

MAY 2018 MAYOR MUSINGS

Concerned residents have asked for an update on the FAA's implementation of NextGen, especially in light of the delay in the public meeting with Representative DeGette, which was scheduled for March 23, 2018.



and Cory Gardner's office to explain our community's concerns regarding the FAA and NextGen. I also expressed our frustration that many years ago DIA was located far east of any populated areas expressly for the purpose of reducing noise impact on residential communities. Currently it appears that this well thought

out plan was being disregarded by the FAA in favor of routes that saved fuel for commercial airlines by flying directly over areas of the metropolitan community that had never experienced significant air traffic noise in the past. To add insult to injury the argument put forth by the FAA was that there would be a net decrease in noise, without clarifying that the beneficiaries of this "net decrease" would be the agricultural fields, solar farms and cattle located to the east of DIA.

4. Diana DeGette's office was to give our community an update on the FAA and NextGen at our March meeting, which she had to cancel in order to attend a funeral. It is now rescheduled to June 15, 2018 and I urge you to attend.

5. Cory Gardner wrote a letter, dated February 16, 2018, to the Acting Administrator of the FAA asking that the FAA "immediately host a public meeting to meet directly with local communities to receive public input regarding the implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) for the Denver Metroplex." A copy of this letter can be found on the Village website. I am sure that you are not surprised to hear that no public meeting has been scheduled.

6. On April 2, 2018 I received an email from Council member Katy Brown who

serves on the Centennial Airport Noise Roundtable. She informed me that she had received an email from Robert Olislagers, the Executive Director of Centennial Airport, that in Denver the FAA is shifting from the NextGen process to scalable "PBN projects implemented through a single site process." The FAA's stated position was that it is "taking a pause" and will have more information to share in June of 2018.

7. The US Department of Transportation has a national transportation noise map available for public view. This map shows that Cherry Hills Village and much of Denver, Englewood, Lakewood and Golden currently experience very little aviation or highway noise. This map can be found at: <https://maps.bts.dot.gov/arcgis/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a303ff5924c9474790464cc0e9d5c9fb>.

Where are we in this process, now that the FAA is going to create scalable PBN projects? *Heck if I know, this is like whack-a-mole.* As soon as I think I have a handle on how to properly make known our objections, the game changes. I think the FAA is trying to accomplish through the PBN process what it feared it could not accomplish with the existing NextGen process. First because of the Court decision in Phoenix, and second because we did a good job of making the FAA know that we, as a community, were not going to let this slide.

By the time you read this, I may have a better understanding of the impact of scalable PBN projects.

STAY TUNED.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Christman, Mayor

NOTICE!

Congresswoman Diana DeGette COMMUNITY MEETING RESCHEDULED DATE

The rescheduled Community Meeting with Congresswoman Diana DeGette will be held on **FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018 FROM 9:30 TO 10:30 A.M.** in the Community Room of the Joint Public Safety Facility (located at 2460 East Quincy Avenue). The original meeting in March was cancelled so the

Congresswoman could attend funeral services for her longtime colleague Representative Louise Slaughter. All Cherry Hills Village residents are invited to attend the Community Meeting where some of the topics that will be discussed will be the Denver MetroPlex airspace redesign, updates on transportation and infrastructure and legislative updates that impact Colorado and/or the Denver Metro area.

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