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Mr. Glen A. Martin
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your response to my letter regarding the inadequate notification to impacted communities under the proposed Southern California (SoCal) Metroplex Project.

While I appreciate the information that elected officials ranging from our Federal to County offices may have been notified of the opportunity to be enlightened and have their questions answered, what the FAA misses is that the actual communities which could be impacted by the proposed Metroplex Project were not being informed of the Environmental Assessment (EA) comment opportunity and thus the opportunity to provide public comment. Compounding the lack of direct notice to the communities, FAA did not even conduct a briefing in the San Gabriel Valley area for elected officials – even though the Ontario Airport generally serves the Valley – but rather choosing to conduct those briefings in:

- Ventura – On 11/18/2014
- Los Angeles – On 11/19/2014
- Burbank – On 11/20/2014
- San Diego – On 12/9/2014
- Palm Desert – On 12/10/2014
- Costa Mesa – On 12/11/2014

To imply that the Board of Supervisors should have shared the information or will speak on our behalf is disconcerting to our elected officials. To raise the belief that small agencies like ourselves should be scouring the Los Angeles Times for a legal notice unfortunately highlights why we communicated our frustration. We certainly understand the burden placed upon governmental entities to alert potentially impacted parties, yet clearly the FAA knew there were communities such as Glendora, West Covina, La Puente, La Verne and El Monte, to name a few, being studied for the potential impacts that the Metroplex Project would have upon them. So why not take the affirmative step to place them on your list of courtesy notices?

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If it had not been for Congresswoman Napolitano requesting a briefing in the San Gabriel Valley, there would not have been one. Even in that briefing, Mr. May was unprepared to answer even general questions relating to the impacts on the eleven communities in our Valley that would be affected. As I stated previously, more community-specific information is the foundation for communities to be able to understand and respond accordingly to their constituents.

From your letter it is clear that the FAA is not going to accommodate the request to extend the comment period which is the basis for a party to have an official answer to their issues, if any exist. That decision is unfortunate.

I would hope that with any EA processes in the future, once a community is being reviewed for potential impacts, even if those impacts are later determined to be insignificant, that the FAA would alert them and extend the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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