

**JUN 01 2015**

Mr. Ed Zuercher  
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Dear Mr. Zuercher:

We appreciate the City of Phoenix's commitment to meet with the FAA and airlines this past week to continue discussing potential solutions to noise concerns related to the new departure procedures we implemented last September. We believe the discussions were productive and identified a number of adjustments that could provide some relief to the community.

The FAA is supportive of all the short-term options that were discussed. These include:

- Restricting early turns for northbound departures except when required for safety reasons.
- Adjusting westbound departures to the north and south, which FAA outlined in its post-implementation report dated March 2015.
- Supporting the City's request to proceed with voluntary nighttime noise abatement procedures.
- Exploring the City's proposal for noise abatement overlays above historic districts or other areas.

In the longer term, the FAA commits to explore a procedural adjustment that would shift the north turn slightly to the west. The development process will determine the feasibility of this adjustment because the FAA believes a greater shift to the west could have safety implications without an extensive redesign.

Additionally, the FAA will commit to explore a possible adjustment for westbound departures to the south. Although this proposal would not extend the flight distance west to 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue, this would keep aircraft over the river bed area for a greater distance and allow them to gain additional altitude before making their turns to the south. These adjustments will require additional environmental review.

The FAA believes the short term adjustments can be completed within six months and the long term adjustments within a year. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the City of Phoenix and the airlines on these options.

Regards,

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Glen A. Martin  
Regional Administrator  
Western-Pacific Region