

Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport Town Hall May 26, 2022

Comment Form Responses

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Henry	What is the purpose of closing the airport? What would replace it? Who would pick up the cost?
Terry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Car deaths a year in the US: about 450,000. Aviation: about 300. 2. Trains & Traffic on San Fernando Rd. make more pollution than Whiteman airport. 3. People who moved into the area should have checked near the airport before moving in.
	I think a board/commissioner of airport would have regular meetings at Whiteman where the public can address concerns with them. I think we really need to move CAC meetings with in-person option. Can we start implementing some changes now? Or get info/updates about the process, so we can have an idea of what we are dealing with? I am tired of Pacoima Beautiful bullying everyone. Does the CAC and project team know what Pacoima neighborhood council and all local neighborhoods councils voted to keep Whiteman airport open?
Gardenia	I am here today to see what can be done about Whiteman airport airplane noise that has been going on for years. Day and night we don't get enough sleep with the airplanes flying over our home all day and night. I live at 11253 Cometa Avenue in a two-story home and they fly low. I can't garden in my yard or be calm due to the flying over my head, and also what about the school kids and wildlife how is their health, because mine is not good due to the pollution that comes out of the airplanes. It is time for the airport and put town houses not a swap meet. Housing or something related. I have lived in Pacoima for 67 years. So now is time for someone to make Pacoima a better place to live. No noise 24/7.
Solomon	I understand that Pierce Jr. College was deeded in such a way that it would remain as an agriculture college or the land would go back to the Donahue (sp?) family. I heard that Whiteman airport was deeded in the same way. I would like to know that the county cannot let go of the airport the same way. For the youth of Pacoima the airport is there so they can receive training to become airline pilots, aircraft maintenance mechanics and air traffic controllers. It has a better learning atmosphere than other airports. If we lose the airport what is going to replace it will be more pollution, more congestion, more accidents and more crime. It is nice around the airport now.
Cleopatra	I understand some airport owners pay taxes to board their planes at Whiteman airport. Do these funds go to the community or to support the airport only? Are there any additional classes for children or young adults at Whiteman airport?
Allen	Our sidewalks are dirty and blocked by Fendor (Vendor?) who denies the safe passage of regular citizens. To walk on our sidewalks. There are blocked exit views when coming out of the grocery store and trashing our neighborhood. Our leaders are breaking the law. The health department is not doing their job and this is a tax-payer problem that our leader is allowing this to happen. You all need to be fired.
Patricia	Why can't the private plane owners come together and purchase property for an airport to house their planes. Also, Hansen Dam has acres of unused land that can be used for LAPD helicopter pad as well as homeless housing. It seems to me that it's a conspiracy to destroy Pacoima. (DWP) waters private planes flying over homes that is causing structural damage, homeless camps in around on our residential streets. I have lived in Pacoima for over 50 years. The filth/squalor from every direction the crime. Can't we have some type of place. No airport, no planes, no more low-income housing. Put in their rich neighborhoods, stop trying to destroy Pacoima.
James	We need to establish a North East Valley occupational center focusing on airframe and power plant mechanic training. This training will lead to high paying jobs with air mobility coming to the area, local youth with training will be easily employable. Re-envisioning requires looking into the future for how to best use the property. Any futuristic look, always shows homes, aircraft, trains, freeways, and roadways. Let's create the dream of a beautiful community with modern transportation and homes.
Sonia	I would like for the community (children) to take advantage of the resources the airport has to offer (i.e. teenager 8-12 12-18 yr. pilot clubs.) Glendale's Community College already trains pilots. Why is LA Mission Community College not involved in starting a program? In addition, on a recent visit, I observed that the airport needs resurfacing and some upgrades.

