



AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION

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AGENDA ITEM 3

August 17, 2023

TO: Commissioners/Alternates
FROM: Lea U. Choum, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Administrative Status Report

The following attachments are for your review and information:

- JWA Statistics for May 2023 and June 2023. JWA Facts at a Glance (<https://www.ocair.com/about/news-info/statistics/>) provides overall JWA statics. To view monthly statistics as contained in this Agenda item, click on View Statistics Archives to navigate to the desired year and month.
- ALUC Determination for Newport Place Planned Community (PC-11) Amendment Related to Affordable Housing Percentage
- ALUC Determination for City of Santa Ana Related Bristol Specific Plan, DB No. 2022-31
- ALUC Referral Confirmation for City of Newport Noise Related Amendments
- ALUC Comments on City of Newport Beach NOP Program EIR for Housing Implementation Program

Respectfully submitted,

Lea U. Choum
Executive Officer

John Wayne Airport Posts May 2023 Statistics

July 17, 2023

(SANTA ANA, CA) – Airline passenger traffic at John Wayne Airport increased in May 2023 as compared to May 2022. In May 2023, the Airport served 1,041,342 passengers, an increase of 3.8% when compared with the May 2022 passenger traffic count of 1,003,582.

Commercial aircraft operations in May 2023 of 8,266 decreased 0.2% and commuter aircraft operations of 422 decreased 17.9% when comparing with May 2022 levels.

Total aircraft operations decreased in May 2023 as compared with the same month in 2022. In May 2023, there were 22,748 total aircraft operations (takeoffs and landings) a 9.5% decrease compared to 25,126 total aircraft operations in May 2022.

General aviation activity of 14,042 accounted for 61.7% of the total aircraft operations during May 2023 and decreased 13.9% compared with May 2022.

The top three airlines in May 2023 based on passenger count were Southwest Airlines (331,150), American Airlines (175,111) and United Airlines (160,495).

Monthly Airport Statistics - May 2023

	May 2023	May 2022	% Change	Year-To- Date 2023	Year-To- Date 2022	% Change
Total passengers	1,041,342	1,003,582	3.8%	4,751,107	4,226,977	12.4%
Enplaned passengers	515,570	497,682	3.6%	2,360,422	2,106,035	12.1%
Deplaned passengers	525,772	505,900	3.9%	2,390,685	2,120,942	12.7%
Total Aircraft Operations	22,748	25,126	-9.5%	105,077	124,026	-15.3%
General Aviation	14,042	16,307	-13.9%	64,161	83,446	-23.1%
Commercial	8,266	8,284	-0.2%	38,535	37,941	1.6%
Commuter ¹	422	514	-17.9%	2,257	2,398	-5.9%
Military	18	21	-14.3%	124	241	-48.5%
Air Cargo Tons ²	1,349	1,457	-7.5%	7,137	7,651	-6.7%
International Statistics ³				(included in totals above)		
	May 2023	May 2022	% Change	Year-To- Date 2023	Year-To- Date 2022	% Change
Total Passengers	32,700	27,593	18.5%	156,433	97,109	61.1%
Enplaned passengers	16,837	14,085	19.5%	78,518	48,262	62.7%
Deplaned passengers	15,863	13,508	17.4%	77,915	48,847	59.5%
Total Aircraft Operations	258	248	4.0%	1,231	1,089	13.0%

1. Aircraft used for regularly scheduled air service, configured with not more than seventy (70) seats, and operating at weights not more than ninety thousand (90,000) pounds.

2. All-Cargo Carriers: 1,265 tons
 Passenger Carriers (incidental belly cargo): 84 tons
 Current cargo tonnage figures in this report are for: April 2023

3. Includes all Canada and Mexico Commercial passengers and operations.

John Wayne Airport Posts June 2023 Statistics

July 24, 2023

(SANTA ANA, CA) – Airline passenger traffic at John Wayne Airport increased in June 2023 as compared to June 2022. In June 2023, the Airport served 1,059,277 passengers, an increase of 5.8% when compared with the June 2022 passenger traffic count of 1,001,249.

