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Dear Community Noise Forum Participant,

First and foremost, we hope this letter finds you well during this challenging time for our community and our country.

We would like to take a few moments to provide an update on the FAA's Metroplex Initiative, an initiative we've been sharing with our Community Noise Forum for several years. For those less familiar, Metroplex is part of a broader congressionally mandated initiative called NextGen, directing the FAA to modernize the National Airspace System by improving airspace flight procedures around the country.

In May 2019, the FAA came to Tampa Bay and held four public workshops to share notional flight procedure changes anticipated for Tampa International Airport. Since that time, the FAA has conducted an Environmental Assessment of the proposed changes and they released those findings yesterday. A link to those documents may be found by visiting www.metroplexenvironmental.com. We would like to invite our community to Click on 'Metroplex' and select 'South-Central Florida Metroplex' to review all of the associated documents. A link may also be found by visiting www.TampaAirport.com/noise-abatement.

The procedural changes proposed for Tampa International Airport are expected to take place at or above 10,000 ft. As such, communities around the Airport will not see any changes to how aircraft arrive and depart today. It is also important to note that the proposed flight procedure changes do not have any impact on the Airport's long-standing Preferential Runway Use Program.

Public comment is welcome and highly encouraged on the FAA's Environmental Assessment. The FAA will be hosting virtual workshops on June 4 and June 5. We strongly encourage our community to participate in these meetings. Additional workshop information may be found in the attached flyer.

Sincerely,

Adam Bouchard
Director of Operations