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Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable
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Recent Correspondence with the FAA

May 2, 2022 We were asked by Senator Van Hollen's office if we could provide input for a meeting they had scheduled with the FAA and we provided the following: *As the BWI RT is preparing for the FAA presentation on May 17th we are thinking ahead to the work needed prior to and after the 2023 implementation of these flight path changes. While hopeful that these changes provide effective results, the RT understands these changes are not comprehensive and expects continued public backlash from those who do not get relief. Comprehensive solutions are essential to building better relationships between BWI and surrounding communities in order to maintain public and political support for operational growth at the airport.*

In that light, the RT asks this question:

*Why hasn't the FAA committed to use major infrastructure funds to return to major airports across the country and re-implement NextGen with consideration of municipal and residential development due to the ongoing backlash and public health concerns the current implementation has raised across the country? Roundtables and local governments and airport operators would likely **enthusiastically** advocate for the FAA to receive funding to undertake such a critically important mission to make NextGen symbiotic with communities surrounding airports creating multiple approach/departure procedures to alleviate burdens on ATC while creating dispersion over communities, fuel savings in raised altitudes for operators and it would create jobs and make aviation infrastructure **safe and efficient** for the future. Even if the FAA received such requested funds to fix NextGen's implementation, the public will likely understand a reasonable timeline of 5-7 years to conduct such an overhaul if we know that it will certainly take place. Would the regional administrator be willing to pursue this?*



July 27, 2022 *Baltimore Sun* “BWI Marshall Airport neighbors in Glen Burnie to received \$4 million in federal funds to mitigate airplane noise” in response to a July 26th press announcement made by Senator Van Hollen’s office

August 9, 2022 *Washington Post* “A neighborhood fights to be heard as Dulles planes drown out daily life”