Commercial aircraft operations in June 2023 of 8,282 increased 2.4% and commuter aircraft operations of 414 decreased 9.4% when comparing with June 2022 levels.

Total aircraft operations decreased in June 2023 as compared with the same month in 2022. In June 2023, there were 22,899 total aircraft operations (takeoffs and landings) an 11.6% decrease compared to 25,893 total aircraft operations in June 2022.

General aviation activity of 14,191 accounted for 62% of the total aircraft operations during June 2023 and decreased 18.1% compared with June 2022.

The top three airlines in June 2023 based on passenger count were Southwest Airlines (326,481), American Airlines (179,224) and United Airlines (153,916).

Monthly Airport Statistics - June 2023 (*REVISED July 27, 2023*)

	June 2023	June 2022	% Change	Year-To- Date 2023	Year-To- Date 2022	% Change
Total passengers	1,059,614	1,001,249	5.8%	5,810,721	5,228,226	11.1%
Enplaned passengers	532,854	502,831	6.0%	2,893,276	2,608,866	10.9%
Deplaned passengers	526,760	498,418	5.7%	2,917,445	2,619,360	11.4%
Total Aircraft Operations	22,899	25,893	-11.6%	127,976	149,919	-14.6%
General Aviation	14,191	17,321	-18.1%	78,352	100,767	-22.2%
Commercial	8,282	8,091	2.4%	46,817	46,032	1.7%
Commuter ¹	414	457	-9.4%	2,671	2,855	-6.4%
Military	12	24	-50.0%	136	265	-48.7%
Air Cargo Tons ²	1,533	1,288	19.0%	8,670	8,939	-3.0%
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	June 2023	June 2022	% Change	Year-To- Date 2023	Year-To- Date 2022	% Change
Total Passengers	33,129	28,339	16.9%	189,562	125,448	51.1%
Enplaned passengers	17,171	14,616	17.5%	95,689	62,878	52.2%
Deplaned passengers	15,958	13,723	16.3%	93,873	62,570	50.0%
Total Aircraft Operations	256	258	-0.8%	1,487	1,347	10.4%

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July 31, 2023

Rosalinh Ung, Principal Planner
City of Newport Beach
100 Civic Center Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Subject: ALUC Determination for Newport Place Planned Community (PC-11) Amendment
Related to Affordable Housing Percentage

Dear Ms. Ung:

During the public meeting held on July 20, 2023, the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for Orange County considered the subject item. The matter was duly discussed, and with a unanimous vote of 5-0, the Commission found the proposed Newport Place Planned Community (PC-11) Amendment Related to Affordable Housing Percentage to be Consistent with the *Airport Environs Land Use Plan for John Wayne Airport (AELUP for JWA)* provided that none of the housing within the Residential Overlay will be located within the 65 dB CNEL noise contour for JWA, as currently required in the Newport Place PC, and that any future changes to the Newport Place PC-11 be brought back to ALUC for review.

Please contact me at lchoum@ocair.com or at (949) 252-5170 if you require additional information or have questions regarding this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lea U. Choum".

Lea U. Choum
Executive Officer

cc: ALUC



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July 31, 2023

Ali Pezeshkpour, AICP
Planning Manager, City of Santa Ana
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Santa Ana, CA 92702

Subject: City of Santa Ana Related Bristol Specific Plan, DP No. 2022-31

Dear Mr. Pezeshkpour:

During the public meeting held on July 20, 2023, the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for Orange County considered the subject project. The matter was duly discussed, and with a unanimous vote of 5-0, the Commission found the proposed Related Bristol Specific Plan inconsistent with the *AELUP for JWA* per Section 3.2.1 which states, "within the boundaries of the AELUP, any land use may be found to be inconsistent with the AELUP which ... permits structures of excessive height in areas which would affect adversely the continued operation of the airport; or permits activities or facilities that would affect adversely aeronautical operations."

