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In our neck of the woods

FAiR finally gets meeting with Mayor Emanuel

- **Rahm to Meet with Anti-O'Hare Noise Group -- After 23 Requests**

<https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20160122/ohare/rahm-meet-with-anti-ohare-noise-group---after-23-requests>

- **O'Hare Noise Complaint Advocates Meet with Mayor**

<http://chicagotonight.wttw.com/2016/01/27/ohare-noise-complaint-advocates-meet-mayor>

- **FAiR calls long-awaited meeting with Emanuel 'waste of our time'** (will not keep open two of the four diagonal runways)

<http://chicago.suntimes.com/news/7/71/1282732/fair-declares-jet-noise-long-awaited-meeting-emanuel-waste-time>

- **O'Hare neighbors circling Emanuel - After noise meeting activist says mayor 'does not care'**

<http://editionmobile.chicagotribune.com/Olive/Tablet/ChicagoTribune/SharedArticle.aspx?href=CTC%2F2016%2F01%2F28&id=Ar00401>

- **FAiR Hoped for More from Emanuel** (but it's obvious they are concentrating on O'Hare western access)

http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article_8c4fc226-ca89-11e5-a13d-1f2ea390258c.html

- **Emanuel accused of playing hide the ball on O'Hare runway deal** (no mention of deal made on final runway at meeting with FAiR two days earlier)

<http://chicago.suntimes.com/news/7/71/1297714/emanuel-accused-playing-hide-ball-ohare-runway-deal>

- **City listening hard to O'Hare noise complaints** (letter from CDA Commissioner Ginger Evans, highlighting all of the actions taken as a result of citizen input)

<http://chicago.suntimes.com/letters-to-the-editor/7/71/1306107/sunday-letters-city-listening-hard-ohare-noise-complaints>

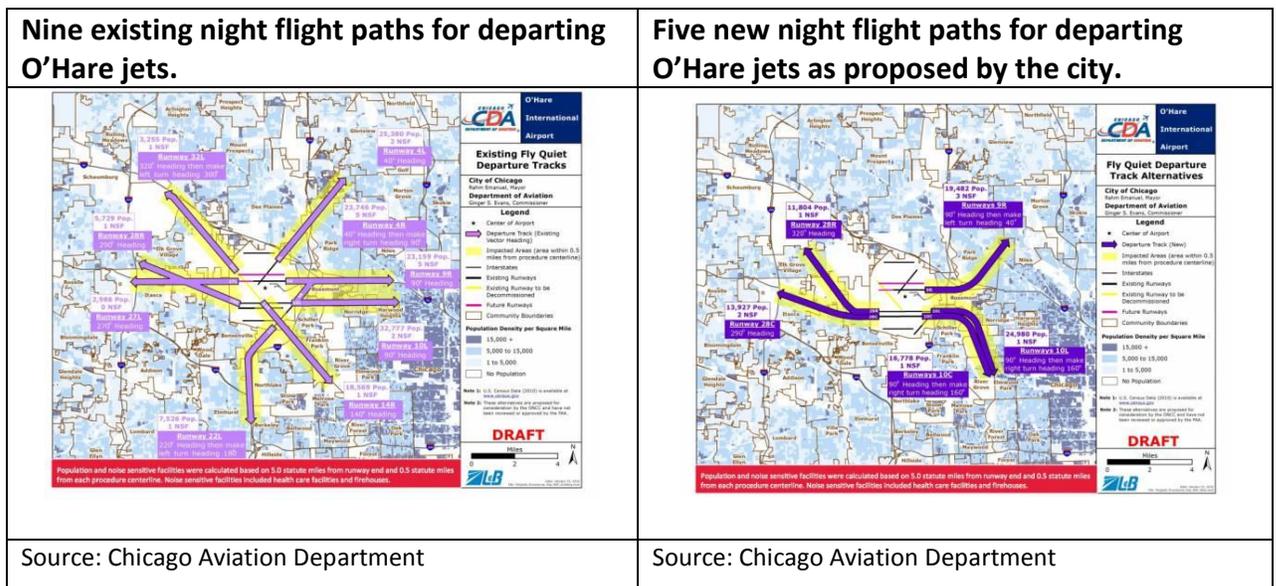
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FLY QUIET

- 87,000 residents could be affected by 5 new O'Hare night flight paths

<http://chicago.suntimes.com/news/7/71/1278051/87000-residents-impacted-5-new-ohare-night-flight-paths>



- Jet noise proposal - Less at night but more at dawn** (five new routes for airplanes departing the airport roughly between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.)

