

Dallas Love Field Good Neighbor Program Questions and Answers

July 13, 2021 Community Meeting

1. Do you know whether an explanation was given to the community as a whole as to why a communication (flyer) was not sent to impacted areas regarding the runway construction? What areas did Love Field communicate to? Was this based on zip codes? Do you know if the communication plan is being revisited to ensure that moving forward the gap is addressed? As we see it, the mitigation plan laid out in the FONSI letter was not executed.

RESPONSE: DAL is in full compliance with the FONSI. The mitigation plan stated:

4.2.1 Mitigation - The City of Dallas Department of Aviation (DOA) will mitigate temporary noise impacts through community outreach and meetings with the leaders of the surrounding communities and will provide updates on the project and construction impacts via the DAL website, the Good Neighbor Program, and other community meetings. Mailings/flyers will be sent to noise affected residents notifying them of the construction timeline and temporary closure of Runway 13R-31L.

Through the EA, we identified the area that would be temporarily affected by the increase in noise along the Lemmon Ave. runway. A notice was sent in February 2021 to residential, commercial and industrial addresses (approximately 1,300) as required by the FAA FONSI. The addresses were identified by properties that fall within the temporary 65 DNL contour which extends approximately 2 miles from either end of Runway 13L-31R. The Department of Aviation has also included public notices at various meetings (GNP and LFEAC) as well as issuing a press release.

2. Can you have someone speak to what the stormwater changes are that are being executed as part of this project?

In short, there are no changes to the discharge of stormwater from the airport, no additional outfalls or increases of potential stormwater discharge. The changes are primarily the replacement of existing pipelines. The stormwater improvements from the Runway Reconstruction will only capture the stormwater within the Airport Operations Area and connect to the existing stormwater system. Most of which will continue to drain to the Denton Drive side of the airport. The City of Dallas has a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan in place to address stormwater issues, which will be monitored by AVI and OEQS.

3. Do you know when the last time was that Love Field worked with DISD on an analysis of the noise impact on area schools? In talking to area parents, the consensus is that classes stop when planes are passing overhead. Are there FAA regulations regarding airports providing insulation mitigation for schools? The Runway Reconstruction May 2019 document, section 3-11 lists only 7 'noise sensitive' schools (• Thomas J. Rusk Middle School • Maple Lawn Elementary School • Obadiah Knight Elementary School • Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School • Uplift Triumph Preparatory School • Academy for Academic Excellence - Letot Campus (juvenile detention school) • Jose "Joe" May Elementary School), what was the criteria used to create the list as there are many other schools in the area.

There are no FAA regulations requiring airports to provide insulation mitigation for schools. However; the Department of Aviation, working with DISD, did provide soundproofing in 1994 and 1999 for schools that were identified to be located inside the early 90s 65DNL contour, that was current at the time.

4. Love Field Loop Trail - What is Love Field considering in order to create the final portion of the Loop Trail along Denton Drive?

The scope of work along Denton Drive is still in programming. With limited airport owned area, the scope may be limited to walk paths. However, this portion of work is the 3rd of 3 phases of work to create a walkable path around the airport. In addition, the City, in partnership with National Parks Service and other regional agencies and stakeholders is working on a vision for regional bicycle and pedestrian trails in the area.

5. What is in place currently to improve the noise abatement/mitigation in the surrounding neighborhoods on the east side of the airport; given the great increase at Dallas Love Field? Have they considered putting up Noise Barriers on the east side of the airport? Are we part of the FAA Part 150 Program; where AIP funds may be available to assist with our noise abatement/mitigation efforts? Would this not benefit our efforts?

There has not a "great increase" in either the number of flights nor the impacted population or land area within the 65Dnl sounds contours at Dallas Love Field. Ground base barriers are not designed to effectively mitigate airborne aircraft noise and thus are not a practical solution for noise mitigation at the airport. Dallas Love Field Airport is not a part of the Part 150 Program; therefore, we do

not have AIP funding available for noise abatement efforts, and it is important to note that the FAA would only allow expenditures for mitigation on property within the 65Dnl contour. None of the property on the east side of the airport is within the 65 Dnl contour. For additional information on noise concerns, please email AVINoise@dallascityhall.com

6. What noise abatement action can be put in place while the runway is being redone? Planes are taking off and landing at all times of the morning and night. Midnight. 2am. 5 am. People are trying to sleep. Too bad if the weather is bad. No takeoff and landings before 6am and after 11pm. Period. Ground the flight. Send the crew home. And put people up at the Aloft. We are not here to suffer for Love Field and SW airlines.