The proposed Related Bristol Specific Plan would allow buildings up to 25 stories and/or 285 feet which would penetrate the FAR Part 77 Horizontal Obstruction Imaginary Surface for JWA.

Please contact Julie Fitch at (949) 252-5284 or at jfitch@ocair.com if you require additional information or have questions regarding this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Lea U. Choum
Executive Officer

cc: ALUC



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August 4, 2023

Rosalinh Ung, Principal Planner
City of Newport Beach
100 Civic Center Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Subject: ALUC Referral Confirmation

Dear Ms.Ung:

This is to confirm that Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) staff has received the July 27, 2023, City of Newport Beach referral request for a consistency review of the **Housing Element Implementation – Noise Related Amendments**.

Your July 27, 2023 request for a review and consistency determination by the Commission is hereby accepted and deemed complete. It will be agendaized for the next Commission meeting of August 17, 2023, unless otherwise noticed. Your attendance at the meeting would be appreciated in case there are questions regarding this item. The meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. at:

JWA/Airport Commission Room
3160 Airway Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

A copy of the meeting agenda and staff report regarding your item will be provided to you prior to the Commission meeting. Please contact Julie Fitch at (949) 252-5170 or at jfitch@ocair.com if you be providing any additional information at the meeting or if you have any questions regarding the Commission's review of this project.

Sincerely,

Lea U. Choum
Executive Officer



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August 9, 2023

Ben Zdeba, AICP, Principal Planner
Community Development Department
City of Newport Beach
100 Civic Center Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Subject: City of Newport Beach NOP Program EIR for Housing Implementation Program

Dear Mr. Zdeba:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the NOP of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the proposed Housing Implementation Program in the context of the Airport Land Use Commission's (ALUC's) *Airport Environs Land Use Plan for John Wayne Airport (AELUP for JWA)*.

Please accept our September 9, 2021 comment letter that we provided regarding the NOP for the Program EIR for the Housing and Circulation Elements as the ALUC comments on the subject NOP.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lea U. Choum
Executive Officer

Attachment: September 9, 2021 ALUC Letter Regarding NOP PEIR for Housing and Circulation Elements



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September 9, 2021

Ben Zdeba, Senior Planner
Community Development Department
City of Newport Beach
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Subject: City of Newport Beach NOP of PEIR for Housing and Circulation Elements

Dear Mr. Zdeba:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft Housing Element Update and the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the proposed Housing and Circulation Element updates in the context of the Airport Land Use Commission's *Airport Environs Land Use Plan for John Wayne Airport (AELUP for JWA)*.

The Draft Housing Element includes a site inventory assessment, which identifies sites that can achieve the City's assigned 2021 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for the 2021-2029 planning period. The Draft Element identifies six focus areas for residential development:

- Airport Area
- West Newport Mesa
- Dover/Westcliff
- Newport Center
- Banning Ranch
- Coyote Canyon

Of these, the following proposed focus areas fall within the Airport Planning Area/Notification for JWA: Airport Area, Dover/Westcliff, and Newport Center.

The Draft Housing Element raises potentially significant land use compatibility impact concerns related to the Airport Area. In light of this area's close proximity to John Wayne Airport (JWA), and its location which is directly under a general aviation, low-altitude, primary flight corridor, the PEIR should specifically address

the impacts of development of new residential sites in terms of compatibility with the *AELUP for JWA*.

With respect to noise impacts, the Draft Housing Element is proposing to locate numerous residential sites within the 65 dB and 60 dB CNEL contours for JWA. As noted in your submittal to the ALUC, 23 sites are proposed within the 60 dB to 65 dB CNEL contour and 28 sites fall within the 65 dB to 70 dB CNEL contour. The California Airport Noise Regulations (promulgated in accordance with the State Aeronautics Act and set forth in Section 5000 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations, Title 21, Division 2.5, Chapter 6) establish the 65 dB CNEL as a noise impact boundary within which there shall be no incompatible land uses. The PEIR should address impacts related to incompatible development within these contours and address the California Airport Noise Regulations and ALUC policies contained in the *AELUP for JWA*.

