

Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force

In August of 2002, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution creating the Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force to enhance communication between the Airport, its users and Pinellas County residents who are concerned about aircraft noise. Currently serving on the Task Force are representatives from local communities, airlines, general and corporate aviation, the military and the Airport. The goal of the Task Force is to explore methods of reducing aircraft noise as it impacts the local community. Meetings are held monthly and reports are submitted semi-annually to the Board of County Commissioners. Information about the Task Force including minutes from the meetings are available through the Noise Abatement Website: www.pinellascounty.org/airport.

Voluntary Quiet Window

Because the FAA limits the authority of public-use airports to impose curfews, the Airport continues to work with the passenger and cargo airlines to encourage adherence to the Voluntary Quiet Window between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. daily. Our goal is to minimize the number of scheduled passenger and cargo airline flights operating during the late night and early morning hours when people are most sensitive to outside noise. Although the primary focus is on the airlines, the Airport has been working with the United States Military and others to improve compliance with the Quiet Window.

Office of Noise Affairs

In April of 2004, the Airport dedicated a staff member to address noise issues full-time. The Supervisor of Noise Affairs is principally responsible for responding to residents' questions and concerns related to aircraft noise, and acting as a resource to the Airport's Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force. Other duties include the evaluation of measures and procedures to reduce aircraft noise over residential areas.

Aircraft Noise Hotline

You may call the Aircraft Noise Hotline at (727) 453-7877 to report an aircraft noise concern or to make an inquiry. The Office of Noise Affairs is staffed Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To help us serve you better, when calling to report a noise occurrence, please provide as much of the following information as possible:

- Your name and address
- Date and time of noise occurrence(s)
- Direction of flight
- Aircraft type (large, small, airline, military, etc.)

You may visit the Airport's website at:
www.fly2PIE.com

or the PIE Noise Abatement website at:
www.pinellascounty.org/airport



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NOISE ABATEMENT & MITIGATION



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**Working with Communities
to be a Better Neighbor**

Striving to be a Good Neighbor

Located just off Roosevelt Boulevard in central Pinellas County, St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport serves the needs of the local aviation community, as well in excess of one million air travelers each year. While the central location puts the Airport within convenient reach of all residents of Pinellas County, its proximity to residential neighborhoods makes exposure to aircraft noise inevitable. With this in mind, the Airport is continually striving to lessen the impact of noise on neighboring communities, while managing the operation of the Airport as it serves Pinellas County and its residents. In addition to offering convenient access to air travel, the Airport is an important economic asset as the 8th largest employer in Pinellas County, and it provides an economic impact of \$783 million annually.*

Engine Run-Ups

Airport policy prohibits airlines from performing engine run-ups for routine maintenance purposes between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. daily. Exceptions may be made if an aircraft requires a safety check prior to a scheduled departure. In such cases, the airline must obtain prior approval from Airport Operations. If warranted, Airport Operations will instruct the airline on how and where to position the aircraft, in order to minimize noise exposure to surrounding communities.

Noise Abatement Procedures

In cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport implemented procedures to help reduce noise exposure to nearby residential communities. The Airport's noise abatement procedures direct southbound arrivals and northbound departures over water, rather than over residential neighborhoods (see maps). Based on FAA regulations, the Airport's noise abatement procedures apply only to passenger and cargo airlines. On occasion, Air Traffic Control may instruct pilots to deviate from these procedures when weather or conflicting air traffic is a concern.

*Data provided by Pinellas County Economic Development.

ARRIVALS



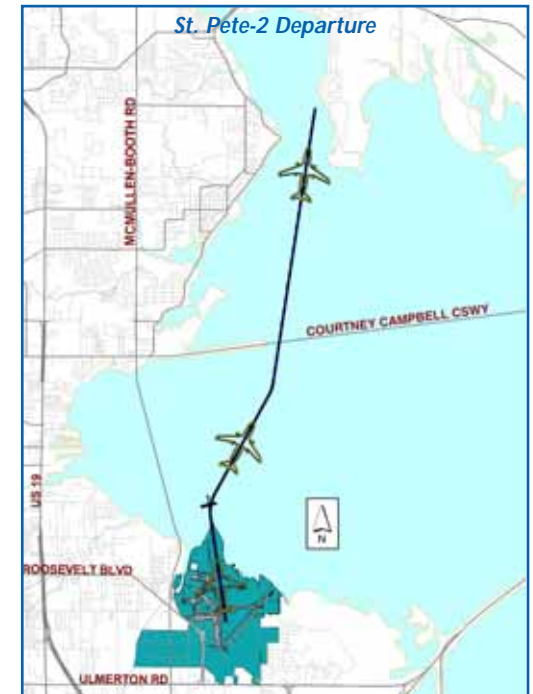
Southbound Arrivals

The North Bay Visual Approach (depicted above) routes airline arrivals to fly toward the Oldsmar power plant, northeast of the Airport. Once the aircraft reaches the power plant, it flies southwest (over the Bay) toward the Airport until it is approximately two miles from the end of Runway 17L, then turns south for final approach and landing. Due to safety concerns, the FAA permits this procedure to be used only during daylight hours and in clear weather.

Airlines are prohibited from the following activities between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. daily:

- Touch-and-go operations
- Practice instrument approaches
- Engine run-ups for routine maintenance

DEPARTURES



Northbound Departures

The St. Pete-2 Departure (depicted above), applies to airline aircraft departing the Airport to the north. Upon departure from Runway 35R, aircraft turn to the northeast, toward the Oldsmar power plant. When flying the St. Pete-2 Departure, the initial ascent occurs while over water, minimizing residents' exposure to aircraft noise. This procedure may be used during hours of daylight or darkness. On occasion, conflicting air traffic or hazardous weather may require aircraft to deviate from this procedure.

Fly Friendly Program

Although the noise abatement procedures apply to airline aircraft only, the Airport is expanding efforts to involve general aviation in our noise-mitigation efforts. The Airport is educating pilots, fixed-base operators, corporate pilots and jet centers on the noise issue and ways they can assist the Airport in minimizing aircraft noise as much as practical. These efforts are included in the "PIE Fly Friendly" program, which is intended to expand pilot participation and overall effectiveness of the Airport's noise mitigation efforts.