

Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport Website Comments

(through June 28 , 2023)

Name	Date	Comments
Brian	3/18/2023	I'm interesting in keeping up to date, and am in support of keeping Whiteman Airport open in order to advance aviation, business and the community. A sensible, community-involved plan to accomplish this would be ideal.
Arturo	3/11/2023	I am against the reenvision of Whiteman airpark. I feel that a Geological survey is needed to take place and let anyone and everyone know that the Verdugo fault lies at the end of the runway. I feel that redeveloping the airpark for affordable housing, a green space or a business center would create a danger to those doing business and reside in the area should any earthquake were to occur being active or not. For that reason redevelopment should not take place at all.
Burton	2/23/2023	If the choice is made to close Whiteman Airport, Emergency services capabilities will be severely hindered. Helicopters are not the only type of aircraft needed for emergency outreach. Emergency supplies and larger equipment are often delivered to isolated locations using C-130 cargo aircraft. Even though it has shorter landing and take-off distances than many other heavy-lift cargo aircraft, it cannot function without a runway. Closing this airport would severely hinder FEMA access to deliver emergency supplies & equipment to this part of the San Fernando Valley. Ask FEMA about what THEIR recommendations are for our community.
Robin	2/23/2023	Hello... I'm born and raised in north-east San Fernando Valley... i still live and work in the communities. I'm very against closing the airport. Does CD7 and Pacoima Beautiful look at how valuable that airport is for Police.. Fire... Rescue... News Media in a area that's in great need of these resources and services! Some upgrades, more safety, or additions Ok... but to close it No!! The metro trains.. the homeless population.. cause way more problems in that area! And more housing or shelters is not the answer!!! Thank you, Robin, S/T neighborhood watch Frequent Cpab visitor Employment in Sun Valley, Pacoima
Robert	2/23/2023	Hi, one topic that I have not read is how many aircraft out of the 500+ based at Whiteman are airworthy. I have attended other Aviation meetings where, out of the based aircraft at G.A. airports only 60% fly. I would recommend an audit of the airworthy aircraft. This is a national trend sponsors are disclosing when asked. Is it in the best interest of the community to be storage yard for old G.A. aircraft that can't fly. Thank You
Gabrielle	2/23/2023	IN FAVOR of keeping the Whiteman Airport OPEN. It serves the community as a resource for careers in aviation, for youth (CAPS program), and various possibilities in case of a major emergency (evacuation, staging area, etc.).
Kathleen	2/21/2023	I strongly advise keeping the airport intact!.. Improvements, I'm all in. In view of the recent E-Quakes 7.8 in Turkey and Syria, and the fact that our very own earthquake experts say LA is capable of producing a 7.8, many experts from Cal Tech suggest its not a matter of if, its a matter of when!! I have experienced the Northridge and Sylmar Quakes and others inbetween the two, and there is one thing I have learned through the fires, flooding, wind, and earthquakes, "Never Underestimate Mother Nature". The airport would be, and has been an asset to the community in emergency situations. The airport runs along San Fernando Road, and perhaps could be utilized with the railroad tracks that travel North and South in the event of a collapsed freeway...Please lets keep this airport accessible to emergency responders and the public.
Richard	2/17/2023	Good job keeping the public informed.

Wesley	2/07/2023	I received training at Whiteman Airport in the 1970's which prepared me for a career as a commercial pilot (now retired). Services at Whiteman have been a valuable resource for my career as commercial pilot, aircraft mechanic, and airplane owner. Whiteman Airport should be maintained as a resource for future generations of aviation enthusiasts. It provides the East San Fernando and San Gabriel valleys with access to facilities for aviation services that minimize impact on Van Nuys, Santa Monica, etc.
Stephen	2/06/2023	I see two errors in Table 5.1 WPR22FA160 was 1 (Fatal), not 0 WPR22LA076 was 1 (Serious),, not 1 (Fatal) Accuracy is important... :)
Alejandro	1/31/2023	A safe and fabulous community is one that prioritizes the well-being and safety of its residents. Key characteristics of such a community include: **** Low crime rates (for that to happen, we'd need a better police force at the Foothill Division. Police suppose to serve and protect, but at Foothill Division that's not the case. **** Access to quality healthcare facilities **** Good schools and educational opportunities **** Adequate public transportation **** Affordable housing options **** A strong sense of community and social connectedness **** Access to recreational facilities, parks, and open spaces **** A thriving local economy (Pacoima has by far the worst local economy) **** Diversity and inclusivity **** Good governance, transparency, and responsive leadership - Unfortunately, we lack governance from the 7th district councilwoman, the 7th district includes: Sylmar. Mission Hills. Pacoima. Sunland-Tujunga. Lake View Terrace. Shadow Hills. La Tuna Canyon. Northern portion of North Hills East. But only a few of the mentioned above are being taken care of. Pacoima has become very dangerous, where wrongdoers do as they please due to lack of police enforcing the law. Parking enforcement is another service we rarely see in Pacoima, and they are not enforcing the parking laws, that is only two issues of many happening in this neighborhood. In addition to these tangible factors, a safe and fabulous community also cultivates an inclusive culture, promoting the health, happiness, and success of its residents. How about a great mall in the place of the Whiteman Airport, with lots of underground parking. Bring in Trader Joes, and other stores that would bring up the value of the area.
Edward	1/27/2023	The Airport is an important part of our community, to many small airports get closed down which prevents young prospective aviators the opportunity to learn to fly, this airport also supports our police, fire and rescue personnel.

