

MONTGOMERY – GIBBS EXECUTIVE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN - PUBLIC MEETING

Comment Card

Date: 02/19/2018

Name: _____

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable): Resident of Tierrasanta

Email Address: _____

Would you like to receive project updates? Yes No

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As you know well, our neighborhood in Tierrasanta continues to be plagued with increasing and unacceptable aircraft noise from private airplanes coming and going from Montgomery-Gibbs Airport. The increased routing of flights directly over residential communities and regional parklands, coupled with the combined noise and pollution of these very low-flying planes is completely unacceptable -- not to mention the other environmental impacts, which apparently have not even been considered, except in the areas within and immediately adjacent to the field. Also of concern are the safety issues, as one of your planes recently crashed into a residential house in Clairemont. Your expansion project will only exacerbate these legitimate concerns as air traffic volume increases.

Your committee, which I understand has been funded with over \$500,000 from the FAA, is proposing a plan to enhance the Montgomery Gibbs airport with the goal of increased use by pilots of private planes and other aircraft, culminating in much more noise, pollution and safety issues in the future to the tax-paying residents of surrounding neighborhoods. Although your committee makes a pretense of soliciting public input, I have attended several of your meetings, and there is very little time, if any, allotted for public questions to be presented within the forum — or for responses to the legitimate concerns of surrounding area taxpayers and property owners. In fact, most of the meeting attendees are pilots of private aircraft who have a vested interest in the proposed plan with little regard for concerns of residents impacted by such a plan. This plan will only encourage more pilots to use the airport in the future creating more noise, pollution and environmental issues. Shouldn't we be looking for ways to make the airport better for residents, not pilots??

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Name: _____

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable): Claremont Town Council

Email Address: _____

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Receive them as a Air Master Plan Com. member

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~~One~~ Two major concerns that community members in the region of the airport have are noise and security. Regardless of which plan for the airport moves forward, residents would like to be reassured that noise and security surveillance is upgraded. Presently, the airport relies on verbal communications with the control tower to record the identification of aircraft taking off from the airport when the tower is not manned. There is no way to accurately identify aircraft that do not self identify or incorrectly identify (e.g. wrong frequency) their aircraft. Going forward increasing monitoring by means of photographic evidence or electronic automated identification be included in the overall Master plan process to allow for better identification and enforcement of noise violations and

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capturing identification of planes
utilizing the airport for security
reasons. ~~#~~ Community noise monitoring
upgrades to ensure accurate noise
impact on the surrounding communities.

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Concern – Lack of “Proper” Layman’s Level Transparency to the Public

I have been following the online updates, public meetings, and general notifications about the Montgomery-Gibbs Master Plan for nearly a year. The communications coming from the process are “open” to the public and portrayed to be transparent, but the real information is masked in deep, lengthy, complex reports and further clouded in airport jargon which is not easily obtained and processed, or understood by the general public.

Example language briefly buried deep in your reports: “The displaced threshold may be modified.”

What this really means to the public: We are proposing to move back the landing limit lines on the runway by 1,176’ so larger aircraft / jets can land from the east. Communities to the east of Montgomery (Del Cerro / Allied Gardens / San Carlos / Grantville / La Mesa / Tierrasanta) can expect more frequent, larger and louder aircraft / jets flying over their homes. The altitude of these larger aircraft / jets may also be lower to accommodate the longer runway that has been shifted to the east.

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Concern – Modifying the Displaced Threshold to Land Larger Jets from the East

Modifying the displaced threshold will be devastating to the residents around the Montgomery-Gibbs Airport (MGA). The greatest impact will be recognized in Del Cerro, Allied Gardens, San Carlos, Grantville, La Mesa, and Tierrasanta.

Modifying the displaced threshold (in layman's terms: moving the lines back on the existing runway to allow larger aircraft / jets to land from the east) will result in the following affects to the neighborhoods surrounding MGA.

General Affects from Modifying the Displaced Threshold:

- More frequent, larger aircraft flying at lower altitudes over communities.
- More noise.
- More pollution.
- More risk / increased odds to neighborhoods of crashing larger aircraft.
- Convenience / central city location to private / charter / corporate aircraft operators that want to land larger aircraft / jets at MGA at the costs of the surrounding communities. Alternative locations include Brown Field, Lindbergh, and McClellan-Palomar.
- More revenues and income to MGA, for the benefit of MGA.

Affects to Neighborhoods:

- Lower quality of life and diminished pride of home ownership due to noise, pollution, and crash risks.
- Lower property values and immediate impacts to home equity.
- No financial gain to the City's general fund since MGA contributes nothing.
- Insignificant local San Diego economic benefit to the surrounding communities in comparison to the detriments as a result of the changes.
- Negative change to the affected communities' fabric.
- No public money from the City for the benefits given to MGA and its customers.

A proper cost-benefit analysis would prove the minor benefits to MGA would be far outweighed by the financial / community-related losses to modify the displaced threshold to allow larger jets to land from the east. This analysis needs to cover not only financial metrics, but immediate and long term affects to the people and communities.