

INTERESTED PARTIES PROCESS –
REPRESENTATIVE PERIOD FOR CERTIFICATED AIR CARRIERS
AND SCHEDULED AIR TAXI OPERATORS

INTERESTED PARTIES MEETING

April 5, 2018

Summary

This interested parties meeting was the second in this interested parties process. Discussion focused primarily on the data samples provided by each of the two potential data vendors. The samples include arrivals and departures data at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) over the period January 7, 2017 to January 15, 2017.

- One of the potential vendors, a publically traded company, excused themselves from this meeting citing legal concerns related to international and domestic antitrust laws and exchanging data with competitors without written permission.
- BOE staff presented a summary analysis comparing the arrivals and departures from the data samples to arrivals and departures reported to the Los Angeles County Assessor for the 2017 representative period.
- Los Angeles County Assessor / CAA Aircraft Advisory Subcommittee presented examples of the calculations of time and activity factors for one airline utilizing the data samples from both prospective vendors.
- Interested parties provided feedback and discussed concerns about the data provided in the samples.

Industry participants' comments about the data provided included:

- Flight data in several cases appears to have been estimated, and in those cases was not entirely accurate.
- Airlines will need to review the third-party data to verify its accuracy against their records.
- The scale of the data necessary to utilize a 365-day representative period will be overwhelming, making review of the third party data administratively burdensome, so burdensome as to become unrealistic.

Assessors' comments included:

- Receiving data for 365 days all at once would be burdensome. Both potential vendors have stated the data can be provided monthly, in smaller, more manageable packets.
- If a material disagreement occurred, a great amount of detail would have to be reviewed.

BOE Staff comments included:

- Staff has concerns about the audit and verification burden on both the assessors and airlines, in addition to assessment appeals and compliance burdens.
- Alternatives to the 365-day representative period need to be explored.