

O'Hare Monitor



Quieter Aircraft About to Take Off

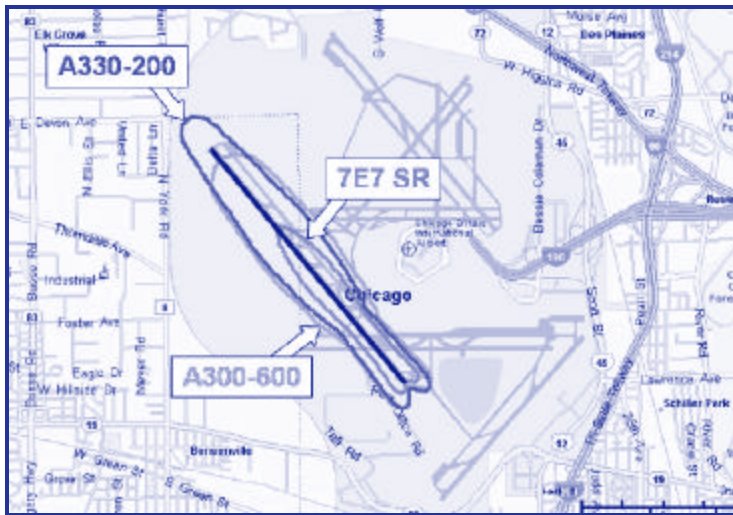
Boeing Aircraft is promising quieter skies if they could be filled with the company's new 7E7 aircraft. Taso Chrisafis, Regional Director of Product Marketing for Boeing Commercial Airplanes, recently told members of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission's Technical Committee that the new 289-passenger 7E7 will be an environmentally advanced aircraft.



Boeing 7E7

Chrisafis said the 7E7 will have a drastically reduced noise footprint compared to other popular aircraft. Boeing claims that the highest noise levels from a fully loaded 7E7 on take-off will be confined to an area that is 60% smaller than two

of current aircraft models from Airbus. In fact, Boeing predicts that the highest noise levels for the 7E7 will be contained entirely within the boundaries of O'Hare.



Production of the 7E7, which Boeing has dubbed "Dreamliner," is scheduled to begin in 2006. The first flights are slated for the following year. Airbus is also scheduled to roll out the new 555-passenger A380 in 2006. The European-based company claims that it, too, is an much quieter aircraft than current models.

The Boeing presentation in June was part of an ongoing series of briefings for the ONCC Technical Committee.

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
- 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

15 Schools Selected for Noise Monitoring

The O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program continues for 2004 with the approval of 15 schools for aircraft noise monitoring — six more schools than were tested last year. At its April meeting, the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission's School Sound Insulation Committee unanimously approved the schools that will be invited to participate in the program.

"I want to thank Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and Aviation Commissioner John Roberson for their continued commitment to the O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program," said School Sound Insulation Committee Chair Dr. Raymond Kuper, School District 86 Superintendent. "It's gratifying to know that they share with all of us involved in education a dedication toward creating productive learning environments in our classrooms."

Each of the schools, which were selected based on several established criteria including proximity to the airport, are tested during a four-day period when maximum aircraft activity is expected. Three noise monitors are used for each school. One monitor measures exterior noise levels, one measures noise levels with classroom windows closed and the third monitors noise levels with classroom windows open. The testing has begun and could continue through October.

While noise monitoring is an important step in the O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program's process, it is not a guarantee of selection or funding for insulation work.

The O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program, which is overseen by the ONCC, is the world's largest. Through January 2004, the program included 106 schools either completed or in some phase of sound insulation. More than \$248.3 million have been spent to effectively sound insulate schools around O'Hare.

2004 O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program Schools Selected for Aircraft Noise Monitoring

- East Leyden High School, Franklin Park
- George B. Carpenter Elementary School, Park Ridge
- George Washington Elementary, Park Ridge
- Brentwood Baptist Christian Academy, Des Plaines
- St. Andrews Lutheran, Park Ridge
- Zion Evangelical Lutheran Elementary, Bensenville
- Brentwood Elementary School, Des Plaines
- Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, Park Ridge
- Jane Addams School, Melrose Park
- John Mills School, Elmwood Park
- Elk Grove High School, Elk Grove Village
- Ridgewood High School, Norridge
- Stevenson School, Melrose Park
- Stevenson Elementary School, Des Plaines
- St. Cyprian School, River Grove



Park Ridge Becomes Newest ONCC Member

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission at its May meeting voted unanimously to make the City of Park Ridge its 36th member. The vote followed a series of presentations that explained to Park Ridge officials the Commission's mission and its many accomplishments. The Park Ridge City Council voted unanimously on April 5 to join the Commission.

