

LICIA AIRPORT NOISE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The following email was received from Mark Gale, FLL Airport Director on Feb. 2, 2017

Mr. Rames,

My apologies for not responding to you sooner, we have been trying to get back on track at FLL/BCAD after the horrific incident on January 6th in which five people lost their lives, six more suffered gunshot wounds and many more were injured. The aftermath of such an event is possibly more than what you and others might think, and many of the daily issues we had on the table and were actively working needed to be temporarily suspended. I and my team lost weeks of precious meetings and time in the office dealing with this tragedy, so while I realize that your dismayed, we have not ignored the situation. We are hopefully now returning to some sense of normalcy and refocusing on this and other matters.

I did have discussions with the FAA, as I indicated I would, to seek any opportunities to address the current westerly flight departures affecting the Lauderdale Isles area. I am not stating that the flights are not operating in accordance with the language in the EIS documents (to the contrary, I believe they are) but rather looking at the two issues we discussed pertaining to exactly when an aircraft departing 28R turns to a heading of 290 degrees and the resulting ground track, and are aircraft using the 290 heading off of 28R when there is little or no activity on runway 28L (which would definitely require the 15 degree divergence). Those discussions are continuing, as are discussions on how we might best incorporate something less than the currently required 15 degrees separation as part of the FAA's upcoming Metroplex project (airspace project which really affects all of south/central Florida). As I mentioned to you and your colleagues in the meeting, these issues will not be resolved overnight, but I also stated that I would work on the issues to see what, if any, relief can be identified/achieved...I am and will keep my word.

I have additional discussions with the FAA slated for this month as well as in March, at various levels of their organization. I'm happy to keep you abreast of the outcomes to those discussions and any material progress/changes we hope to make.

I do very much appreciate the time and opportunity we had to sit and discuss the issue, and believe that a continued dialogue is the best course of action.

Again, my apologies for the delayed response.

Best,
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