# Airplane Noise Issue impacting Cupertino and Sunnyvale

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### Who Are We?

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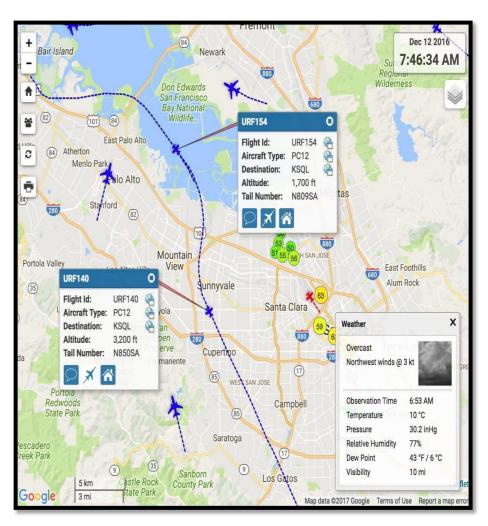
- Save My Sunny Sky Google Group:
  - http://group.savemysunnysky.org
  - 197 Members (Increasing every single day)
- Save My Sunny Sky WeChat Group:
  - http://wechat.savemysunnysky.org
  - 386 Members (Increasing every single day)
- Neighborhood Groups on Airplane Noise:
  - Nimitz, Cherry Chase, Cumberland, Ponderosa, Homestead High, Ortega Park, Serra Park, Bernardo & Iowa, Rancho, Golden Gate, Cherry Hill, Asian Community, Israeli Community ...

## **Existing Noise Issues**

- SQL (San Carlos Airport)
  - Rerouted over North Sunnyvale without notifying the city or the residents.
  - 6-month trial ended 1/4/2017, meeting scheduled in Feb to decide
  - Surf Air is still expanding rapidly
- SJC (San Jose International Airport)
  - South flow brings 200+ low flying airplanes over Sunnyvale every day
  - Very concentrated flight path with increased frequency
  - Unbearable noise level for residents
- SFO (San Francisco International Airport)
  - Increased to ~15 daily flights overs Sunnyvale
  - Potentially more vectored flights over Sunnyvale due to recent FAA proposal of Class-B airspace modifications

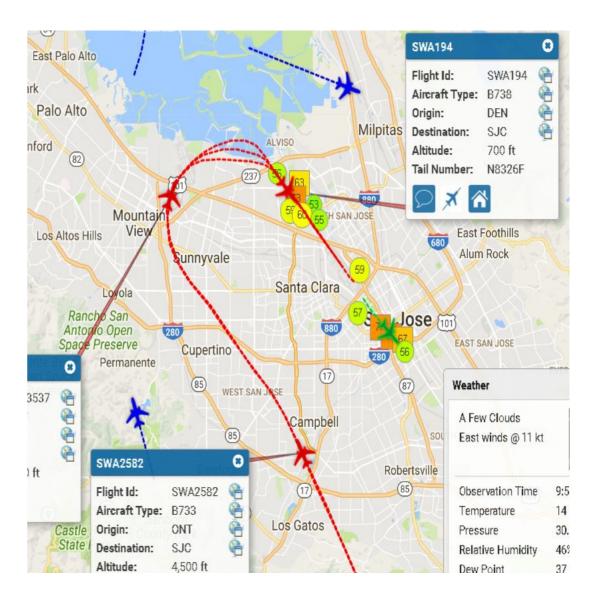
### Surf Air: Overview

- Surf Air started flying into San Carlos airport in 2013 and has grown to 22 flights per day and increasing rapidly.
- Surf Air uses a Pilatus PC-12 propeller plane that generates noise levels that are disruptive to surrounding neighborhoods.
- On July 4, 2016 a six month
  Bayside Visual Approach trial
  was started at the request of San
  Mateo County and Surf Air due
  to noise complaints. The cities of
  Sunnyvale and Cupertino were
  not notified nor consulted.

