

# Community Engagement

## FAA Role as Technical Advisor

Presented to: Hawaii Air Tour Noise &  
Safety Task Force

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# Technical Advisor

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Dear Mr. Fuchigami & Mr. Brooke:

This letter is in follow up to the October 28, 2019 Hawaii Air Tour Informational Meeting held in Honolulu, Hawaii and subsequent telcons amongst Hawaii Department of Transportation – Airports Division, Hawaii Helicopter Association, Helicopter Association International, the General Aviation Council of Hawaii, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

First, I would like to express my appreciation in your interest and energy in working to establish a task force to address community concerns regarding air tour operations within the State of Hawaii. Your respective leadership, expertise, and standing will serve you well as co-chairs in this endeavor. The FAA fully supports efforts to engage directly and transparently with various stakeholders, including elected officials, local community groups, and individual citizens. The FAA agrees that community concerns about aircraft overflights are most effectively handled in forums such as the proposed task force with broad community and industry representation. The FAA is committed to supporting this task force.

As we have discussed before, the FAA’s role would be to serve as a technical advisor to the task force, providing input and assistance on aviation safety, airspace, air traffic and other responsibilities under our Agency’s purview. The FAA looks forward to participating in the upcoming task force formation meeting in Maui on January 9, 2020 and will provide continued support, as necessary, on subsequent meetings and activities.



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# *Community Engagement in Action*

- **A collective/comprehensive effort is necessary to address aircraft noise effects**
- **Any effort will require support from:**
  - Airport Sponsors
  - Airlines, Industry, and Other System Users
  - Elected Officials
  - Community Members
  - Aircraft and Engine Manufacturers
  - FAA
- **An effective mechanism is an Airport/Community Noise Roundtable or Task Force**



# *Community Engagement in Action*

## **Engagement can take one or more of the following forms:**

- Updates at meetings with airports, airport sponsored roundtables and leading airlines at those sites
- Technical / safety presentations at Task Force meetings with local officials/staff and elected representatives
- Congressional Outreach Meetings with relevant local elected officials/staff
- FAA-sponsored Community (Public) Workshops through video or in person



# *Moving Forward*

## Meeting Support:

- **Requests/Questions: Request that those be submitted to the Regional Administrator at least 45 days prior to meeting.**
  - This allows the regional community engagement team time to gather information, respond to questions and coordinate schedules (if additional expertise is needed at a meeting).
  - Based on the request, the FAA will provide subject matter experts for appropriate technical input and/or community engagement support.
- **The FAA supports airports/roundtables/task forces consulting with a third-party vendor to develop feasible recommendations.**
  - This would allow airports/roundtables/task forces to define priorities, scope of work and project timelines.
  - It would deliver operationally and technically viable options for the FAA to consider – in a timely, focused manner.
  - The FAA is committed to working with outside consultants sponsored by airports/roundtables/task forces that use FAA regulations/criteria and the appropriate air traffic control input.

