

Aircraft Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC) Solicitation

DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable
Technical Committee

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FAA Noise Policy Review

2021: FAA released “Neighborhood Environmental Survey” (NES), which demonstrated a “substantially higher percentage of people highly annoyed by the entire range of aircraft noise levels”

2023: FAA requested comments on the Noise Policy Review via the Noise Policy Review Federal Register Notice. Nearly 5,000 comments were submitted.

2024: Congress directed FAA to establish the ANAC, as part of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024.

“FAA has revised our Noise Policy Review (NPR) approach and timelines to allow the ANAC to complete its work and issue its report before FAA makes any decisions on possible noise policy updates. This will allow the ANAC time to do its work and will ensure any recommendations made by the ANAC inform future FAA policy deliberations. The FAA intends to complete the Noise Policy Review once the ANAC has submitted a report to the FAA with any recommended policy changes.”

Aircraft Noise Advisory Committee – Federal Register Notice

On July 10, FAA published notice that it is soliciting nominations for membership to serve on the Aircraft Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC).

ANAC will focus on:

- (1) the evaluation of existing research on aircraft noise impacts and annoyance;
- (2) the assessment of alternative noise metrics that could be used to supplement, modify, or replace the existing Day Night Level standard, in consultation with the National Academies;
- (3) the evaluation of the current 65-decibel exposure threshold, including the impact to land use compatibility around airports if such threshold was lowered;
- (4) the evaluation of current noise mitigation strategies and the community engagement efforts by FAA with respect to changes in airspace utilization, such as the integration of new entrants and usage of performance-based navigation; and
- (5) other duties determined appropriate by the FAA Administrator.

FAA Eastern Region Communication

We would like to inform you that the Solicitation of Membership for the Aircraft Noise Advisory Committee was posted in the Federal Register this morning. As stated in the Federal Register Notice:

“The Committee shall comprise at least nine members, with at least one representative from each of the following stakeholder groups: engine manufacturers, air carriers, airport owners or operators, aircraft manufacturers, advanced air mobility manufacturers or operators, institutions of higher education, and **representatives of airport-adjacent communities from geographically diverse regions**. Members will serve for 2-year terms but may be reappointed. DOT is interested in ensuring membership is balanced fairly in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed by the advisory committee.”

***Please note that nominations must be received by **August 10, 2026**. Please email all nomination material to: aircraftnoiseadvisorycommittee@faa.gov.