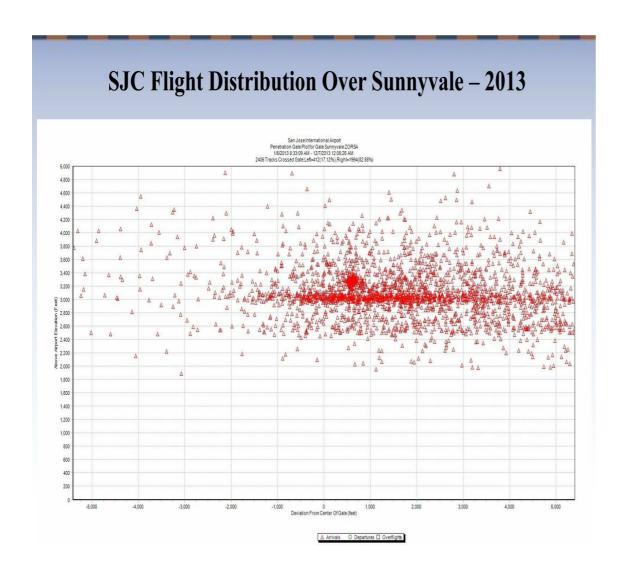


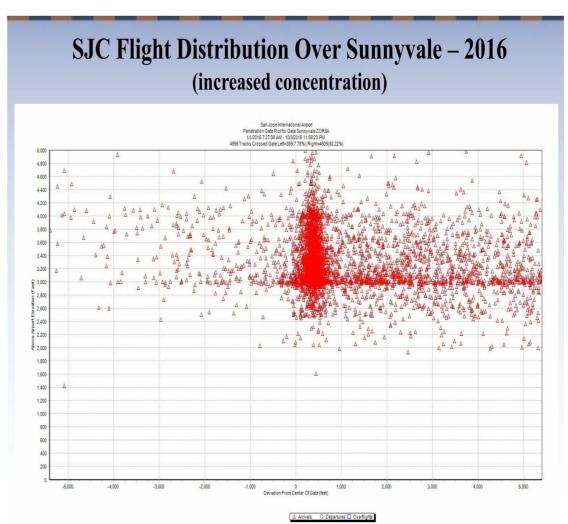
### SJC: Overview

- SJC arrival flights have always flown over Sunnyvale during South Flow. Why is there so much more noise?
  - Increase in Concentration
  - Decrease in Altitude
  - Potential Increase in use of air brakes, engine thrust and flaps causing planes to fly "dirty" possibly caused by:
    - Steeper descent and faster speeds over Sunnyvale
    - Tight U turn over Sunnyvale
  - Increase in total SJC Flight Operations
    - 14% increase during the last year (2015 compared to 2016)



