

Attend the Rally Sat@11am

The Santa Monica Airport Consent Decree is Horrible



Consent Decree Revealed - Not Yet Final

Late yesterday afternoon, over 48 hours after the announcement, and less than one day before city attorneys march into court, the city published the Santa Monica Airport Consent Decree for the public. It is sixty-three pages long. It still needs to be inked with the courts. Here are a few key early points several neighbors have drawn attention to (and we thank them):

1. It does not guarantee closure in 12 years and does allow for future agreements to extend operation of the airport past 2028. (A lot can happen in 12 years!)
2. It does not eliminate turboprops, charters, scheduled flights, or all jets.
3. It does not eliminate future lawsuits with stakeholders.
4. It does allow for aviation leases at under market rates for Santa Monica. (Gift of Public Funds)
5. There is no date specified for when the runway will be reduced to 3500'. (With safety zones added to the 3500' runway, most of the present runway will be utilized.)
6. Exhibit B is a disaster for the residents and schools near the airport - see excerpt below.

The appurtenant rights and benefits include the uses, rights and restrictions described as follows:

'Avigation Easement clause' (at pg.15 of full Consent Decree package)

The unobstructed use and passage of all types of aircraft in and through the airspace at any height or altitude above the surface of the land.

The right of said aircraft to cause noise, vibrations, fumes, deposits of dust, fuel particles (incidental to the normal operation of aircraft), fear, interference with sleep or communication, and any other effects associated with the normal operation of aircraft taking off, landing or operating in the vicinity of Santa Monica Municipal Airport (SMO).

The City of Santa Monica is doing an excellent PR job to promote this horrible agreement that passed in secret with a 4-3 vote on a Saturday morning. Don't be fooled. Many questions remain. Stay tuned.

Most importantly, attend the Rally this Saturday @ 11am and bring your family, neighbors, friends and kids.

Rally info here: <http://bit.ly/2jCrcUi>

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Thank You.

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