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20160125/news/160129261/>

- O'Hare plan would rotate night flights to spread out jet noise**

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-ohare-noise-night-runway-rotation-met-20160216-story.html>

- O'Hare runway rotation to relieve jet noise could start in May**

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20160216/news/160219112/>

- Plan Designed to Quiet the Night Skies Near O'Hare Advances** (agreement on criteria; has plan been approved?)

<https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20160217/ohare/plan-designed-quiet-night-skies-near-ohare-advances>

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Diagonal Runways

- **O'Hare's Diagonal Runway Won't Reopen, Rahm Tells Anti-Noise Group**

<https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20160127/ohare/ohares-diagonal-runway-wont-reopen-rahm-tells-anti-noise-group>

- **Napolitano Asks Residents Fed Up With Jet Noise To Lobby City Council**

<https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20160303/ohare/napolitano-asks-residents-fed-up-with-jet-noise-lobby-city-council>

- **Bill Halting O'Hare Expansion Gets City Council Hearing Thursday**

<https://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20160308/ohare/bill-halting-ohare-expansion-gets-city-council-hearing-thursday>

- **Plan to save diagonal runways at O'Hare grounded**

<http://chicago.suntimes.com/news/plan-to-save-diagonal-runways-at-ohare-grounded>

New Runway approved

- **\$1.3 billion deal reached for new O'Hare runway**

<http://www.chicagobusiness.com/article/20160130/BLOGS02/160129759/-1-3-billion-deal-reached-for-new-ohare-runway?X-IgnoreUserAgent=1>

- **Emanuel lands O'Hare runway deal** but no new gates means delays continue

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/politics/ct-emanuel-ohare-new-runway-met-20160129-story.html>

- **O'Hare To Get 6th Runway, But Without Expanded Terminals, Delays May Continue**

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/02/01/465101435/ohare-will-get-a-sixth-runway-but-without-expanded-terminals-delays-may-continue>

- **O'Hare adds runway. Solution to both airport delays and mayor's troubles?** (an effort to reduce travel delays and grievances against the mayor)

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/USA-Update/2016/0202/O-Hare-adds-runway.-Solution-to-both-airport-delays-and-mayor-s-troubles-video>

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- **Chicago's O'Hare International Airport to construct sixth runway for \$1.3bn**

<http://www.airport-technology.com/news/newschicagos-o-hare-international-airport-to-construct-sixth-runway-for-13bn-4800547>

- **Next O'Hare Runway to Target North Residents**

http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article_70e60400-ca89-11e5-b5ff-2f023943bf49.html

- **Chicago Aviation Commissioner on O'Hare Noise, Expansion**

"The FAA, through its standards and criteria encourages—especially very busy hub airports like O'Hare—to always have the aircraft lined up in parallel configurations," said Chicago Aviation Commissioner Ginger Evans during an interview with Eddie Arruza. "That gives them the safest configuration and the most efficient configuration."

The new runway will offer "extensive departure capacity and extensive international capacity," Evans said.

"Further, the runway that it replaces, the diagonal runway, has some very significant safety issues," she added. "It also blocks the western access highway, and it also blocks the addition of gates. This whole package is intended to get O'Hare ready to be able add gates."

<http://chicagotonight.wttw.com/2016/02/04/chicago-aviation-commissioner-o-hare-noise-expansion>

- **O'Hare to get new gates to go with new runway**

<http://www.chicagobusiness.com/article/20160206/BLOGS02/160209853/ohare-to-get-new-gates-to-go-with-new-runway>

Other Efforts

- **Lawmakers Seek Relief For Homes Plagued By Increased O'Hare Noise** (including making more homeowners near O'Hare eligible for soundproofing tax credits, calling for new studies of air and noise pollution, and forcing airlines to adhere to the voluntary Fly Quiet Program – designed to limit jet noise at night. - Rep. Christine Winger (R-Wood Dale))

<http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2016/02/23/lawmakers-seek-relief-for-homes-plagued-by-increased-ohare-noise/>

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- **Noise Relief? Bi-Partisan Effort Addresses Challenges Facing Areas Around O'Hare**

O’Hare area legislators announced bi-partisan efforts to bring noise relief to the communities around the airport.