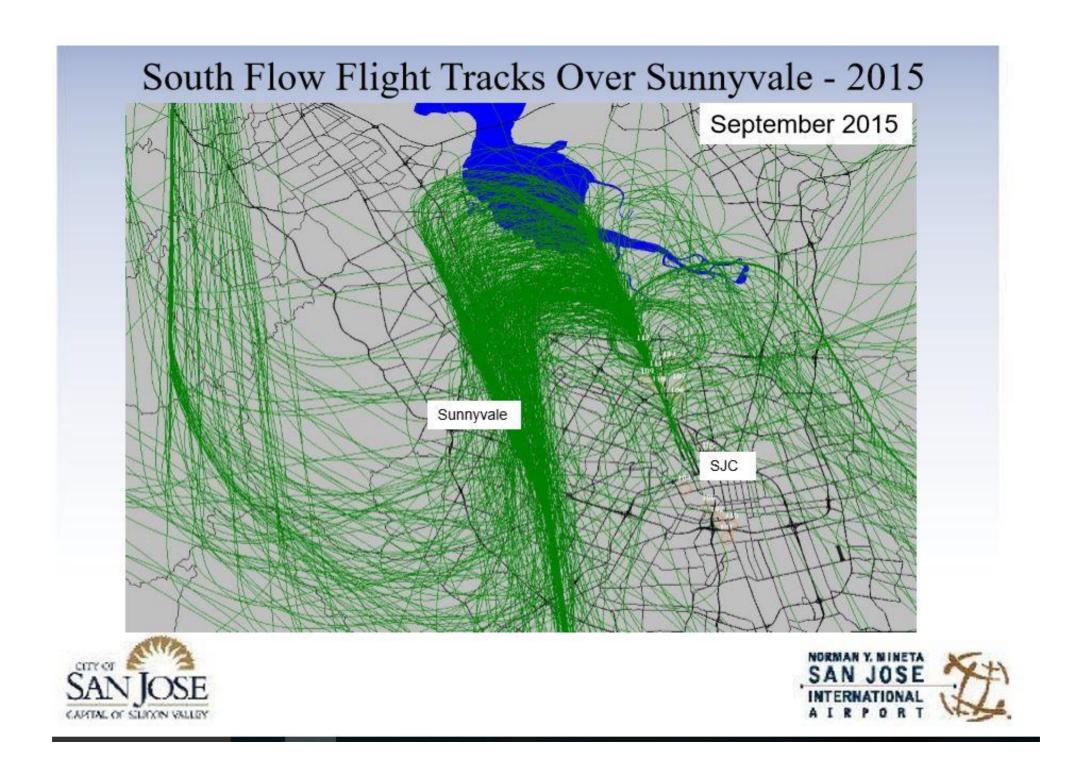
## SJC – Increased Concentration



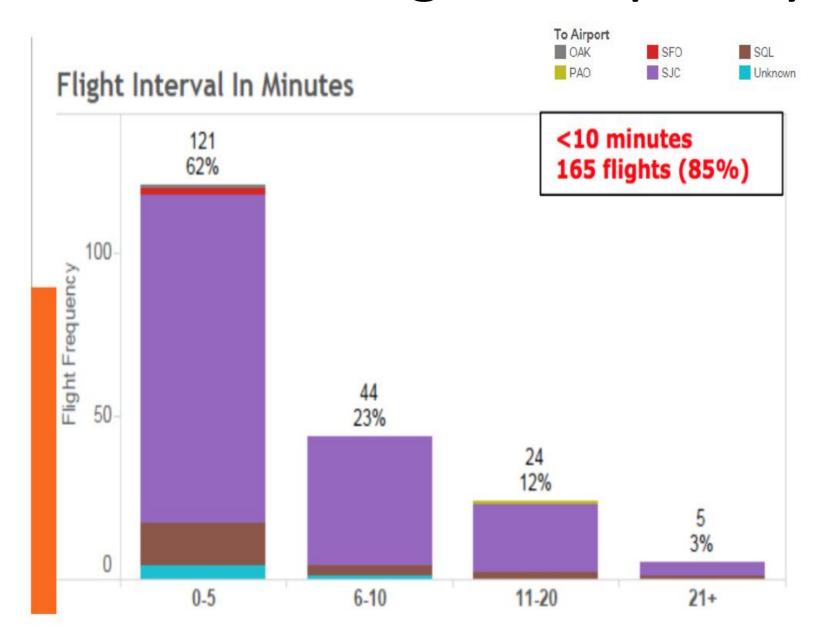


Distribution of flights in feet from Waypoint Zorsa. Data spans 5000 feet (1 mile) from center point.

## South Flow Path into SJC



## SJC – Increase in Flight Frequency



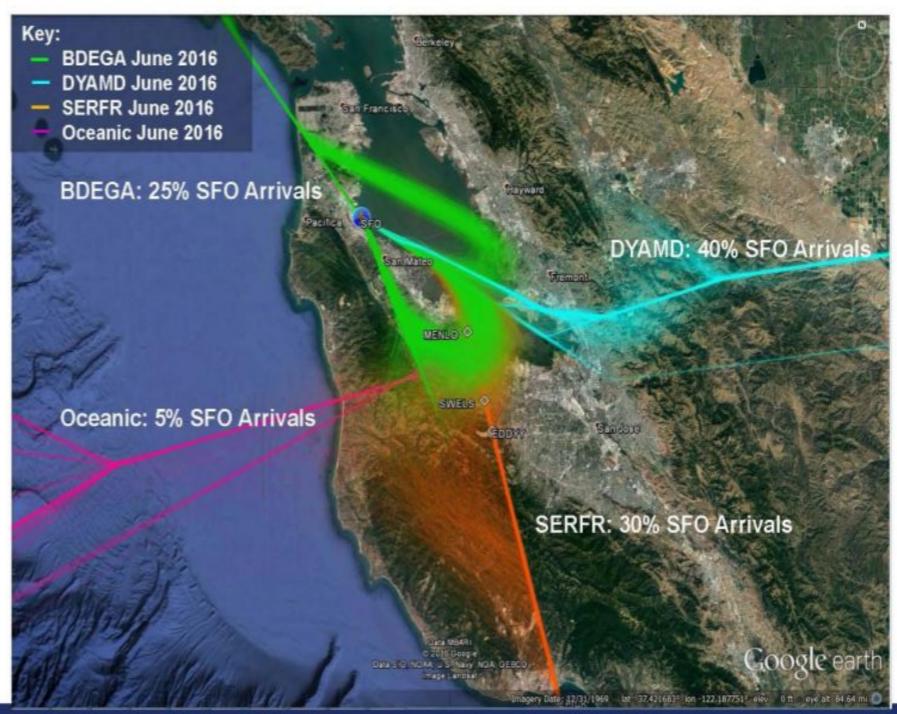
<sup>\*</sup>Data provided by Sunnyvale resident for flights over their house on 1/3/17

