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James Keene  
City Manger  
City of Palo Alto  
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Palo Alto, CA 94301

Dear Mr. Keene:

Thank you for your letter dated March 30, 2016, regarding your concern about the modifications to flight paths over the City of Palo Alto related to San Carlos Airport (SQL).

In response to your concern about a recent Study Session of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors (BOS) held on March 8, 2016, representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) did not participate in the meeting and we are unaware of the discussions that took place.

It is our understanding that San Mateo County has been meeting independently with Surf Air to discuss possible mitigations to the noise impacts at SQL. Local airport operators are primarily responsible for the planning and implementation of actions designed to reduce the effect of airport noise on the residents in the surrounding area. SQL is owned and operated by the San Mateo County, Department of Public Works. We recommend that you contact them directly with your concerns, and request to participate in their process and meetings.

At this time, the FAA is not taking any action to amend the existing Global Positioning System (GPS) approach into SQL. If new instrument flight procedures are considered, the FAA will follow our legal and regulatory process.

The FAA agrees a robust community engagement that includes all communities that may be affected is beneficial. We encourage you and your residents to participate should we decide to propose changes at SQL.

Thank you for this opportunity to answer your inquiry. If you have any questions, please contact me or Tamara A. Swann, Deputy Regional Administrator, at (310) 725-3550.

Sincerely,

Glen A. Martin  
Regional Administrator