<p>Burton</p>	<p>1/27/2023</p>	<p>I live and work in Arleta; just up Osborne Street from the Whiteman Airport. We are close enough to share the same Zip Code as Pacoima and close enough to share an interest in the fate of what happens with this airport.</p> <p>Thank you CAC Advisory committee & to the staff of the Board of Public Works - to each of you for investing your own valuable time to consider all the different aspects of the project you have been tasked with, for submitting your differing opinions, and for making an effort to glean helpful ideas from community members.</p> <p>As you wrap-up and put-forth your considerations, may I offer this one personal observation: What I am suggesting here is in support keeping and improving the Whiteman Airport facility, to make this airport a valuable asset to the greater City of Los Angeles and to bring in additional revenue for the County of Los Angeles and to create more good jobs in the local Pacoima community.</p> <p>I am anticipating this airport facility use as a prospective, near-perfect business hub for an aircraft business venture in this region of the San Fernando Valley..</p> <p>Recently, I have seen news reports and even saw a manufacturer advertisement on television about the not-too-distant future “air taxi” service that is now being developed for facilitating cross-city commuter traffic in sprawling urban centers like Los Angeles. The 4-passenger vehicles that are currently in design are relatively quiet, non-polluting electric, propeller-driven, vertical take-off craft. No doubt, improved technology and even greater safety designs will follow. Feasibility studies for their use look at one common problem to promoting this advancement to inner-city travel. The issue is finding enough suitable and accessible places around the city to locate hubs for this type of taxi service. The ideal will be locations where more than one taxi service provider can utilize some of the same facilities.</p> <p>By improving and optimizing current space at or adjacent to the airport, A multi-level parking structure could be built for commuters to park their cars or for city busses to drop off air-commuter passengers.</p> <p>Eventually, as this kind of service increases and it is deemed feasible, perhaps a Metrolink stop could be added near Whiteman Airport. - AND more easily, the Light Rail commuter line is going to be built down Van Nuys Blvd, ending at San Fernando Road. That light rail commuter terminus could easily have a shuttle bus service coming the short distance down to the Air Taxi terminal at the airport. Couple that small air-TAXI terminal with a coffee shop and a some eateries or a restaurant on the lower level & you would have more than a few high-level improvements at this airport, while at the same time providing good opportunities of more jobs locally for people from the surrounding community.</p> <p>By purchasing space at some of the surrounding properties, a state-of-the-art maintenance facility for these air-taxis could be adjacently incorporated to perform the needed electrical charging, and the regular up-keep maintenance for these vehicle service companies. -I’m looking at some of the property, currently under-used, that is on the east side of Airport Way (or some other configuration of buildings, conveniently situated) to accommodate a parking structure or these maintenance services.)</p> <p>-- MORE SKILLED JOBS, with great pay opportunity become available to residents in this community. As well, this all could generate more income for the county & community coming out of this airport facility.</p> <p>Link this airport space with the existing open space right next door at Roger Jessup Park (with some needed improvements there), - this could be a really attractive community hub as well as a growing economic asset within our community.</p> <p>The Whiteman Airport (existing AS an airport) provides the opportunity for many services and benefits to this part of the San Fernando Valley. Please do all you can to improve and keep this valuable resource, and make good use of this airport to its full potential as a functioning airport. - Another suggestion for your consideration.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted,</p> <p>Burton, employed in and a resident in Arleta</p>
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Gill	1/26/2023	I support motion #4 to keep the airport open for the long term opportunities for the community that aviation can bring in the decades and generations to come. There are many jobs that aviation need curious and motived people. The urban area around the Whiteman airport has many blighted problems that are not due to the airport over the last 75 years. The economic resources and revenue from the airport is a vital economic support for the local community mitigation resources that are derived from the FAA. This process has brought situations awareness of the Economic and educational distress of local residents, it will take time to address the solutions to social problems that has grown over the last 5-7 decades. Keep the airport open and engaged with the community, and the solutions will grow in the course of time.
Carol	1/26/2023	Thank you. I appreciate the motion to keep the Airport open due to Emergency services, opportunities for employment and Open Space (less density and less local traffic.)
Steven	1/25/2023	I've been working and have missed many of the meetings yet as a Leader, have spoken organized around this community, my family a large on this side of the Valley specifically Pacoima since the 1900's Valley farming, Garcia, Martinez ,Bolanos,Lopez, We truly believe that the airport has workout its welcome, it's tax revenue is lacking to benefit the local community or our Native Fernandino 'Tataviem band of Natives who were thrown out from that huge piece of real estate" an eye sore it is, with no Modern engineering feats in the past 50 yrs, it has lacked working and honoring the local community, the Airport should be closed...open that huge plot of real-estate for investment... a possible mini mall! (indoor) northridge, Glendale closest yet do not benefit this region. A metrolink or train stop....with huge housing/ affordable Housing plan to be included. Specifically a visionary one that would include the Native Americans of this are for its their ground zero land!! The Fernandino Tataviem Band. As an airport the powers can continue w false promises it has failed in a visionary plan in the last 70 yrs. W discrimination behavior toward the majorities cultural and linguistic languages of inclusiveness within the powers to be of this Draconian corporate nationalism authority. This airport right along with the Golf course is of no benefit to this community or its citizens. A closing plan should be initiated immediately with visionary plans created simultaneously in development. The largest failure of this airport who has caused death in our community, is they have no history or established a educational authority within our schools or colleges even in a visionary prospective' way..numbers how many in our local schools are moving forward as pilots or professionals in that field??? Etc. Etc Arleta high, poly & SF high maclay, Pacoima mdl. Sch. Etc. Should have a built in system for this... Thank you Community Leader , organizer, minister, Advocate & Die Hard Pacoimero... End the Slavery of the past, open the Land of our People.
Rick	1/25/2023	DO NOT CLOSE THE AIRPORT. Small airports are crucial to the long term safety and security AND economic development of a region. Do not encroach on the airport with short-term real estate development greed.
Citizen	1/24/23	This controversy is a clear and outright discriminatory movement using colour and classism as the factors. It is obvious that Monica R is up to proving a "power play" in order to score points from her constituents as able to "move city hall" and garner votes as she climbs the political ladder. This movement is discrimination towards people of colour, the colour white in this case, "classism" towards peoples who can afford the expense and upkeep of their little airplanes, and trampling of an almost historic airfield of necessary proportions for life saving emergency vehicles, both in the field and in the air. I have lived underneath the direct line of flight for over 1/2 a century and I can assure I am safe, feel safe, and you become accustomed to noise after awhile. I scrolled thru the comments and it is overwhelming the majority want the airport to remain. You need to listen to the people.....
Jeffrey	1/24/23	I propose that Whiteman Airport become one of the City of Los Angeles infrastructure Projects 28x 2028 for the upcoming Olympic Games. The LA Olympics have declared the event will not be open for automobiles, but for the Paris Olympics, Electric Evols will be allowed. Whiteman can and should be a regional Transportation Hub. Attached are two videos Car Free Olympics: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYxgV17skDA Flying Cars for Pairs Olympics https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjZylpRXlec
Jim	1/23/2023	How many emergency operations have been performed at Whitman (medical, police, fire, etc)