Alderman Dawn Disher represented Park Ridge at the May ONCC meeting saying that she was pleased that her community was joining the Commission. "When we saw the hard work that the ONCC does on behalf of residents, we knew we wanted to join."

"We're glad to see you at the table," ONCC Chairperson, Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene Mulder responded.

The Park Ridge delegates to the ONCC are Mayor Michael MaRous, Alderman Jeff Cox and Alderman Disher.

Tower Order Extended

The FAA has extended the O'Hare Control Tower Order concerning the use of overlay maps on radar screens to assist air traffic controllers in keeping departing aircraft on nighttime noise abatement flight tracks and away from residential areas. The overlays allow the controllers to give pilots course corrections to account for wind drift during departures. Strong winds can push an aircraft away from a desired flight track even though the pilot maintains an assigned heading. At night, a pilot might not realize when the aircraft is flying over residential areas.

The tower order, which give the controllers the authority to use the overlays and issue headings to compensate for the wind, had been in effect for the past year as a test program. That test will now be extended for another year to gather additional data. A decision on making the order permanent will come at a later date once there is sufficient information about the procedure's effectiveness.

Congresswoman Schakowsky Pledges Advocacy on Aircraft Noise Issues

Among those witnessing Park Ridge becoming the newest ONCC member in May was U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL). Her 9th Congressional District includes Park Ridge. She also represents Chicago, Rosemont, Norridge, Niles and Des Plaines, which are all ONCC members.

Schakowsky was the featured speaker at the May meeting. She commented on the work of the Commission calling it effective. "Through your noise monitoring, residential and school soundproofing programs, community outreach, and technical initiatives, you have reduced the impact of aircraft noise for thousands of people," she said.

Schakowsky promised to be a partner with the ONCC on aircraft noise issues on the federal level.

"When I was elected to Congress in 1998, I pledged to advocate for my constituents by supporting funding for soundproofing and quieter aircraft technology, and I am here today as your partner in decreasing aircraft noise and its impact," Schakowsky said. "You can look to me and my staff for assistance on issues that are important to the ONCC."

While noting that federal money for aircraft noise related projects is not currently threatened, Schakowsky pledged her support to continue full funding of the ONCC's sound insulation programs and NASA's Quiet Aircraft Technology Program.



U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (center) is welcomed to the ONCC's May meeting by Chicago Aviation Commissioner John Roberson and ONCC Chairperson, Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene Mulder

2004 Meeting Schedule

All meetings are open to the public

O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission	Residential Sound Insulation Committee	School Sound Insulation Committee	Technical Committee
August No Meeting	August 18, 2004 Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	August No Meeting	August 24, 2004 Arlington Heights Village Hall 33 S. Arlington Hts. Rd.
September 10, 2004 Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	September 15, 2004 Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	September No Meeting	September 28, 2004 Arlington Heights Village Hall 33 S. Arlington Hts. Rd.
October 1, 2004 Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	October 20, 2004 Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	*October No Meeting	October 26, 2004 Arlington Heights Village Hall 33 S. Arlington Hts. Rd.
November 5, 2004 Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	November 17, 2004 Norridge Village Hall 4000 N. Olcott	*November 10, 2004 School District 59 2123 S. Arlington Hts. Rd. Arlington Heights	November 23, 2004 Arlington Heights Village Hall 33 S. Arlington Hts. Rd.
December 3, 2004 Donald E. Stephens Convention Center 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont	December No Meeting	December No Meeting	December No Meeting

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Update on the O'Hare EIS Process

The Federal Aviation Administration's Airports Environmental Manager in Chicago, Michael MacMullen, recently briefed the members of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP). MacMullen previously updated the Commission members in February 2003.

While the Commission remains neutral on the OMP, it is vitally interested in all developments that might affect aircraft noise around O'Hare.

MacMullen, at the ONCC June meeting, assured the Commission members that the environmental review is extremely thorough and detailed.

He added that the EIS would evaluate potential aircraft noise impacts and provide substantial detail on how the noise could be mitigated.

MacMullen also explained that the draft EIS should be available to the public in February 2005, with public hearings to follow in March. The EIS process is currently in the detailed environmental analysis stage. The final EIS is scheduled for issue in July 2005 and the FAA's Record of Decision is due in September 2005, he said. More information about the OMP EIS process can be found on the Internet at www.ompeis.net and www.agl.faa.gov/OMP.