There is no curfew in place at Dallas Love Field. The Federal Aviation Administration holds the responsibility to approve any proposed mandatory curfew. The City of Dallas developed a voluntary Noise Control Program for Love Field as an alternative. Part of the Voluntary Noise Program includes a voluntary agreement with Southwest Airlines SWA that precludes scheduled passenger airline flights between 11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.

The City does not have any authority to, nor does it, restrict aircraft operations at Dallas Love Field. As part of the National Airspace System, DAL is obligated to accommodate any aircraft 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that has sole responsibility for managing our airspace and for ensuring the safe and efficient operation of aircraft throughout the DFW Metroplex Airspace System. The City of Dallas is responsible for operating and managing of airport facilities while ensuring that runways (taxiways and other facilities) are in appropriate conditions. With that said, the airspace over the Dallas area is very congested, with over a dozen airports near our city. The FAA utilizes an array of procedures throughout the Metroplex, to safely separate aircraft, both horizontally and vertically.

7. What plans does the Aviation Department have for the now-vacant former "Love Connection" property on Harry Hines?

Love Connection parking lot will return to its original use of airport-based parking.

8. Did the airport experience flooding in the rainy stretch in late May, early June? If so, what area(s)?

There is often flooding on the lower roadway during heavy rain events. The airport has infrastructure in place (flood doors) to prevent damage to the terminal building. Since the airport stormwater flows into an inadequate city storm sewer, these temporary flooding events will continue to occur until the system is improved by the City.

9. What to do about addressing the trash-ridden, parking lots?

We strive to maintain clean, safe parking lots at all of our parking facilities. While this question does not specify exactly which parking lot is in question, the trash in all garages are cleaned daily by our contractor.

10. What are we doing to address the rampant “heat-Island” affects going on in Dallas; especially in that area? Look around; this area is losing established trees at an alarming rate. What kind of programs are being instituted to save our heirloom, heritage, shade trees? And what is being done to replant new shade trees for our streets, parkways, and parking lots in this particular area of Dallas? There is no named “Tree-preservation zone” for THIS area of Dallas. That needs to be addressed by this committee towards the city of Dallas.

The Department of Aviation reached out to the Environmental Quality and Sustainability who provided a response:

On May 28, 2021, the City Council adopted an Urban Forest Master Plan that builds on previous efforts by the Texas Trees Foundation as part of the Dallas Heat Island Study (2017), and the State of the Urban Forest (2015). This Urban Forest Master Plan outlines a 10-year program to implement 14 different actions to : create a healthy, equitable, and resilient urban forest through proper planning and implementation of strategies that maximize tree benefits; protect and grow the Dallas tree canopy; achieve the target of increasing overall canopy to 37 percent tree cover by 2040 (a CECAP goal); and actively engage the community in their role in caring and growing Dallas’ urban forest, and making trees a priority. This UFMP and lots of other good information can be found at the link that Sana provided (this is a new website built to support UFMP Implementation).

We are currently working on developing an inventory of trees on public lands and developing a plan to address a threat to our forest posed by the Emerald Ash Borer insect. Additionally, the Texas Trees Foundation is conducting Geographic Information System (GIS) analyses of current tree coverage, impervious area, economic demographics to provide focused direction for our collective planting and tree protection efforts – to focus on areas like the community near Love Field

where there is a strong need for additional trees. These efforts are managed internally by a task force of departments that manage different portions of the public trees (I believe there are staff from AVI that attend these meetings)this fall, this task force is planned to be extended to include community stakeholders. I would strongly suggest that your respondent reach out to the Chief Arborist Phil Erwin at Philip.erwin@dallascityhall.com, or City Forester Karen Woodard at karen.woodard@dallascityhall.com to be able to participate in this effort moving forward.

11. Do you have any plans to address the noise especially at night? Sometimes it rattles my windows and I'm over 2 miles away. I don't generally notice it much during the day unless there's military jets landing/taking off.

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12. Could you provide an update on the Bachman Lake Skate Park that's being built next to the rec center?

Please refer to the Department of Park and Recreation Department, as this project is being managed by their staff. There is a meeting on the Skate Park on July 13. This meeting will be recorded, and the community will be able to view it and provide suggestions and feedback. The Department of Park and Recreation will also be participating in the Friends of Bachman Lake Neighbors in the Know scheduled for August 4.