Theodore	1/19/2023	"Reinvisioning Whiteman Airport"; does that necessarily mean keeping or getting rid of Whiteman Airport ? As residents of Sylmar we do NOT want another December 5, 2017 !!
Rosemarie	1/18/2023	I hope the whiteman airport will stay.
Hilario	1/18/2023	<p>El aeropuerto ha sido importante para el vecindario y ojalá que lo actualicen.Hau que evaluar todo lo positivo y lo negativo para luego tomar desiciones El aeropuerto debería crear una escuela con fácil acceso a la gente pobre Del Valle que quiera entrar en el área de la aviación</p> <p><i>The airport has been very important for the neighborhood, and I hope it gets updated. We have to evaluate all the positives and negatives to make decisions. The airport should create a school with easy access to the poor people of the valley who want a career in aviation.</i></p>
Ron	1/16/2023	<p>To EVERYONE interested in IMPROVING COMMUNITY VALUE:</p> <p>This NASA report makes clear that AIRPORT value will far exceed any other land value. Local Airports are Essential!</p> <p>City Value will be reduced to second or third class for those that are unable, or unwilling to visualize the future, which because of the huge amount of funding for regional Air Mobility by the biggest transportation players, is much closer than many may think. Significant production facilities are being built NOW.</p> <p>This video produced by AOPA provides a reference to the NASA report material. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mDuvICjEoc</p>
Thomas	1/11/2023	<p>Whiteman Airport is a benefit not only to Pacomia but to the entire San Fernando Valley. Whiteman Airport is an essential reliever airport for the Los Angeles basin with approximately 600 airplanes, flight training, numerous youth programs, and potential use as an emergency facility.</p>
Burton	12/23/2022	<p>I have an article that I would like for you to take into consideration and perhaps post as part of my comments for you to consider.</p> <p>I personally stand in favor of keeping the Whiteman Airport facility open as a public-accessible airport, with improvements made that will be seen by all to keep this as a functioning asset to the community and subsequently a beneficial asset to the City and County of Los Angeles as a whole. This article, published in the California Globe's publication, contains information for why this (and other municipal) airport(s) should remain open; and what problems closing of such airports causes to ALL of the surrounding areas.</p> <p>This is the link to the published article</p> <p>https://californiaglobe.com/articles/the-hidden-airport-crisis-in-socal-how-one-airport-closure-is-creating-major-problems/</p> <p>Please enter this as part of my public comment and (along with all of your other input) take these issues into serious consideration when deciding about the fate of Whiteman Airport and where you will go from here.</p> <p>Thank you so much.</p>
Sylvia	11/19/2022	<p>Recommend gIving back to community aviation careers in local high schools in Pacoima offer Certification,mechanical aviation , pilot programs , many higher , current aviation related careers programs for our future Generation , staring with Pacoima community. I am an one of many example of San Fernando high school Saturday a medical program 4 hrs ,senior year and Kaiser PC gave Me training and a 40 yer nursing career 1973-2020</p>
Marcos	11/19/2022	Monica R stay out of the airport.

Paola	11/18/2022	<p>Thank you for providing a space to learn about and give input for the next steps in this process. The Goals and Actions were thought out very well, but I didn't see the solutions I wanted. Unfortunately most community improvements or engagement solutions were only made options in conjunction with the airport remaining open. Why aren't these improvement efforts being visibly made regardless of airport closure? Are these changes and improvements running off optics? How can the airport only provide solutions if it fits their interest and not the interest of the community overall? The airport is not closing tomorrow, so community will continue to be affected by all the negative impacts they're affected by today. All options for improvements coming from the airport need to be intentional for those they are affecting on a daily basis, not just for the benefit of the airport. From the solution options I see today, I can say I am not satisfied with the proposed actions of the airport. They don't seem genuinely concerned with the livelihoods they have historically negatively impacted.</p>
Catherine	11/18/2022	<p>I would like to highlight the need for a new aircraft noise screening study with a broader scope and study area to be inclusive of noise generated from the Fire Department that has activities /take offs from the Whiteman Airport. The sound generated from these activities is still impactful to the original 335 identified residential units and could in fact impact even more residential units.</p> <p>Additionally, the proposed implementation timeline for the Part 150 study and potential Residential Sound Insulation program seems arbitrary. It is hard to imagine that it would potentially take up to 10 years and \$30 million to get noise insulation measures implemented for only 335 residential units. There has to be another solution with a faster timeline if we were to keep the airport.</p> <p>Additionally should the County Board of Supervisors choose to keep the airport open to pursue FAA funding for the Part 150 Study and Residential Sound Insulation Program, it should be done on the condition that pilots submit to a voluntary curfew to provide additional mitigation measures for the surrounding community.</p> <p>This could be one of the only available compromises that would target all the asks of the community. I ask that the County Board of Supervisors consider these alternatives..</p>
Robert	11/16/2022	<p>Whiteman airport is the closest airport to the hills at the east end of the San Fernando Valley, and contributes to the fire safety of the tens of thousands of people who live near the edge of the valley. Please make sure it is available to the helicopters that are such an integral part of our wildfire defense.</p>

<p>Ron</p>	<p>11/7/2022</p>	<p>For those who desire to search toward the sky for success, this story should serve as an inspiration and a testament that helps to prove Whiteman is a valuable community asset that needs to stay nurtured, polished, and kept shiny like any other prized jewel.</p> <p>10,000th Free Airplane Flight for Kids to be Celebrated on November 26th at Whiteman Airport</p> <p>The 10,000th young person is to get a free “Young Eagles” airplane ride from the pilots of Chapter 40 of the Experimental Aircraft Association based at Whiteman Airport will be on Saturday, November 26, 2022.</p> <p>There should be about 75-85 flights provided on that day to kids between 8 through 17. All kids are invited to discover the gift of flight, and the rides are entirely paid for by the pilots.</p> <p>The “Young Eagles” is an EAA National Program, and Chapter 40 has been providing these complimentary introductory flight experiences on the 4th Saturday of every month at San Fernando Valley’s Whiteman Airport since 1992 (except on Christmas Day or Eve). Young Eagle events start at 10:30 a.m. and run until about 2 p.m.</p> <p>EAA Chapter 40 is arranging a VERY special flight for the lucky youngster. Details will be forthcoming.</p> <p>Caveat: we will not fly if the weather that day is not safe. The alternate date if that happens will be Dec 17.</p> <p>For More Information about this story, I invite those who decide to build upon success, rather than tear down, to contact Dave Kolstad - Chapter 40 Young Eagles Coordinator</p> <p>d_kolstad@yahoo.com</p> <p>YoungEaglesDay.org</p>
<p>scauwg.org</p>	<p>10/30/2022</p>	<p>Submitted as News Release</p> <p>Submitted Document</p>
<p>Rebekah</p>	<p>10/24/2022</p>	<p>I love living by the airport</p>
<p>Cristina</p>	<p>10/21/2022</p>	<p>Queremos nuestra Comunidad mas saludable aqui en Pacoima Los que vivimos en Telfair y pierce es mucho Ruido</p> <p><i>-We would love to make our community more healthy here in Pacoima. For those who live at Telfair and Pierce and there is a lot of noise?</i></p>

