3 or 4 times a week between the hours on 10PM and 6AM, every week. What more can we do to filter out the aircraft noises --sealing all of our vents so that noise has less chance of being heard? My wife and I understand that the airport is here to stay, but why can't a compromise be reached -- enforce a hard curfew from 10PM to 6AM.

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Comment Made On: 2004-04-08 10:32:04

Comments: I'm having a technical problem with the site. I'm not able to download or fully open Chapter 4, Noise Impacts. When I attempt to open the file in Adobe, it locks up at page 9. When I attempt to download the file, I get an error message saying that the site is unavailable. I was able to open Chapters 1-3, but 4 is not cooperating.

Thank you.

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Comment Made On: 2004-04-08 13:03:35
Comments:

Noise or Safety?

Our family has been in the N.Scottsdale area of FLW and Pima Rd's for six years now. Our concern stems from Scottsdale airport's increase in low flying and close-proximity planes over and around McDowell Mtn Ranch, DC Ranch, Grayhawk, etc. These planes' proximity to these primarily residential neighborhoods are a safety concern. For example, in the years that our family has been in our home we experienced no less than two plane crashes in very close proximity-one in Kierland, and the other into the McDowell Mtns.

My wife and I (and now our children) are Arizona born and raised we were well informed about Scottsdale airport flights. Incidentally, when we moved in the developer and builder were very honest with us that we were in the "Scottsdale airport" area.

However, I believe as a "lesser" airport to Phoenix's Sky Harbor International, Scottsdale's flight patterns have changed significantly in the past six years causing more frequent low altitude and close proximity flights to these neighborhoods.

We do appreciate the noise-abatement considerations; they go hand-in-hand with safety concerns. That said, we would like to see an alteration in the trajectory and altitude of the aircraft as they fly over these residential neighborhoods. Rather than the steeply turning a/descending rockets that are directly overhead everyday now, make a concerted effort for safer overflight. For example, if permissible the planes can fly west of the McDowell Mtn's, but skirt these communities and circle down the less populated areas of Bell Rd, Loop 101, and the Princess TPC golf courses. And, consider the CAP and the Sanctuary golf course as flight corridors. All of these suggestions are safer, can be easily identified from above, and will not be homes in the future.

This is simply not another case of residents coming to the nuisance and then trying to rid themselves of it. For instance, this is incomparable from noise and safety concerns abounding at military installations because Scottsdale is wrestling with shifting flight paths of existing traffic in an traditionally residential area.

I appreciate Scottsdale airport, and think it is a magnet for business in a primarily residential area. I even hope to fly through one day myself-maybe to get to my tee time. Thank you for your consideration, and for providing a forum for comment.

Sincerely,

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Comments: I have lived at my current address, 6211 E. Cortez Dr. since 1995. For the last few years we have seen and heard a huge increase of planes flying over our home at far less than 1 thousand feet high. These are the largest and loudest private jets flying at odd hours at times such as 2 or 4 o'clock in the morning. This is very annoying and we are not only concerned about the horrendous noise but also for the safety of the young, elementary school children next door, at Sequoia which is on the path of the planes as well as the power lines right next to the school. When I mentioned this to the representative at the Scottsdale Airport, they had no other response than to claim that the airport was there first. Last year, someone from your Kansas office came and installed a noise reading instrument in our yard in order to measure the intensity of the noise. However, miraculously, while the instrument was in my backyard, there were hardly any planes flying overhead. This h

as always been a residential community and the Scottsdale Airport was supposed to be a touch and go runway for recreational, small propeller planes. This is getting out of hand and affecting the life of tens of thousands of people living in this area. I would like the proper authorities to control the Scottsdale Airport flights and be able to route them around residential areas which I have been told is possible (precedent being, the Ironwood community in Scottsdale, which has not been affected as much as we have been). It is absolutely abnormal for the airport officials to claim that they cannot restrict hours of operation and have no control over the approach over our neighborhood and neither any way to monitor the approaches. The Scottsdale Airport claims that they do not have the proper radar to allow such monitoring. The FAA should not allow the airport to function if they do not have adequate services. In the meantime, I, a resident of Scottsdale, am suffering from th

e Scottsdale Airport's negligence to not accommodate their neighbors. I hope you will be of help and thank you for your cooperation.



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