

Excerpt of AICA email transmission language on FAA Reauthorization 2024

Proposed DC Metroplex BWI RT Statement

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In the opinion of the DC Metroplex Baltimore Washington Community Roundtable (BWI RT)¹ the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (Act) emphasizes the interests of the aviation industry at the expense of communities harmfully impacted by aviation noise and exhaust particulate pollution. The BWI RT finds the Act lacks specific actions to reduce these impacts on our communities.

However, one provision (section 792 of the Act) explicitly includes impacted communities as stakeholders on the Aviation Noise Advisory Committee. BWI RT is encouraged that the Maryland Legislature has acted to designate that four members of the Maryland Aviation Commission (MAC) are representatives from the two counties that are most impacted by BWI operations' noise and exhaust particulate pollution.

For a handful of the provisions the details remain open for interpretation (To Be Determined) which will be determined (or highly influenced) by the FAA; the BWI RT joins with the Aviation-Impacted Communities Alliance (AICA)² "calling for the FAA to use its interpretation to adequately address the concerns of and/or include directly impacted communities. Adding community input to the FAA implementation of the Act will make the difference between being a positive or negative outcome for communities."³

As noted by the AICA "As the FAA works to implement the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 there are two major changes that occurred in the last 15 years that should be addressed: NextGen and the Neighborhood Environmental Survey (NES)."⁴ The BWI RT agrees with the AICA that we are at an inflection point for the national airspace system and its consequences.

¹ DC Metroplex Baltimore Washington Community Roundtable website see:

<https://marylandaviation.com/environmental/environmental-compliance-sustainability/dc-metroplex-bwi-community-roundtable/>

² Aviation-Impacted Communities Alliance website, see: <https://aviationimpactedcommunities.org/>

³ See: AICA May 24, 2024 Community Perspective Summary: https://aviationimpactedcommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024_FAA_Reauthorization_Bill_Community_Perspective-.pdf

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The FAA needs to include input from affected communities and the other Roundtables, as we are key stakeholders. As with our submission to the FAA of our comments to the revision of the Noise Policy⁵ The BWI RT joins with the AICA and “calls on the FAA to embrace new thinking in the 21st century and fulfill its assertions of “engaging in dialog and collaboration with communities affected by FAA actions”. This would include “Communities concerns regarding noise and particulate pollution that have and continue to be a primary factor underlying the FAA’s noise-related policies” through its interpretation and implementation of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024.”⁶

⁵ Add link and info on the BWI RT FAA Noise Policy Submission. NEEDS TO BE POSTED TO WEBSITE.

⁶ See: AICA May 24, 2024 Community Perspective Summary: https://aviationimpactedcommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024_FAA_Reauthorization_Bill_Community_Perspective-.pdf