<p>David</p>	<p>10/21/2022</p>	<p>As an aircraft owner/operator flying out of Whiteman for over 25 years I'd like to augment my comments I spoke of during last night's meeting on October 20, 2022 and provide some more details.</p> <p>First, for the covered parking or "Shade Hangars" that I would really like to see at Whiteman, here are some benefits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) as an owner, my aircraft is in the shade, so it isn't in the sun all day long. This not only preserves the paint, but also keeps interior temperatures down which can affect the radios in the long term from heat damage. Radios that don't work can sometimes cause safety issues in some conditions, and we pilots really don't want to impact safety to the surrounding community. 2) If the roofs of the "Shade Hangars" were covered with solar panels, they would generate power. This can be used to offset the cost of electricity for the community members close to the airport who wish to run their air-conditioners to reduce the impacts of aircraft noise or power their EV charging stations. 3) In the rainy season, the "Shade Hangars" would keep water off of the airplanes parked outside. This, in turn, would help prevent water from getting into the fuel tanks, which has been known to cause engine shutdowns at takeoff and subsequent crashes into the nearby community. <p>In short, the "Shade Hangars" provide a benefit not only to the aircraft owners, but also the nearby community members by providing power and keeping everyone safer.</p> <p>My second comment was to mention my desire to have competent mechanics. I forgot to mention these are highly skilled, well paying jobs as aircraft mechanics, unlike auto mechanics, can't just use any parts found lying on the ground. The airplanes must be AIRWORTHY. I don't want to crash into your homes any more than you do! This requires mechanics that are well trained and literate as specific procedures must be followed to the letter to ensure the aircraft are safe to fly above the community. And it's not just about doing the work, as there is lots of paperwork that also must be done to ensure only the proper parts are used. This is not a career for everyone as it takes a lot of hard work to get certified to be employed in the profession. I'd like to see a mechanics school started at Whiteman that trains local youth to do this, as it can be rewarding for those who really want to do it.</p> <p>Third, I'd like to reiterate to the community members that don't like the leaded fuel: Believe me when I say I don't like it, either. As was mentioned at the meeting, the FAA has recently approved unleaded fuels for aircraft. I think I speak for everyone who flies out of Whiteman that if we had a choice of unleaded fuel or shutting the airport down, we'd buy the unleaded fuel in a heartbeat. (Our engines would last longer, too, but that's a secondary benefit) We pilots and owners hear you, please give us time to change over safely to the new fuel. We promise it's coming.</p> <p>Fourth, as far as the noise is concerned, having lived over the Pasadena freeway once I agree the noise can be annoying. If we can get the homes soundproofed and air-conditioned (using power from the Shade Hangars to offset your power bills) will this help?</p> <p>Thanks!</p>
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<p>scauwg.org</p>	<p>10/18/2022</p>	<p>Open letter to the LA City Mayor, the LA City Council members, Congressman Cardenas, and the LA County Supervisors.</p> <p>Submitted Document</p>

Ron	10/12/2022	<p>Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez and the Los Angeles City Council have played a significant role in lobbying for the closure of Whiteman Airport. Pacoima Beautiful has already produced renderings for airport land development, and many might assess that the group's leadership has maintained a point of view that was not likely to change during any part of the CAC process.</p> <p>In August I requested that in the interest of Honesty and Full Disclosure the CAC members voluntarily disclose if they, their families, or their business interests would profit from an airport closure. I now amend that request and address the elected officials that serve on, or have representatives that participate in the CAC. I request that they disclose their campaign donors that will profit from an airport closure.</p> <p>At present, the Los Angeles City Council has been criticized widely for alleged racism and other allegations that legitimate parties have asserted. The Council President has resigned from Presidency. President Biden has called for three Council Members to resign their offices. Per the Washington Examiner, activist Najee Ali is quoted as saying, "They were meeting for personal and political gain."</p> <p>There is no better time than now to demonstrate to the community that the Whiteman CAC is above such suspicions, not guilty by association, and above the tarnish that will be the subject of press interest for some time, by CAC members openly disclosing their financial interests, or their independence from fiscal motivation.</p> <p>Those, if any, who will profit from an airport closure via financial or personal gain, should resign from the CAC now, prior to any possible future investigative reporting, similar to that which will no doubt follow the current affairs of the Los Angeles City Council.</p>
Diana	10/6/2022	<p>For Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee Meeting #14 October 20, 2022 6:00-8:30pm, when is the AGENDA going to appear? I do lots of zoom meetings, and like to get the Agenda's a few weeks before. Thank's...</p>
Diana	9/27/2022	<p>I attended the Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport Zoom meeting a few week's ago and many of us got frustrated. The link Monica Rodriguez posted to join, was totally wrong so many could not get on the call. I figured out the right link and tried to get it to People. Also, my hand was raised FOREVER and I NEVER got call led on or acknowledged.</p>
John	9/26/2022	<p>I wish to see the Valley move towards a brighter future: Whiteman Airport should become L.A.'s next great outdoor public space, with nearby access to light rail transportation.</p>
Jeannine	9/26/2022	<p>Do not close this airport. The emergency services it provides (fire, air ambulance) are critical to the community.</p>
Mary	9/25/2022	<p>Emergency equipment, staff and an airport are essential year around in this already prepared property. We only need to look back on our fire and earthquake of 1994 to realize this need. We need to make certain this site is a top of the line service for the Millions of lives that surround it.</p>
Diana	9/24/2022	<p>I would like to know when I attend a meeting via Zoom, I have my hand up FOREVER, and I NEVER get called on. I do a LOT of meetings regarding the goings ons in and around the city, and I want to be able to ask questions or give concerns. This last meeting People were complaining left and right on how bad it was. Thank's...</p>
Ryan	9/22/2022	<p>Whiteman Airport presents obvious physical safety and environmental safety concerns to Pacoima and the surrounding area. The purported benefits of a small airport in this urbanized area do not outweigh the dangers it presents. It's long past time to close Whiteman Airport and redevelop it for the entire community, not just those few fortunate enough to have the means to use it. This is especially true now, as we face a housing crisis and need to build thousands of units in Los Angeles County alone to house our current population.</p>
Estephany	9/7/2022	<p>I would prefer to see affordable housing with green space accessible to the community center and parks.</p>
Alexis	9/7/2022	<p>The space Whiteman Airport inhabits could be turned into a park in order to add more color to the chaotic and industrialized city.</p>

