Flightseeing Noise Study Identifies Noise Levels, Possible Mitigation Options

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, September 21, 2000
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.,Centennial Hall

The City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) is in the final stages of a flightseeing noise study that it commissioned early in the summer to gather scientific data on the level, location, and effects of flightseeing noise on the community. BridgeNet International, an acoustical engineering firm, conducted the baseline noise measurements during the month of August and will present a preliminary analysis of the results this Thursday at Centennial Hall.

Previously, the project team gathered input from citizens on the aspects of the noise impacts that are important to them such as time of day, number, duration, and location of flights, and type of activity interference. "The input has helped identify a range of metrics that will help us present the study data in a meaningful way for the people who are impacted by flightseeing noise," says BridgeNet's managing director, Paul Dunholter. He said that the project team will also use citizen input to identify potential mitigation measures and then they will explain how those measures could materially address the impacts of flightseeing noise.

The CBJ has realized a number of significant benefits from conducting the study. One of the main objectives for the study was to document what the noise levels are so that when the CBJ investigates mitigation options, it will be able to measure the potential improvements to the current situation. In addition to having a benchmark from which to measure and monitor changes, the CBJ will have validated a noise model that will allow the CBJ to predict noise levels, not only where the monitors were placed, but in other areas of the borough.

The public meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21st at Centennial Hall and will begin at 7 p.m. The meeting will include a presentation and a group discussion on the preliminary technical data. A draft report of the study results is scheduled to be released in October. Additional information on the Flightseeing Noise Study can be found on the Assembly Planning and Policy web site or can be obtained by calling the city offices.

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