

From: Callie Wiser <callie.wiser@gmail.com>
Date: September 8, 2015 at 6:55:08 AM EDT
To: Mary Jo Rossetti <aldermanrossetti@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Logan

Thanks Mary Jo,

I would love to see the city have a chance to see the sound measurements. It is so frustrating to feel like all of a sudden we have a serious noise pollution problem. You can't sleep with your windows open and not expect to be woken by planes!

The other day I was so annoyed by how they can fly over seemingly anytime day or night and often begin in earnest at 5:30 am on a Sunday. The City has pretty strict rules for noise, such as limiting construction times, but the planes affect so many more people each time they fly over.

I've heard that they send planes over in certain weather conditions. I'd be interested in having SomerStat look into the actual use and see if it has anything to do with weather. Because if it is weather based, then Sunday mornings seem to always be the weather they need!

Callie

From: Leiran Biton <leiranbiton@gmail.com>
Date: October 3, 2015 at 1:50:01 PM EDT
To: Mary Jo Rossetti <aldermanrossetti@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Logan Air Traffic Update

Anna is traveling, otherwise I'd be there. This issue has been bothering us more and more in recent years. This summer was terrible. Planes actually woke us all up before 6am some days.

From: michael.panis@teradyne.com

Date: October 5, 2015 at 9:28:32 AM EDT

To: Mary Jo Rossetti <aldermanrossetti@gmail.com>

Cc: Kathleen Finn <KFINN@partners.org>

Subject: Re: Logan Air Traffic Update

Hi Mary Jo,

Thank you for pressing on this.

I read the Policy Order adopted by Cambridge and agree it makes sense for Somerville to pursue something similar, especially if the two cities can work together so that we end up with one set of data.

I will not be able to attend tomorrow evening's meeting. If sending an e-mail recognizing the importance of this would help, please let me know and I would be happy to do so.

---Michael Panis
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From: Mike Wiser <mwiser@gmail.com>
Date: October 6, 2015 at 4:17:12 PM EDT
To: Mary Jo Rossetti <aldermanrossetti@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Airport Hearing

Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight on the issue of airport noise in Somerville.

Like many others in Somerville, I appreciate the convenience of having an international airport only minutes away. I also understand that the same proximity will also mean that we will occasionally live under airplane traffic. However, I think it is important for the city to investigate whether the traffic and noise we are currently subjected to are truly necessary.

I live on Whitman Street near Davis Square along with my wife and two kids. Over the past few years, we have noticed what seems to be an increase in low flying airplanes over our home. The noise is not daily, but when they are flying over our house the noise is constant: every few minutes.

My wife, Callie, has been awoken by the noise of low flying airplanes at night and early in the morning. Some of the planes over our house are flying as early as 5AM on the weekend, at a time when the city would not allow similar noise from a construction site. My son once asked, if the airplanes were going to land on our house. To deal with the noise, we've taken to keeping our windows closed year round, even in the spring and fall.

Despite numerous complaints to Logan, we feel like we have not gotten an adequate response to our concerns. The typical response is that due to wind conditions the aircraft were flying off of runway "33L." However, when I examine a map of Logan or their flight monitoring system, I have noticed that Runway 33L does not lead planes directly to Somerville and Davis Square. Instead, planes take off over Everett and then *turn* towards Somerville.

For me this raises a number of other questions—questions that I hope a city investigation could help to answer:

- First, does Logan consider population density in how flights are routed? I believe that Logan should take into account how many residents will be affected by a specific flight path when they determine flight routes.
 - o Somerville is one of the most densely populated cities in New England and yet when you watch flight paths on the Logan website, it appears that planes choose to turn relatively early and to gain altitude over Somerville. Could they instead gain altitude over a less populated area before heading south? Ideally they would choose a route that would keep them outside of 128 to the extent possible
- Second, why does Logan not vary the path of planes after takeoff? An occasional low flying airplane would be much preferable to the current situation where it will be one airplane after another, every two or three minutes, for hours. Could airplanes vary their initial flight paths more after takeoff?
- Third, could Logan require planes using 33L to gain altitude more quickly?

I understand that some accommodations might require more work on the part of airport officials, make flights a few minutes longer or require slightly more fuel. However, I hope that the proposed investigation will lead to a dialogue about those tradeoffs with the airport. I believe that we can find a solution that recognizes the importance of Logan Airport to this community and also preserves the peace and quiet that is so important to our city.

From: pmarques17@aol.com
Date: October 3, 2015 at 2:35:01 PM EDT
To: aldermanrossetti@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Logan Air Traffic Update

I will do my best to be there. This is very important to me. Thank you for your work!

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

From: Sharon Komarow <skomarow@gmail.com>
Date: October 5, 2015 at 8:41:15 PM EDT
To: aldermanrossetti@gmail.com
Subject: Runway 33L hearing

Dear Alderman Rossetti,

I am so pleased to hear that the increase in aircraft noise from runway 33L will be addressed by the Public Health and Public Safety Committee. I am not able to attend the hearing tomorrow night, but I definitely want to offer my support for any measures that the City is considering to lobby for a more fair distribution of airplane noise.

My husband and I have lived in our house since 2008, and the noise increased significantly starting in the summer of 2013. We understand that some airplane noise is to be expected given our proximity to the airport, but the change from a tolerable amount of noise to a significant increase in frequency of aircraft and much louder noise from low flying planes has been very frustrating and disruptive to our family.

We really appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Sharon Komarow and Brandon Stafford
57 Chandler St.