Luis	9/7/2022	I would love to see more green spaces. I feel like there are no parks at a walkable distance.
Kaylee	9/7/2022	I would love to see all the smog and pollution to be cleaned from the Whiteman airport and see it replaced with green spaces. It'd be nice for the youth located in the area to be able to have a place they can escape to and establish a relationship with nature and their community.
Raul	9/7/2022	I would like the Whiteman Airport space to be used as a park or a plaza with farmer's markets.
Emilio	9/7/2022	I would like to see a green space instead of the airport.
Kimberly	9/7/2022	I want to see a local hospital/clinic, a park, a community mental health center, a plaza, a study center.
Susana	9/7/2022	I would love to see a community food garden. I would love to see that space turn into a green space.
Dania	9/7/2022	Green space w/recreation areas, community center w/programming, plus a community garden.
Alfredo	9/7/2022	I would love to see a park replace the airport and it will be a much better use of the land.
Yadira	9/7/2022	A community garden would be a great alternative!
Emely	9/7/2022	I like the idea of a park, a hospital or even a marketplace for local businesses.
Fabian	9/7/2022	Walking track/Walking path, Green space for picnics and gazebos, Outdoor gym, Community swimming pool, Bike park or Skatepark, Food forest, Futsal soccer courts/basketball courts, Community Center
Yazmin	9/7/2022	There should be a park in Whiteman Airport's place. I live a block or two away from this airport. There aren't any parks close by my home. If there was a park instead, I could go there with my family.
James	7/29/2022	Attached is a document I prepared regrouping items off of the list reviewed by the CAC. Comments have been placed under most of them concerning the viability of recommendations and concerns about what some are requesting. I was asked by staff to send this to them for their review. Submitted Attachment - Notes for CAC Meeting 28 July 2022 .pdf
Ronald	6/27/2022	Protect your important resources! KWHP is not expendable! Continue to promote airport contributions to the community. Unearth the REAL reasons those who oppose the airport do so. Educate and engage the local airport neighbors: 1. inspire effective community outreach 2. communicate that with an airport closure the resulting area gentrification will raise rents, forcing many to move.
Lizette	6/17/2022	Where can we find an environmental analysis or CEQA reports about the airport?

Robert	6/14/2022	<p>Potential Safety Contributors that Might be Adopted at WHP</p> <p>One of the principal concerns I have heard voiced about WHP is safety. There doesn't appear to be a safety issue noted by the FAA with respect to ALP safety issues, however, there was a comment posted relative to the Nov 2020 fatal crash that occurred just north of the fence line on approach. The issue raised is relevant to a pole that reaches some 75 feet in height. It should be noted that reaching out beyond the end of the runway is an area known as the RPZ which may also include the Object Free Area. That area is supposed to offer aircraft a safe approach and departure free of objects that intrude upon the airspace through which aircraft fly in the final moments of descent or the initial moments of flight. It appears that that pole has been considered for removal in the past, and though the NTSB investigation of that crash is not yet available, it seems to me that serious consideration should be given to the removal of that pole as it may have been a factor in the crash.</p> <p>There were "accident" reports available through the NTSB addressing eleven aircraft "accidents" from 2002 through 2020. In reading those reports there are a number of cases where aircraft maintenance inadequacies were noted in the reports, though not as causal factors. Aircraft maintenance is one area when major contributions can be made to safety. It would seem to be an area where safety gains might be made at several opportunities. Required FAA inspections are specified at several ongoing events in the life of an aircraft. Those inspections are based on engine time and the general life of an aircraft.</p> <p>One opportunity clearly presents itself when an aircraft owner makes arrangements to tie down or hangar an aircraft on the airport. Those safety inspection milestones are clearly identified in FAA Pubs and the Airport Management could publicize the necessity of those inspections on a timely basis. If the landlord for the property on which the aircraft will be based keeps a rent roll for each aircraft and completion of recently required inspections is noted on that roll. At the time of first arrival of the aircraft the landlord has an excellent opportunity to document on the roll upcoming required inspections and, though operating times are a function of aircraft utilization, will be possible to insure tracking of those required inspection events.</p> <p>The maintenance of aircraft is another area where operational safety can be enhanced. At some airports maintenance is sometimes performed by off airport mechanics that operate out of a truck or vans. It is important that these mechanics have the necessary qualifications to perform the work that they come aboard to execute. It is possible to confirm that mechanics have current FAA Ratings. This sort of program can be enforced by requiring airport access passes for the vehicles of currently qualified mechanics.</p> <p>Two additional safety areas are pilot physicals and requalification flight with certified instructors. That was an incident that resulted in a damaged aircraft on the field where the pilot acknowledged that the wind incident that he encountered was beyond his skill level. Requiring pilots to produce their current signoff of a check flight will contribute to enhancing safety in the instance noted.</p>
Richard	5/21/22	Don't let those Region Fanatics touch Whiteman Airport ! You know the Globalist Maniacs would love to turn that property into a Socialist Nightmare , Whiteman AP is a Historic part of that area , and the Agenda for a Mega Region by the RPAA should be Outlawed !
Jeff	5/21/2022	Keep the airport Open.
Barbara	5/21/2022	My neighbors and I want the airport!! The train is more a environmentally waste and the 5 freeway down the street. More accidents from the train and the 5 freeway than the planes It's clean area no homeless and we enjoy the old planes flying over on the weekends. No noise at night unlike the train and freeway
Robert	4/27/2022	Looking forward to receiving your updates one the process. Thank you, Robert
Elias	3/9/2022	I am emailing to inquire whether or not there was any data recorded from the two open houses that occurred on Thursday and Saturday. I understand that there was community input, including poster boards with sticky notes. Would it be possible to access any of this input or data?
Dan	3/5/2022	Please don't close our beloved community airport!
Gonzalez	3/5/2022	Save Whiteman Airport

Tom	3/5/2022	Whiteman airport should be shut down and repurposed to a use that truly serves the local community, not wealthy airplane hobbyists.
David	3/4/2022	My family loves that airport
Julian	3/3/2022	This airport has no use for the local residents! Please do something else for useful for the local residents. Thank you!
John	3/29/2022	Bring back the restaurant!
Samantha	3/24/2022	I will be attending tomorrow's meeting because a helicopter flies directly over my new house in North Hollywood every 15 minutes or so. I have been woken up at 2:30AM by the noise of a helicopter flying over my house. As someone who mostly works from home, the noise is distracting and upsetting. I was not made aware of the flight path of Whiteman airport in any of the disclosures provided to me before I purchased by home. It is making a negative impact on my quality of life, and my neighbors' quality of life. If I can do ANYTHING to help with the cause, please reach out to me. I'll create petitions, write letters, or anything that can lead to the shutdown and/or regulation of this airport. Thank you.
George	2/9/2022	The Whiteman airport is vital to the community, generates revenue for local business, and most importantly is an asset that could be desperately needed should a major earthquake or other catastrophic event take place in Los Angeles area for critical emergency response base and emergency supply delivery including food medicine etc. Thank you for supporting the airport which has been here longer than most of us.
Jackson	2/24/2022	Hi i would like to sign up for project updates regarding the Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport: A Community-driven Process Project.
Richard	2/24/2022	Keep Whiteman Airport!
c	2/24/2022	For the Los Angeles County to Host Open Houses March 3 and 5 for Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport: A Community-driven Process will there be a virtual event? For people who are not attending IRL events and can attend virtual events, it would be more inclusive in the process. Thank You
Alfredo	2/23/2022	Part parks for recreation and part shopping. Also change the name to Cesar Chavez not whiteman.
Cheryl	2/23/2022	I'd like to be on the planning committee. I was born in the area and will soon be 53. I have passed the airport many of times and have never been on the grounds and never seen any outreach to the community. I would like to bridge that gap and be a part of the process
Michael	2/23/2022	I'd like to see the quality of life enhanced in Pacoima before the closing and opening of a new housing development. Pacoima still has neighborhoods needing street lighting, sidewalks, parking spaces, homelessness, and crime.It's in my opinion irresponsible to look to the future when we haven't updated our streets n neighborhoods in over 20 years
Saul	2/18/2022	The San Fernando Valley Sun / El Sol newspaper is a great resource to communicate with residents in the Northeast side of the valley.
Alex	2/08/2022	I believe that Whiteman Airport should be kept, but an Aviation Academy should be researched and opened for youth in the local communities such as Pacoima, Arleta, San Fernando, Sylmar, Lake View Terrace and Tujunga. This will benefit the youth and the local community greatly and bring a local interest in aviation for now and the future.
James	11/24/2021	when can we see the chat portion of the meeting? thank you.