As for homes located within the 60 dB CNEL contour, it is strongly recommended that residential units be limited or excluded from this area unless the sound attenuation provided is sufficient to comply with noise levels identified in the 1985 JWA Master Plan and subsequent Settlement Agreement Amendments.

The PEIR also needs to address the noise impacts of airport operations on the proposed sensitive land uses because the impacts would not occur if not for the project. Even with noise attenuation to meet interior noise standards, there would be a land use impact because exterior noise levels for residential uses may not be achieved.

The City's submittal to the ALUC states there are no proposed policies or mitigation measures in the Housing Element to address potential land use incompatibility and noise. Instead, the City relies on its General Plan Noise Element to provide goals and policies in relation to airport noise. As noted in the City's General Plan, locating residential within the 65 dB CNEL noise contour is contrary to the City's current General Plan Land Use and Noise Elements, which contain the following policies:

LU 6.15.3 Airport Compatibility:

Require that all development be constructed in conformance with the height restrictions set forth by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 77, Caltrans Division of Aeronautics, and that residential development be located outside of the 65 dB CNEL noise contour specified by the 1985 JWA Master Plan. (Imp 2.1, 3.1, 4.1, 14.3)

Policy N3.2 Residential Development:

Require that residential development in the Airport Area be located outside of the 65 dB CNEL noise contour no larger than shown in the 1985 JWA Master Plan and require residential developers to notify prospective purchasers or tenant of aircraft overflight and noise.

The City identifies there will be a need to amend the Land Use Element to reflect the sites identified in the Housing Element that are not presently designated for housing development to allow this type of land use. Additionally, Policy N 3.2 is identified as a policy needing to be amended to allow residential uses in the 65 to 70 dB CNEL contour. Until that action is taken and the appropriate mitigation measures to address such a policy change are adopted, the Housing Element would need to be identified as inconsistent with the Land Use and Noise Elements of the General Plan.

In addition to noise impacts, it is important that the PEIR address the proposed focus areas that are within the Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 77 Obstruction Imaginary Surfaces for JWA and those portions located on the AELUP Notification Area for JWA. The environmental document should address these height restrictions relative to both the notification and imaginary surfaces. ALUC staff recommends that policies be established ensuring that the maximum allowable building heights for projects located within the JWA Planning Area do not penetrate the FAA Part 77 Obstruction surfaces for JWA.

There are proposed housing opportunity sites in the Airport Area that are located within the approach and transitional obstruction imaginary surfaces for JWA. Housing sites proposed within the Santa Ana Heights Specific Area Plan (SAHSAP) will be situated under the primary approach surface for JWA. The PEIR should emphasize that future residents would be exposed to significant aircraft overflight and single event noise due to the project's location under this surface. In addition, there are new housing sites proposed along Campus Drive directly east of the airport that are located within the transitional surfaces for JWA. This area would also be subject to low-altitude general aviation overflight.

The PEIR should also discuss safety concerns related to proposing housing sites within the Safety Zones for JWA. The Draft Housing Element identifies housing sites within Safety Zone 6: Traffic Pattern Zone and Safety Zone 4: Outer Approach/Departure Zone. There are new housing sites proposed within SAHSAP that fall within Safety Zone 4. According to the California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook, noise and overflight should be considered in Safety Zone 6 and residential uses should be limited to low density in Safety Zone 4. In this zone, aircraft are flying at approximately 1,000 feet above the property and there is a moderate risk level for near-runway accidents. Approaching aircraft are usually at less than traffic pattern altitude in Safety Zone 4.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this NOP and we look forward to reviewing the PEIR. Please contact Julie Fitch at (949) 252-5284 or via email at jfitch@ocair.com should you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Lea U. Choum
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