- State Rep. Christine Winger (R-45th) of Wood Dale
- State Rep. Michael McAuliffe (R-20th)
- State Sen. John Mulroe (D-10th), both of Chicago’s Northwest Side
- State Sen. Laura Murphy (D-28) of Des Plaines

| Bill/ Resolution | Introduced by | Description |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| House Joint Resolution 128 | State Rep. Christine Winger (R-45th) | Urges Chicago’s airport officials to use the latest technology to measure noise, and to improve compliance to Fly Quiet protocols. It urges consideration of Fly Quiet compliance in allocation of departure gates and support facilities, and for a measurable improvement in Fly Quiet compliance by Jan. 1, 2017. |
| House Joint Resolution 960 | State Rep. Michael McAuliffe (R-20th) | Calls on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to assist Chicago in implementation of Mulroe’s Senate Bill 636, which became law in July 2015, and to use new CNEL data to promptly redraw noise contour maps as new airport noise data is submitted. Murphy will introduce the Senate version. |
| House Bill 5917 | State Rep. Michael McAuliffe (R-20th) Sponsored by State Rep. Christine Winger | Creates an income tax credit for eligible homeowners who purchase soundproofing materials. At the moment, only homes within the OMP’s predicted 2020 noise-impacted areas have been offered soundproofing from Chicago, funded by O’Hare’s passenger facility charges. |
| House Bill 5040 | State Rep. Michael McAuliffe (R-20th) Sponsored by State Rep. Christine Winger | This would require the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on environmental and human health impacts of runways and air traffic at O’Hare. McAuliffe said this follows up on earlier legislation introduced by the late Rosemary Mulligan of Des Plaines. |
| House Resolution 1023 | State Rep. Christine Winger (R-45th) | Urges the CDA to adopt the Suburban O’Hare Commission (SOC)’s 20 recommendations to enhance the Fly Quiet program. SOC has had some member communities represented in ONCC’s Fly Quiet Ad Hoc committee. |

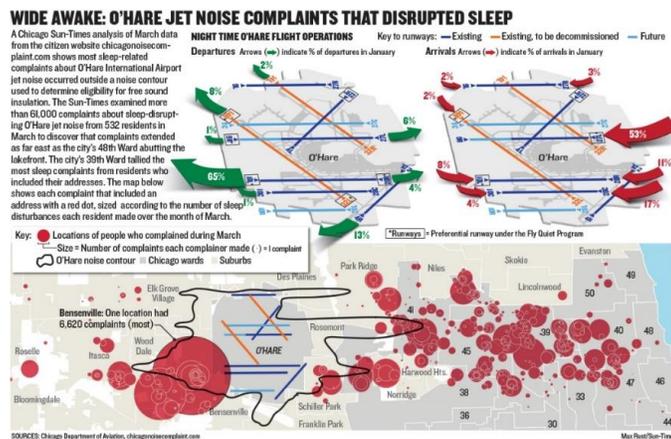
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A fifth member of the bi-partisan coalition. State Rep. Marty Moylan (D-55th) said, "These proposals represent a chance for lawmakers to set aside the differences in Springfield and provide some meaningful relief to the families struggling with the burden of increased noise from O'Hare Airport."

http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article_ab8e8d3a-da73-11e5-9ea5-6f4beafb6389.html

- **O'Hare-weary homeowners could get insulation tax credits**



The package of at least four bills or resolutions includes an attempt to give residents living 20 miles east or west of the airport's busiest runways tax credits for insulating their homes against the barrage of new jet noise.

<http://chicago.suntimes.com/early-often/ohare-weary-homeowners-could-get-insulation-tax-credits/>

Press Releases

- **FAiR response to meeting with Mayor Emanuel**

<http://www.fairchicago.org/documents/FINAL-PR-FAiRtoMeetMayor-01.21.2015%20%281%29.pdf>

- **FAiR response to Mayor Emanuel's new runway deal**

<http://fairchicago.org/documents/20160201FAiRResponsetoNewRunwayDeal.pdf>

- **ONCC Fly Quiet Committee Approves Criteria to Reduce O'Hare Nighttime Noise**

<http://www.oharenoise.org/about-oncc/newsroom/38-2016/121-oncc-fly-quiet-committee-approves-criteria-to-reduce-o-hare-nighttime-noise>

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In the United States

Advances in airport technology mean sleepless nights for some

Since the FAA began rolling out NextGen, noise complaints have jumped dramatically in communities as diverse as Phoenix; Palo Alto, Calif.; and the District.