Burton	11/23/2021	<p>Hi. My name is Burton. I joined in on the November 18, 2021 Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Meeting.</p> <p>There was a lot of good and interesting information given out on the subject of funding, income and expenses of airports. I'm looking forward to meetings where you also take time to cover other informative subjects.</p> <p>One more thing, during Public Comment, sometimes when new speakers are called upon, they are unaware that on the next screen that comes up, they will need to UNmute themselves before starting to speak. So it may be helpful for the moderator for Public Comments to include explaining that step as a bit of information for when they are called on for their turn to speak. I wasn't certain if that is how it was going to work, so when I started to speak, my brain was still thinking about that step. I was a little nervous and I started out stumbling over my words and exactly how I was wanting to put together what I wanted to say from the notes that I had scribbled during the meeting. Please pardon me for not fully "having my act together" when I started to speak at the meeting. (I'm better at composing my thoughts on paper and having time to re-think my words, than I am when it comes to publicly speaking "off-the-cuff".) However, I DO want to Thank You for having the opportunity to present my thoughts to you for consideration.</p> <p>Again, Thank you!</p>
Joseph	11/17/2021	I am an airplane owner that bases in a hangar at the Whiteman Airport. I want to continue my lease long term.
Victoria	1/28/2022	During the July 29, 2021 CAC Meeting (Meeting #2), the moderator stated that per the Brown Act, the CAC cannot comment or respond to public comments. However, at the last meeting in November (Meeting #5), CAC Member Veronica Padilla-Campos specifically stated that she was responding to the community's public comments and then continued to scold the community. Can you please clarify and appropriately moderate CAC members' responses to public comments?
Irene	1/28/2022	<p>My name is Irene. I live in the Northeast San Fernando Valley, I am submitting public comment to address the CAC as a concerned citizen and ask for the shut down of whiteman airport. The airport allegedly generates millions in tax revenue, we have not seen the benefit of such revenue come to our community. We do not see any jobs or programs from Whiteman Airport reach our communities</p> <p>According to PB study conducted in 2008, "Whiteman Airport is the largest identified toxic source emitter in Pacoima. It emits toxics almost 20 times higher for carcinogenicity, 70 times higher for chronic non-cancer, and almost 80 times higher for acute non-cancer than the next highest source emitter in the area. It is estimated that as much as 1,000 lbs per year of various air toxics, including butadiene, acrolein, benzene and formaldehyde, may be emitted as a result of ongoing operations at the airport facility."</p> <p>Our community has carried the health burden of housing this airport for 75 years. Enough is enough.</p>
Pedro	1/28/2022	I feel there is no public benefit in having an airport in Pacoima? What is the community benefit? We live right under the highway path of these planes and it worries us daily!
Karina	1/28/2022	I have had the opportunity to take flight lessons at Whiteman Airport and it is such an amazing experience. My son just turned 8 and I plan on taking him to the young eagles program.

Alex	1/28/2022	<p>I attended the CAC meeting yesterday 1/27/22 and listened to all of the community input. I grew up in the San Fernando and Pacoima communities and my wife grew up in The San Fernando Gardens in Pacoima. I am in support of the airport staying open but that it needs improvements and that more community engagement with the Eagles Program and Civil Air Patrol (CAP) (both are volunteer programs) . I heard individuals state that there was no engagement but after speaking with my wife learned that Pacoima Elementary during the late 70's and early 80's took field trips to the airport and not more than 2-4 years ago she had planned to take my nephews and nieces to the Airport for the free flights that they offer to the community. I currently want to add I know of a former residents child who is in the CAP and he (parent) stated to me he noticed many participants where from the surrounding area because no other residents responded to the invites. I also heard from many against the airport make racial gestures about the airport and the programs but I as a youth between 77-79 was in the Civil Air Patrol and all the members about 14 Latinos where a part of the program and most residents at that time where from Lake View Terrace and Pacoima and I at the time was a San Fernando resident. Our commanders where African-American Retired Airforce Captain or something (Pacoima resident) a white commander (sad that I have to make those points). I also heard about the pollution and when my wife and I spoke she said she grew up there all her life and has no health effects due to the airport and none of our friends who are also lifelong Pacoima residents have had ill health but I on the other hand who grew up in San Fernando mostly do. Things that make you go hmm!</p> <p>Questions I have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. if it is determined to close the airport in the end will a study first be done to determine what is the best re-envisioning the airport? 2. Someone mentioned when will the attorneys first look at and report what the local community can actually do legally about the airport 3. Before determining to close the airport will a study be complete on how this will impact small aviation in the local region (It matters)
Odilia	1/28/2022	<p>Gracias por mandarme está conexión y me gustaría que me mantenga informada y me inviten a sus reuniones futuras y así pode apoyar a sus proyectos futuros.</p> <p><i>- Thank you for sending me this connection. I would like to continue to be informed and to be invited to your future meetings, so I can support your future projects. -</i></p>
Arturo	1/28/2022	<p>I would like for the study of earthquake faults in the area under the Whiteman airport, I recall the location of a Earthquake fault running either parallel or under the airport known as the Verdugo fault Line. Placing affordable, housing or develop areas of business would be affected greatly in any event of an Earthquake.</p>
Sandy	1/27/2022	<p>I would want the airport to shut down, constant loud noise and worry one of the planes crashing in my house. Not benefit to the community only contamination. Rather have low income homes built on that site.</p>
Tamara	1/27/2022	<p>No one in our community is served by this airport. We do not own airplanes. We do not see any money generated by the airport to benefit our community. We are done with implicit racism shown by allowing such a problematic institution in a community of color like our own. Would an airport that is not up to standards for safe distance from residential areas exist in an affluent community like Sherman Oaks, Encino, or Santa Monica? The time is now. Shut it down!</p>
Leroy	1/26/2022	<p>Shut it down, or else.</p>
Stephanie	1/25/2022	<p>Whiteman airport is a public safety threat and a burden to the community. Shut it down!!</p>

