

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2017, Legislative Day No. 33

Resolution No. 31-17

Introduced by the Entire Council

By the County Council, July 3, 2017

1 RESOLUTION urging the Federal Aviation Administration to modify flight paths
2 and elevations imposed by NextGen Air Transportation System to pre-NextGen paths ~~and~~
3 ~~to place warnings in the Automated Terminal Information System to ensure pilots comply~~
4 ~~with required altitude during their approach to Baltimore Washington Marshall~~
5 ~~International Airport and move forward with the requests and recommendations of the~~
6 DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable

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8 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration has imposed new flight patterns
9 as a part of their NextGen Air Transportation System; and

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11 WHEREAS, the resulting changes in flight paths and ~~elevations~~ altitudes has a
12 negative impact on the quality of life for a large number of Anne Arundel County
13 residents, some many miles away from Baltimore-Washington Marshall
14 International Airport (“BWI”), far outside the Airport Noise Zone designated by
15 the State of Maryland; and

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17 WHEREAS, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan as well as members of the
18 Maryland Congressional Delegation have expressed opposition to the new and
19 concentrated flight paths and altitudes resulting from NextGen flight patterns and
20 have demanded that the FAA revert to the former flight paths for BWI; and

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22 WHEREAS, the County Council has received numerous calls and emails from
23 citizens directly affected by the change in flight ~~paths~~ patterns, with Anne
24 Arundel County neighborhoods increasingly affected by noise ~~and~~, light, and air
25 pollution nuisance from low-flying aircraft for almost 24 hours a day; and

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27 WHEREAS, any savings realized through the NextGen system should be
28 balanced against the growing impact on local communities; and

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30 WHEREAS, the County Council requests the Maryland Department of
31 Transportation Aviation Administration conduct a reexamination of the noise
32 standards established in the Maryland Environmental Noise Act of 1974 and
33 update them to a modern system that more accurately reflects the impact aviation
34 noise has on Anne Arundel County residents; and

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36 WHEREAS, the County Council further requests the Maryland Department of
37 Transportation Aviation Administration reexamine the Noise Abatement

1 procedures around BWI to better mitigate the noise impact current aircraft
2 operations are having on County residents; and

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4 WHEREAS, the County Council supports the DC Metroplex BWI Community
5 Roundtable's continuing communication to the FAA citing concerns and effects
6 of the NextGen system that must be addressed and alleviated by the FAA PBN
7 Working Group or whatever other FAA process may be necessary; and

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9 WHEREAS, the County Council urges the Federal Aviation Administration to
10 revisit the NextGen flight pattern plan and, wherever possible, revert to the former
11 flight paths as soon as practicable; and

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13 ~~WHEREAS, the County Council further urges the Federal Aviation~~
14 ~~Administration to take immediate steps to ensure pilots maintain appropriate~~
15 ~~altitude in the flight path through warnings in the Automated Terminal~~
16 ~~Information system; therefore, be it~~

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18 WHEREAS the County Council fully supports the requests and recommendations
19 of the DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable as described in their March
20 31, 2017 and July 25, 2017 letters to the FAA, to resolve the harmful effects of
21 the NextGen flight paths and procedures on BWI communities and residents;
22 therefore, be it

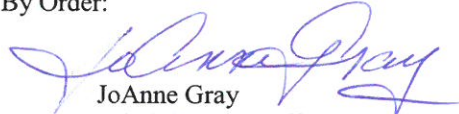
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24 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, that the Anne*
25 *Arundel County Council urges the Federal Aviation Administration to return the flight*
26 *patterns at Baltimore-Washington Marshall International Airport to pre-NextGen paths*
27 *and to immediately place warnings in the Automated Terminal Information System to*
28 *ensure pilots comply with required altitude during their approach to BWI and move*
29 *forward with the requests and recommendations of the DC Metroplex BWI Community*
30 *Roundtable; and be it further*

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32 *Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Michael P. Huerta, Administrator,*
33 *Federal Aviation Administration.*

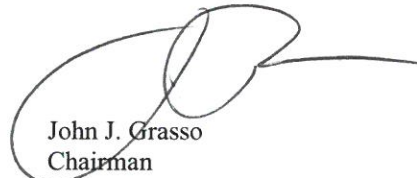
AMENDMENT ADOPTED: September 5, 2017

READ AND PASSED this 5th day of September, 2017

By Order:


JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 31-17, AS AMENDED, IS TRUE AND CORRECT
AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.


John J. Grasso
Chairman