Frustrated residents also have turned to the courts. Last June, the city of Phoenix filed a lawsuit in federal court seeking relief. In August, a coalition of community groups in the District filed its own action seeking a review of the new flight paths. Both cases are pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/advances-in-airport-technology-mean-sleepless-nights-for-some/2016/03/04/7b8eb936-e098-11e5-9c36-e1902f6b6571_story.html

Arizona

- **Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport launches complaints app**

To access the app, users have to go to the Sky Harbor website on their Android or iPhone and click on the link for the app. There, users can enter their contact information, the time and date of the noisy aircraft and whether they want an email or phone response. App users can also file complaints concerning loud planes around Deer Valley and Goodyear airports. They can even break the complaint down by type of aircraft, from helicopter to commercial jet. www.planenoise.com

<http://www.abc15.com/news/region-phoenix-metro/central-phoenix/phx-airport-has-fielded-at-least-27000-complaints>

- **Airport completes work on noise study**

The Federal Aviation Administration has approved the Noise Compatibility Program for Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport. The purpose is to protect the airport from encroachment of residential housing that — unchecked — could force the airport to close or relocate.

http://www.mohavedailynews.com/news/airport-completes-work-on-noise-study/article_52a3390e-cfca-11e5-9b8c-f3a1a736517e.html

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California

- **Would curving JWA's takeoff paths across Newport Bay reduce noise? City will help study data**

Newport Beach's city manager plans to work with John Wayne Airport staff and the Federal Aviation Administration during the next few months to analyze whether changing the airport's flight departure pattern to match the contours of Newport Bay could result in less noise for more residents. The agency believes the Next Generation Air Transportation System could save fuel, reduce emissions and delays and shorten flight times by establishing flight plans that are less dispersed than they have been. The FAA plans to roll out NextGen at John Wayne Airport within a year.

Under the current system, the pilot has more control of the takeoff route. Under the new system, a precise takeoff path can be programmed into the plane's flight plan, which could further concentrate flights over residential areas. Residents fear that could increase pollution and noise.

"The NextGen system using GPS has increased the accuracy of the departures to keep planes in their exact lane," the Balboa Island Improvement Assn. wrote in a letter to the FAA last year. "This technology may actually be increasing the negative environmental impacts on those directly under the departure pattern."

<http://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/news/tn-dpt-me-0212-departure-patterns-20160211-story.html>

- **Palo Alto commissions study of airplane noise**

Freytag & Associates Inc., a San Rafael-based consulting firm, will gather and assess data on how flight patterns, frequency and altitudes involving San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland airports have changed in recent years.

The firm also will study how the increased airplane noise residents reported interferes with sleep and classroom instruction.

To do this, noise monitors will be set up inside and outside two unoccupied residences and two unoccupied classrooms for seven days.

http://www.mercurynews.com/peninsula/ci_29588606/palo-alto-commissions-study-airplane-noise

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- **County takes on San Carlos Airport noise: More flights lead to more complaints, board to explore solutions to problem**

...the board will consider mandatory measures such as time of day restrictions, a nighttime curfew, implementing a reservation/slot system for arrivals, implementing the number of flights by carrier and restrictions on helicopters.

New voluntary proposals include increasing hours of voluntary curfew, requesting higher altitude approaches and researching other airports' best practices.

<http://www.smdailyjournal.com/articles/news/2016-03-04/county-takes-on-san-carlos-airport-noise-more-flights-lead-to-more-complaints-board-to-explore-solutions-to-problem/1776425159505.html>

Florida

- **Airport Authority noise committee salutes advocates**

The Naples Airport Authority Noise Compatibility Committee recognized three supporters for their commitment to the Naples Municipal Airport noise abatement program. John Mastrocinque and The Hertz Corporation were recognized for suggesting that pilots use idle-reverse thrust; Europe-American Aviation was honored for its initiatives in encouraging students to make full-length take-offs; and committee member William Goddard was applauded for his perseverance in encouraging Collier County Realtors to disclose the airport's proximity to potential homebuyers.

<http://www.naplesnews.com/participate/367257471.html>

- **Fla. Airport Neighbor Seeks Class Certification in Noise Suit**

A Florida man on Wednesday argued that he and his neighbors deserve class certification for federal claims against Broward County and several airlines over "extreme noise pollution" coming from a Fort Lauderdale airport.

Noy Hadar did not offer a definitive number of potential class members, but he did specifically name three communities near Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport's recently expanded south runway that he said have more than 50 residents apiece, satisfying the 40-member class minimum for his suit against Spirit Airlines and others.

<http://www.law360.com/articles/754823/fla-airport-neighbor-seeks-class-certification-in-noise-suit>

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- **10Investigates runway noise violations at TIA**

Tampa, Florida -- It's an emergency that happens over and over and over again -- and homeowners say they are fed up. Airplanes are supposed to land only on a noise-sensitive runway at a Tampa International Airport in emergency or bad weather conditions. But, it is happening every day.

10Investigates WTSP has discovered the Federal Aviation Administration, which regulates the airlines, says it is powerless to do anything.

There is a new study out that says there is no scientific basis for the FAA threshold for noise intrusion and the agency admits it might be true and is doing its own study.