Amanda	1/25/2022	<p>My name is Amanda, I am a community activist, Democratic Party leader, and elected representative in Washington, DC. I fully advocate for the closure of the Whiteman Airport, if not permanently, then temporarily until the company is able to provide concrete proof that they can safely operate the airport. After combing through the thousands of reports by residents & community members who have voiced their concerns, outrage, and fear over social media to their elected officials and directly to the airport, it has become quite clear that things can not continue on as they have been.</p> <p>I propose the introduction of a board of majority-elected community members, outside experts who can provide unbiased insight and recommendations, and Whiteman Airport liaisons to provide comprehensive oversight and ensure that Whiteman Airport is safe for the community. Until this time, I believe the operation of Whiteman airport to be a danger to the well-being and livelihood of the entire Pacoima community and that all services should be halted immediately.</p>
Al	1/24/2022	Cost to park an airplane on the tramac?
Juan	1/22/2022	Question: do the CAC members need to meet certain requirements in order to qualify? Are there any rules/ethics/bylaws they must adhere to?
David	1/18/2022	<p>I base my aircraft at Whiteman and am curious how I can get something installed at Whitman that benefits both us (the aircraft owners) and the surrounding community simultaneously. My concept is covered parking for the outdoor tiedown areas, much like that seen in North Las Vegas. It's not a hangar, but at least keeps the sun off of the plane in the summer, saving the paint. Placing solar panels on the roofs of these covered parking areas will provide electrical power to the community. Hopefully an equitable cost sharing algorithm can be determined where the aircraft owner pays for their covered tiedown spot and the solar provider installs the solar panels and is able to charge appropriate (read: reasonable) fees for the generated power. I have other suggestions, but I'll stop here for now.</p>
Richard	1/17/2022	Leave the Airport alone ! There's too many " Roof Tops " and too many Humans in LA county , The Regional Planners don't care about History of the SFV or anywhere else , Leave the damn Air Port alone , you've destroyed enough already !
Fabiola	1/11/2022	<p>I support the closure of the airport, if the space can be used for something similar like plaza pacoima, Or recreation space. We need vitality in this community and beautification of the spaces .</p>
David	1/11/2022	<p>I live in Tujunga and fully support Whiteman Airport remaining open. I oppose any measure to close this airport or convert the land to other uses. There are countless benefits that having this airport provides the community and surrounding neighborhoods, from fire and police, news helicopters, the Civil Air Patrol, and private pilots. Having an airport in a community is like having a main street, it provides skilled jobs and commerce that can't be matched. Small airports, like main street, are under threat in the United States and we have lost many due to short-sighted and reckless politicians. Once an airport is gone, we have lost a tremendous infrastructure investment that would take millions of dollars to replace. Please consider the enormous benefits this airport provides. As a local pilot, I am very familiar with how busy Van Nuys and Burbank airports are--having Whiteman close-by is a matter of safety. Surrounding airports do not have the bandwidth to accommodate the aircraft that call Whiteman home.</p>
Daniel	1/11/2022	This is a horrible idea. The airport is one of the best in the area. Why do we want it to become another slum. The councilwoman has lost her mind unless her pocketbook is getting kickbacks from developers
Freeman	1/10/2022	Let's keep Jobs and needed Aviation open at Whiteman Airport.
Ray	1/10/2022	Just a reminder of the airport's economic impact " The airport directly supports approximately 246 jobs. Accounting for the multiplier effect, the airport creates roughly 412 jobs, with associated labor income of nearly \$19 million annually. the estimated \$54.5 million in total airport-related (direct, indirect and induced) spending each year."
Thomas	1/29/2022	<p>I suggest and recommend that the March 5 and 10 public CAC meetings be held at Whiteman Airport on the grassy area near the old airport office.</p> <p>This a good area with shade, restrooms, drinking water, and ample parking.</p>
Thomas	11/17/2021	<p>I am glad you are posting videos of prior meetings.</p> <p>I am a member of EAA Chapter 40 and want to be sure you are aware of our Young Eagles youth flight program and our youth construction project of a kit airplane - Project Jackpot.</p>

<p>John</p>	<p>11/3/2021</p>	<p>Hello CAC Members</p> <p>I wanted to thank you for your conscientious and orderly handling of the regular meetings. Not an easy thing to manage under the current circumstances. I also wanted to share with you the letter I wrote to the Members of the LA City Council. I am forwarding it to you for your records.</p> <p>-John</p> <p>... "I am writing to you today regarding the LA City Council's position concerning the closure of Whiteman Airport in Pacoima (WHP). There has been quite a bit of angry talk in the wake of the tragic accident that occurred nearly 1 year ago -involving the Civil Air Patrolman who crashed just short of the runway at WHP. Councilwoman Rodriguez seems to be capitalizing on the heightened emotion around this tragedy and is leading the charge to close the airport. My understanding is that an elected councilman or woman is responsible for resolving problems between members of the community that they serve –whether it involves groups of people or local businesses that comprise that community. Reflexively siding with one in an attempt to destroy the other, for the purpose of, winning favor with voters (or wealthy developers) –could easily be framed as not fulfilling one's responsibilities. As has been stated by fellow WHP associate and respected former Newsman John Marshall, there have been no fatalities on the ground of persons in the community that were directly related to aircraft associated with Whiteman in the in the 75 years of its existence. By contrast, there have been far more fatalities from the Metro-link and other forms of public transportation. And then of course, how many homicides, drug overdoses or hit and run fatalities has there been in that same period in the City of Pacoima? It would seem that the councilwoman's time and energy would be better spent addressing these issues.</p> <p>With regard to solving the specific problems of noise and safety in mind, my fellow pilots and I have been looking into the problem that the community faces. In fact, I have spent some time on Sutter Ave - under the narrow corridor of short final to the runway at the north end of the airport. And it is stressful - certainly from a noise standpoint. And watching planes landing right over your head can be a little unnerving.</p> <p>I was fortunate enough to meet that lovely woman who placed a memorial for the downed CAP pilot and we spoke briefly. I can certainly see how neighbors in the immediate vicinity of the airport would experience some anxiety -particularly in the wake of the crash on November 12. In response to such stressors, other local airports have implemented their own safety and noise abatement procedures that seem to work to the satisfaction of the local community. For example: At WHP, what if we add 50 feet to the approach altitude on short final? Adding 50 feet cuts the noise roughly in half, from what I was able to determine standing out there in the street. In addition, the slightly higher altitude adds a significant margin of safety if an engine should fail. Pilots will land further down the runway -which Whiteman can easily accommodate. I have tried it several times recently and it seems to work reasonably well. If our good friend with the Civil Air Patrol would have been 50 feet higher last November, we probably wouldn't even be having these conversations. At the departure end of runway, pilots could make their turn to the east sooner, and in this way be well to the north of the neighborhood and, in the case of an emergency, will have turned the first 90 degrees back to the airport. This is certainly not a complete answer. But it is, rather, a way of thinking about the problem. The goal here is to increase safety and alleviate as much of the neighborhood stress as possible.</p> <p>In short, closing WHP doesn't resolve the problem. It just shifts the burden to adjacent districts. The air traffic at WHP isn't going to simply vanish into the ether. It will be re-routed to other nearby airports, thereby increasing the air traffic management workload at those airports –which is already quite high. I'm sure it goes without saying that you can only push that envelope so far. This problem gets worse for every small airport that closes. The city representatives from surrounding districts with GA airports may want to take that into consideration."</p>
<p>Norma</p>	<p>11/2/2021</p>	<p>i am in favor of keeping the airport!</p>
<p>Thomas</p>	<p>10/29/2021</p>	<p>I am glad you are posting videos of prior meetings. I am a member of EAA Chapter 40 and want to be sure you are aware of our Young Eagles youth flight program and our youth construction project of a kit airplane - Project Jackpot.</p>

