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Commission-City Agreement Renewed



The Chicago City Council has approved extending for another five years the intergovernmental agreement that established the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) in 1996. Each of the other 36 members of the ONCC are now renewing their own intergovernmental agreements with the Commission.

"I'm extremely pleased that the City of Chicago and Mayor Daley wish to continue this partnership with suburban communities and school districts as we continue to address the issue aircraft noise in the same cooperative and effective manner that has served the residents around O'Hare so well for the past nine years," said ONCC Chair and Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene J. Mulder.

"Our continued commitment to the ONCC recognizes the success of the Commission as it develops new approaches to the issue of aircraft noise in the Chicago area," said Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley. "By working together as one, we have

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School Sound Insulation Program to Receive \$12.5 Million

The O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program will have \$12.5 million this year to spend on reducing aircraft noise in schools near the airport. The funding announcement was made at the ONCC's June meeting by FAA Program Manager Thomas Salaman. Ten million dollars will come from the FAA through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and \$2.5 million in funding will come from the City of Chicago's disbursement of the Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) paid by each departing airline passenger.

Salaman told the ONCC, which oversees the O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program, that the money is expected to cover sound insulation construction work at four schools and design



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Commission Members

Municipalities

- Arlington Heights
- Bartlett
- Bellwood
- Chicago
- Des Plaines
- Elmwood Park
- Franklin Park
- Hoffman Estates
- Melrose Park
- Mount Prospect
- Niles
- Norridge
- Northlake
- Oak Park
- Palatine
- Park Ridge
- River Grove
- River Forest
- Rolling Meadows
- Rosemont
- Schaumburg
- Stone Park
- Cook County

School Districts

- 59 Elk Grove Village, Des Plaines, Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect
- 63 Des Plaines, Niles, Morton Grove, Glenview
- 80 Norridge
- 81 Schiller Park
- 84 Franklin Park
- 84.5 River Grove
- 85.5 River Grove
- 86 Harwood Heights
- 87 Berkeley, Northlake, Bellwood
- 89 Maywood, Melrose Park, Broadview
- 214 Elk Grove Village, Des Plaines, Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Prospect Heights, Wheeling, Buffalo Grove
- 234 Norridge, Harwood Heights
- 299 Chicago Public Schools
- 401 Elmwood Park

New Intergovernmental Agreement

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Aviation Commissioner
John A. Roberson

created the most aggressive noise remediation programs in the nation.”

The ONCC, which has a full-time executive director and an administrative coordinator, operates through three standing committees: Technical, Residential Sound Insulation and School Sound Insulation. The Technical Committee identifies and promotes technological advancements that are designed to reduce aircraft noise. The sound insulation committees oversee one of the most aggressive residential noise remediation programs in the nation and the world's largest school sound insulation program. The total spending on these programs since they began is approximately \$435 million.

“I am happy that our participation with the ONCC will continue through the coming years. We look forward to working the commission, being a good neighbor and a leader with home and school sound insulation programs and aircraft noise monitoring,” said Aviation Commissioner John A. Roberson.

FAA Responds to ONCC Comments on O'Hare Modernization Program

While the ONCC has neither endorsed nor opposed the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), it has been closely following developments as they relate to the ONCC's mission to reduce the impact of aircraft noise. As the OMP has progressed through the FAA's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, the Commission has offered testimony and written comments. In the final EIS released in July, the FAA responded to the most recent set of comments submitted by the ONCC in April 2005.

Most of the comments and responses concerned technical aircraft noise issues. However, the FAA did offer the following general response:



“The FAA greatly appreciates the careful review of the DEIS and comments provided by the ONCC. The FAA concurs with the ONCC's goal to ensure that decision-makers address quality of life issues for all residents around O'Hare International Airport. It was the intent of the EIS to fully address quality of life issues by identifying significant environmental impacts to local residents and, wherever possible, to devise approaches that avoid, minimize, or mitigate such impacts prior to the FAA's Record of Decision. We welcome the participation of the ONCC in furthering that goal.”

The entire set of FAA responses to the ONCC can be viewed or downloaded from the ONCC Web site at www.oharenoise.org.

\$12.5 Million for School Sound Insulation

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work at as many as five other schools that previously qualified for the 2005 program. The schools scheduled for construction work this year are Jane Adams Elementary in Melrose Park, Rhodes Elementary School in River Grove, Socrates – St. Sava Academy in Chicago and Stevenson Elementary School in Des Plaines.

The schools that will be funded for design work in preparation for sound insulation are East Leyden High School in Franklin Park, John Mills Elementary School in Elmwood Park, St. Andrews Lutheran in Park Ridge, and Stevenson Elementary School in Melrose Park. In addition, Salaman indicated that there might be enough funding to allow design work to proceed at St. Cyprian School in River Grove. The start of construction work at these schools would be based on additional funding being made available next year.

The O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program is the world's largest. It has sound insulated 96 schools to date at a total cost of \$234.2 million with funding from the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Passenger Facility Charges (PFC). There are currently 10 schools in the design/construction phase of the program, not including the schools named above.

2005 Meeting Schedule

All meetings are open to the public

O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission	Residential Sound Insulation Committee	School Sound Insulation Committee	Technical Committee
All meetings begin at 8:00 a.m.	All meetings begin at 9:30 a.m.	All meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.	All meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.
September 9, 2005 Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	September 21, 2005 Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	September No Meeting	September 27, 2005 Arlington Heights Village Hall 33 S. Arlington Hts. Rd.
October 7, 2005 Rosewood Banquets 9421 W. Higgins Road Rosemont	October 19, 2005 Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	October 12, 2005 School District 59 2123 S. Arlington Hts. Rd. Arlington Heights	October 25, 2005 Arlington Heights Village Hall 33 S. Arlington Hts. Rd.
November 4, 2005 Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	November 16, 2005 Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	November No Meeting	November 22, 2005 Arlington Heights Village Hall 33 S. Arlington Hts. Rd.
December 2, 2005 Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	December No Meeting	December No Meeting	December No Meeting

Meeting schedules are subject to change. Please check www.oharenoise.org for updates.



ONCC Chair Arlene Mulder speaks to 2001 Airport Noise and Air Quality Symposium conference.

ONCC Helps Plan International Aircraft Noise Conference

The ONCC played host on June 21st to the planning committee for the 2006 Airport Noise and Air Quality Symposium to be held next March in California. The symposium, now in its 21st year, brings together the leading experts on aircraft noise issues, aircraft manufacturing and noise regulations. The Technology Transfer Program of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Berkeley sponsors the symposium annually.

ONCC Chair, Arlington heights mayor Arlene Mulder has been a member of the symposium's planning committee for the past three years and has been a frequent speaker at past symposia. In addition, other members of the ONCC and representatives of O'Hare Airport also have spoken at the conference.

Some of the topics for sessions at the 2006 meeting include the effects of aviation noise on people, new strategies for air traffic control, new technology to reduce aircraft noise and a session entitled "Envisioning the Model Airport of Tomorrow."

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Noise Abatement Tower Order Now Permanent

The ONCC has been officially notified that the FAA will make permanent a noise abatement test program that was implemented at the ONCC's request in 2003.

The O'Hare Tower Order covers the use of a radar screen overlay to help air traffic controllers in giving wind corrected headings to pilots. Those headings help pilots adhere to the proscribed nighttime sound abatement routes even in strong crosswinds.

The ONCC had requested that the order be made permanent while testing continues on fully automated cockpit navigation systems that would keep departing aircraft over non-residential areas during the nighttime hours. Those systems are not yet ready for implementation.