Melanie	I don't believe the airport commits to our community, besides, toxic pollution as well as noise pollution. There is no need to "better" the airport, just shut it down. The community of Pacoima would best benefit from the use of the land, where we as a collective can pick and chose what we want in our front yard. I don't know why it is so hard to listen and understand what our families and communities go through personally having to live in fear of being involved in a crash. Noise pollution is a problem that should be taken seriously since every single human being deserves good quality rest and mental health. Shut it down!
Herlinda	You estoy en contra de cerrar el aeropuerto. Yo vivo en esta area desde casi 50 años. Y el ruido no me molesta. Creo que hay más contaminación con el tráfico de la San Fernando y de los trenes. I am against closing the airport. I have lived in the area during 50 years and the noise does not bother me. I believe that there is more pollution from San Fernando Rd, and from the trains.
Thomas	Glendale College has an aviation program at Whiteman Airport. <u>Please</u> encourage Mission College to also have an aviation program at Whiteman airport.
Julio	El aeropuerto Whiteman produce mucha contaminación ambiental, la comunidad no está segura, produce mucho ruido que no deja descansar a los habitantes que viven en esa area. Por todo ello, el aeropuerto debe ser cerrado y se debe convertir en area verde. The Whiteman airport produces a lot of air pollution. Our community is not safe, and the air field is noisy not allowing local residents to rest. For all this, the airport needs to be shut down and use the field as a green space.
Yvonne	It bothers me that 14 accidents in one decade doesn't seem to be an alarming number to those that work and benefit from the airport. As a resident, someone that lives and works in Pacoima, it is worrisome that a health report has never been done on how Whiteman's continued use of lead-based fuel affects the community. It has been commented of these small aircrafts, most over 3 decades old, can be converted to a less harmful fuel source, then why haven't they? There is a reason why commercial aircraft have phased out that fuel. Why should Pacoima continue under the harmful fuel. Noise, pollution aside, I can imagine much better uses of that land and with the future closing of Santa Monica airport, I can foresee an increase in accidents from planes at Whiteman airport it is just common sense that with an increase of aerial traffic there will be an increase of accidents.
Loyce	Some of the CAC group doesn't seem to be listening to the public. Their mind was made up when this started. The airport needs some improvements but for health and safety of the Valley needs to stay open. It will give our children a hand up to improve their lives.
Rebekah	I specifically chose our home in Pacoima <u>because</u> of the airport. As a USAF veteran I am well acquainted with pilots and their concern for safety. I believe the airport provides a great deal of staging space and free space in case of a disaster as well as opportunities to introduce aviation to the area youth. I doubt I will remain here if we lost this valuable resource.
Steve	I moved to Pacoima 5 years ago. Planes fly over my house on their way to Whiteman. This was no surprise to me. The airport does not bother me at all. I think having the airport provides a key staging point for earthquakes and natural disasters. People need to remember that these are Cessna, piper aircraft with a handful of helicopters for LAPD and news channels. These airplanes provide much fewer emissions compared to the sheer volume of cars coming through San Fernando Road and Van Nuys. My concern is if they decide to make housing and apartments it will increase traffic, air pollution and make it even harder to find parking in Pacoima.

Burton	<p>To the L.A. County Board of Public Works, I live in Arleta, and work and attend church - all within the same Zip Code & vicinity of Whiteman Airport. I strongly disagree with statements by a few politicians and other political activists as they call for shutting down all the functions of Whiteman Airport until further investigations of aircraft accidents have been completed and with the statements of others who wish to have this airport shut down permanently. I believe that it is special interest groups who are pushing for this airport to be closed down, and I don't think that those involved in this decision-making should "buy into" the lobbyist appeals of these special interest groups.</p> <p>In our area, freeway accidents/ accidents on local surface streets I and train accidents that have happened here all get handled the same way: The scene of the accident is closed ONLY for enough time for investigators to gather information for an investigation to move forward and then to clean up the mess; they then let traffic continue to accommodate the majority of our citizenry; they don't get totally shut down for use until the whole investigation is completed.</p> <p>There are FAR MORE fatal and injury car accidents annually just in the vicinity of my Osborne St. off-ramp of the 1-5 freeway then there have been as a result of pilot problems out of Whiteman Airport. For such automobile accidents, the scene of the accident on the freeway is closed ONLY for enough time for investigators to gather information for an investigation to move forward and then to clean up the mess; then let traffic continue. In the interest of maintaining "life going on as normal" for the majority of the citizenry, the freeway doesn't get closed for use until the whole investigation is completed.</p> <p>Likewise, the many injury and fatal accidents on surface streets in the surrounding areas are handled in much the same way (...expeditiously in order to let traffic on those same streets return to normal.)</p> <p>Again, commuter and freight train accidents have occurred within a few miles of the section of track that runs just adjacent to Whiteman Airport. In the same manner, the rail line shut-down is just long enough for immediate investigative evidence to get collected and then for the mess to get cleaned up and the rail lines checked. Rail activity on the same tracks resumes as soon as possible, to ensure the flow of commerce and commuter services.</p> <p>In regard to accident investigations, the whole of Whiteman Airport should not be held hostage due to what is the responsibility of each individual, private aircraft pilot.</p> <p>We have seen that FAA investigations of aircraft accidents can take YEARS before final investigations are complete and the report gets published. Other aircraft pilots and the employees and services of Whiteman Airport (and of other municipal airports) should not be "held hostage" and be incapacitated by being shut down and out of service until final investigations are concluded.</p> <p>The on-going services of municipal airports provide far more than being a recreational hub for pilots who have planes housed there; the airport serves in practical, functional ways to provide vital and often life-saving services to the people of our broader community thru the volunteer work that some of the pilots offer, and of course, the Civil Air Patrol. Please don't allow this local airport to be shut down due to the voices of special interest entities and their all-too-vocal lobbyists. My vote is on the side of keeping the system of municipal airports across our country open, even if some accidents have happened to pilots who have flown out of them. This includes my desire to see the Whiteman Airport of our community staying open</p> <p>Thank you for your time & consideration of these factors,</p>
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