Connie	10/27/2021	Hello, As a female pilot and member of the Ninety-Nines, I have fond memories of Whiteman Airport. It was the location of my first solo flight. I urge you to keep this valuable community asset and investigate the role of community airports in the future of sustainable aviation and its benefits to the community. https://www.eco-aviation.org/eco-airports/
Peter	10/15/2021	Whiteman Airport is a valuable asset to the San Fernando Valley and surrounding Area there are Government Buildings used there as well as LA Counties Fire Departments Air unit based next door. Over the years they have used Whiteman as a camp for their Fire crews.
Ceci	10/13/2021	Whiteman is a fantastic asset to the community! It has numerous educational programs for adults & kids, and training for the needed pilots of tomorrow, as well as a fire station and search & rescue helicopters.
Julio	10/12/2021	Let's get that airport out!
John (Part 1)	9/22/2021	<p>Let's go back to the beginning. Why are we here in the first place? Last December, LA City Council member Monica Rodriguez called Whiteman Airport “a blight on the Pacoima neighborhood.” She persuaded the City Council to vote for the County to close the airport, calling it a step toward demanding environmental and economic justice for residents. “In addition to the obvious safety risk,” she said, “the many takeoffs and landings each day produce large amounts of toxic pollutants.” Those are her exact words. Let’s take a close look at this. Is Whiteman a hazard to the community . . . or is it an asset to the community. First, perhaps the most important issue: safety. The airport has been here for 75 years. Has anyone on the ground ever been killed by an airplane? The answer is no. How many people have been killed by the Metrolink and freight trains with tracks right next to the airport runways? The answer is dozens, if not hundreds. How many people have been killed on the nearby freeways, the 5, the 118 and the 210? Hundreds, if not thousands stretching back decades. Yet, no one would ever consider shutting down the trains or the freeways. Again, no one, zero, has been killed on the ground in Pacoima. The next issue is air pollution and noise. There is nothing noisier and more polluting than the Metrolink and freight trains on the tracks within a few feet of the Whiteman runway. They are powered by diesel engines, the dirtiest of all engines. Then there are the diesel trucks on San Fernando Road next to the railroad tracks, again next to the Whiteman Runway. The constant heavy traffic on the 5 and 170 freeways also contributes air quality pollution in Pacoima. And by the way, the railroad tracks and freeways are all upwind from the three monitors being used to test the air on the airport.</p> <p>Mr. Shaffer, who is conducting the measurements, admitted during in the last CAC meeting there is no way to differentiate between pollution from airplanes and other sources. Most airplanes at Whiteman are powered by small 4-cylinder engines similar those in the old Volkswagen bugs. Once they takeoff, they are gone, but the diesel trucks and cars upwind from the airport never go away all day. A better way to analyze the effects of air pollution would be to talk to local doctors and hospitals about unusual health problems, if any, among Pacoima residents. The results should be compared to other areas of the San Fernando Valley where there are no airports. A thorough investigation would also look at the health of pilots and employees right in the middle of it all at the airport.</p>

John (Cont'd)	9/22/2021	That brings us back to the question of whether the airport is a hazard to the community or an asset. This committee is charged with reimagining the airport. Let's reimagine it as a wonderful asset offering opportunities to all Pacoima residents if they want to pursue them. Shutting down Whiteman or any of the other County airports in Compton, El Monte, La Verne or Lancaster makes as much sense as closing all the libraries in Pacomia. Or closing the nearby city golf course. These things are part of a growing, thriving and productive Pacoma community. We all need Whiteman Airport and all it offers to the community. In the last two meetings, I have heard Whiteman referred to as a playground for rich people, who don't live in the neighborhood. The truth is that anyone who can afford a car can actually afford an airplane. Mine cost me \$20,000. Admittedly, it's an old bird, flown by others for a few past decades. But it's mine, and it takes me up into the sky where the earth becomes a beautiful place to live. Mountains, rivers, oceans, deserts all remind me how lucky we are to be on this planet. I say that experience is available and even affordable for anyone in Pacoima. The opportunity to get involved in aviation is open to anyone who wants it. The door is particularly open to young people. It's a chance for them to make something of themselves in an industry that is now hungry for new people, especially pilots. We all remember watching Richard Branson and Jeff Besos after their flights into space last July. I watch them step out of their spacecraft and try to describe to the media what it was like. As I watched them on TV, it hit me. The thrill, the joy and the feeling of accomplishment are what I feel just a mile up in the air in my little Taylorcraft airplane. Many of us are there daily, exposed to whatever is in the air. In my nearly three decades using the airport, I have never heard anyone complain about the air quality. Not once. No one likes to talk about it, but everyone knows there are problems in Pacoima, but they are not the airport. It is a high crime area where, in some sections, gangs own the streets after dark. Those streets are not safe. The airport is safe. It is not a blight on the neighborhood.
Neil	9/18/2021	Have an aircraft hangared at Whiteman
Ed	9/14/2021	I was reading a bit about the re-envison WHiteman Airport. I was reading the flyer on the process to reinvest in white men airport but my question is how does it benefit our community in Pacoima in and and moving for how does it benefit of the community overall. I await your response. Thank you!
Josie	8/26/2021	If possible, I like to be added to the Community Advisory Board, I am a community leader and part of the FTDNC Public Safety. Thank you
David	8/3/2021	Post the meeting minutes, video, and public comments. Thank you.
Diana	7/30/2021	Keep the airport.
Charles	7/30/2021	WHP is a great asset keep it open
Craig	7/30/2021	Please send Zoom meeting links for future meetings. Thanks.
Robert	7/29/2021	I work at Whiteman
Kim	7/26/2021	Please provide Veronica Padilla, Executive Director of Pacoima Beautiful, a permanent seat at the table for all the CAC meetings. During the first CAC meeting, Ms. Padilla's microphone was turned off, making it impossible for her to offer any information at the meeting. Thank you so much,