## **Emerging Noise Issues**

#### SFO

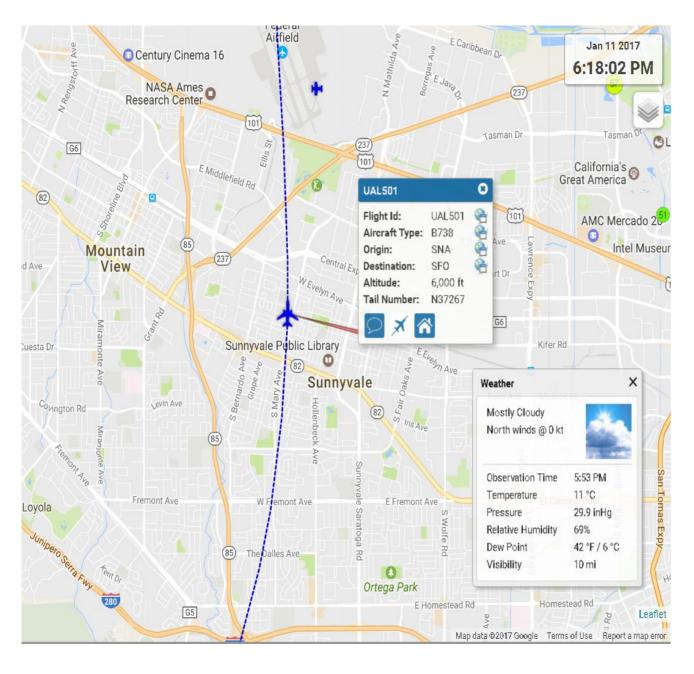
- Vectored flights over Sunnyvale and Cupertino since late 2016
- These SFO flights will force existing SJC airplanes to fly even lower
- SFO does not have night curfew
- Recent FAA proposal of Class-B airspace modifications

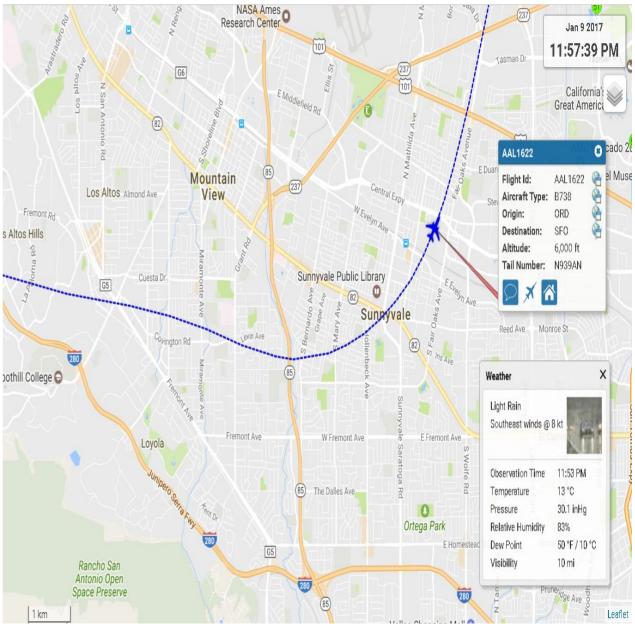
## **Arrivals into SFO**



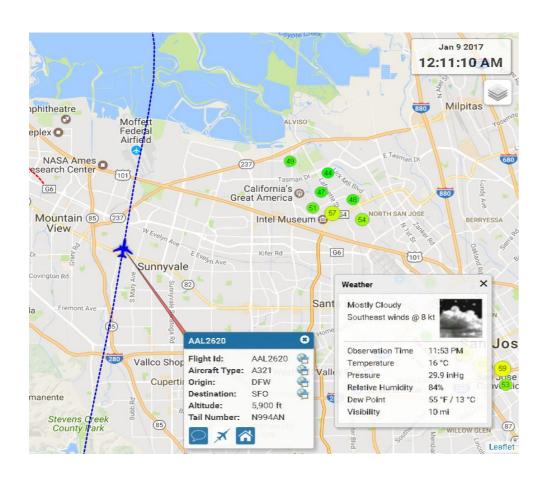


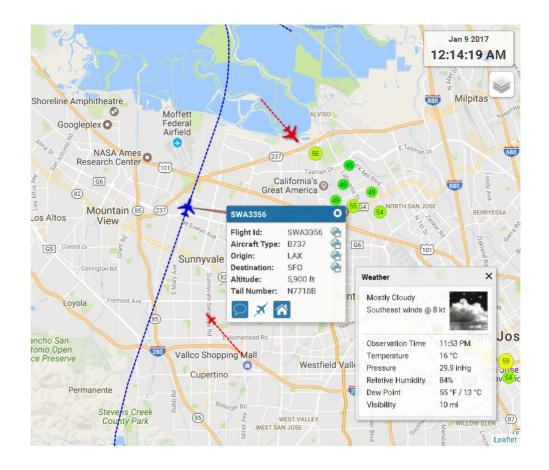
## SFO Arriving planes flying over Sunnyvale Approx 6000FT