<http://www.wtsp.com/story/news/investigations/2016/02/11/tampa-international-airport-noise-sensitive-runways-10-investigates/80266462/>

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Georgia

- In wake of battle over “busiest airport” title, Chicago O’Hare pushing forward with expansion

| O’Hare | Hartsfield-Jackson |
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| <p>O’Hare has been relocating runways as part of a modernization program to transform its intersecting runways into a layout of six parallel runways, which can improve efficiency and reduce delays, along with two diagonal runways.</p> | <p>Hartsfield-Jackson, which has five runways, already has a parallel runway layout.</p> <p>Hartsfield-Jackson has a \$6 billion master plan to chart an expansion over the next 20 years that includes a sixth runway when traffic demands it — but that is not expected by 2020.</p> |
| <p><i>Google Earth Aerial view of O’Hare – July 2015. Source: flychicago.com.</i></p> | <p><i>Hartsfield-Jackson aerial view</i></p> |

Aside from O’Hare with eight active runways, Dallas/Fort Worth International has seven runways. The Denver, Boston and Detroit airports each have six runways.

<http://airport.blog.ajc.com/2016/02/01/in-wake-of-battle-over-busiest-airport-title-chicago-ohare-pushing-forward-with-expansion/>

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Texas

- **Airport to receive \$13.5 million in federal grants**

The first grant is for \$6 million and will be used to mitigate airport noise in the residential area adjacent to the airport by providing sound insulation for 60 residences in close vicinity to the airport. The FAA will also purchase 16 residences and acquire aviation easement of 50 residences.

The second grant is for \$7.5 million and will be used for full reconstruction of an existing taxiway at the airport, which is over two decades old and poses safety concerns due to decay. The City of Laredo will add \$1.3 million in matching funds for a total investment of \$14.8 million.

http://www.lmtonline.com/front-news/article_24edb654-c167-11e5-b735-636bea9083f0.html

- **Thousands of Flights Violating Noise Program at Dallas Love Field After Wright Lifted**

An NBC 5 investigation found thousands of flights continue to violate airport guidelines designed to reduce noise at Dallas Love Field.

To find out how many flights violate the airport's Voluntary Noise Control Program, NBC 5 Investigates requested airport records, including a database of all flights that did not comply with the airport's requests.

But the airport has no power to penalize controllers or pilots that don't. Pilots can request any runway they want and ultimately air traffic controllers make the decision about which runway to assign.

But instead, NBC 5 Investigates found complaints from citizens are up 171 percent from 2014 to 2015 in 11 comparable months where the city kept data.

NBC 5 Investigates mapped the locations of people complaining and found most live on the south and east side of the airport and many live miles away from the runways.

<http://www.nbcdfw.com/investigations/Hundreds-of-Flights-Violating-Noise-Program-at-Dallas-Love-Field-After-Wright-Lifted-369868121.html>



What's happening around the world?

United Kingdom

- **Stop Stansted Expansion fears aircraft noise causes health problems for airport's neighbours**

STOP Stansted Expansion (SSE) has called for the community to be put first following a new report into aircraft noise and public health.

The document, produced by the Aviation Environment Federation (AEF), was launched at an event in the House of Commons chaired by Tania Mathias, Conservative MP for Twickenham and a qualified doctor. She was accompanied by Professor Stephen Stansfeld, of Queen Mary College, London, and Tim Johnson, director of the AEF.

SSE's adviser on aviation health issues Professor Jangu Banatvala said: "This new report highlights the importance of health impacts in aviation planning.

The AEF report highlights the 'HYENA' (HYpertension and Exposure to Noise near Airports) studies, which showed increases in blood pressure as well as a greater risk of cardiovascular disease, including coronary heart disease and stroke.

It recommends steps to meet long-term targets, including the need for health impact assessments to be carried out before any major airport development is given the go-ahead.

<http://www.hertsandessexobserver.co.uk/Stop-Stansted-Expansion-fears-aircraft-noise/story-28606222-detail/story.html#ixzz3ywwz1ZRse>

- **Gatwick Airport report offers hope to noise victims**

The Independent Review of Arrivals recommended that the flight paths be amended again to cover a wider area, diluting the impact on people living close-by, some of whom have aircraft flying over their homes every 90 seconds.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-sussex-35434920>

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- **Tweed locals fear more noise if airport curfew lifted**

<http://www.echo.net.au/2016/03/tweed-locals-fear-noise-airport-curfew-lifted>

- **Belfast campaigners call for independent airport noise regulator**

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/belfast-campaigners-call-for-independent-airport-noise-regulator-34441271.html>