

May 2002 Kick-off Meetings Summary

Approximately seventy people participated in three neighborhood kick-off meetings for the Airport's Noise Compatibility Study. The meetings were conducted over three evenings during the week of May 6 and were held at the South Congaree Town Hall, White Knoll Middle School, and the Airport Campus of Midlands Technical College. Participants were invited to review informational boards and to ask questions one-on-one with the consulting team headed by The LPA Group prior to a brief presentation.

Dave Rickerson, the study's project manager, briefed those in attendance on the purpose and process of conducting a Noise Compatibility Study. A vital part of this Noise Study is the public involvement opportunities for neighboring residents. These include three future public workshops, a public hearing, and neighborhood representation on the Study's Advisory Committee. Mr. Rickerson entertained questions from the group after each briefing. At each meeting, participants were given the opportunity to provide written comments to the consulting team.



Dave Rickerson, THE LPA GROUP INCORPORATED, discusses the noise study process with South Congaree residents.



The consulting team answers questions from Airport neighbors during the May 7 meeting held at White Knoll Middle School.

The next public meeting is anticipated to be held in late July or early August. This next public meeting will present the current and future (5 and 20-year) noise exposure maps to the public for review and comment. The Airport will announce the public meeting date, time and location through the noise study website, local media outlets and by mailing invitations to local residents.

Noise Monitoring to Be Conducted

As a part of the Noise Compatibility Study, the Airport will conduct noise monitoring starting the week of June 10, 2002. While computer models will determine the average noise levels the airport generates, monitoring will aid in the accuracy of those models.

The monitoring phase of the Noise Study consists of taking seven 24-hour samples to characterize average community noise levels. Locations off of each runway end were selected from residents in close proximity to the airport who volunteered their homes during the neighborhood kick-off meetings. In addition to these 24-hour monitoring periods, ten short duration samples (approximately one hour each) will be collected. These short duration samples will be used to measure airplane overflight noise levels at various locations surrounding the Airport. One focus of these measurements will be to collect noise measurements during late night/early morning operations including cargo flights, maintenance activities and engine run-ups. Details of the monitoring will be presented at the next public meeting which will be held in late July or early August 2002.