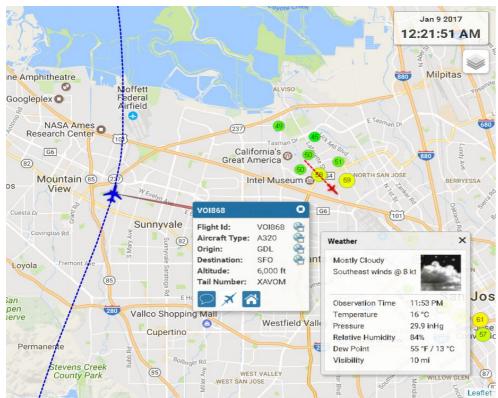


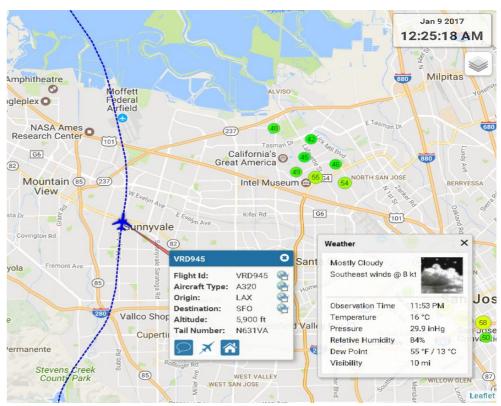


#### 4 SFO arriving flights – Late night within a 14 minute period over Sunnyvale









## SFO Class B Airspace Meeting 1/31@San Jose

 FAA has proposed modifications to "Class B Airspace Area" at SFO. The proposal would realign the airspace to provide more room for vectoring.

Tuesday, January 31 at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, Room 225

150 E. San Fernando St., San Jose, CA 95112

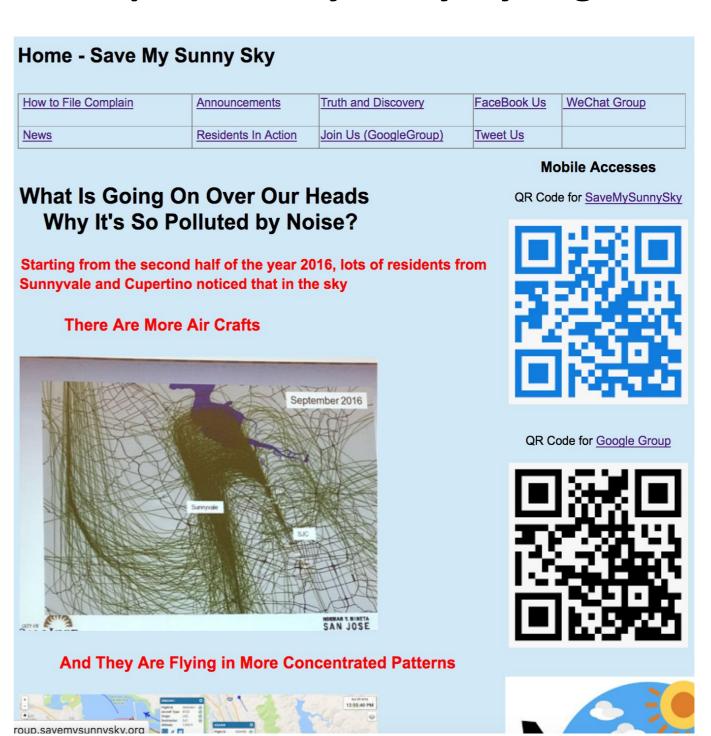
## What can we all do?

- Broadcast the airport noise issues to our neighborhoods and bring more community awareness of the increasing airplane noise issues.
- Seek support and collaboration from community leads and elected officials in urging FAA to find a regional solution of airplane noise issues instead of shifting them from one community to another.
- Request representation of the impacted Sunnyvale communities in any ongoing and future FAA discussions and SFO roundtable discussion.

## Thank You!



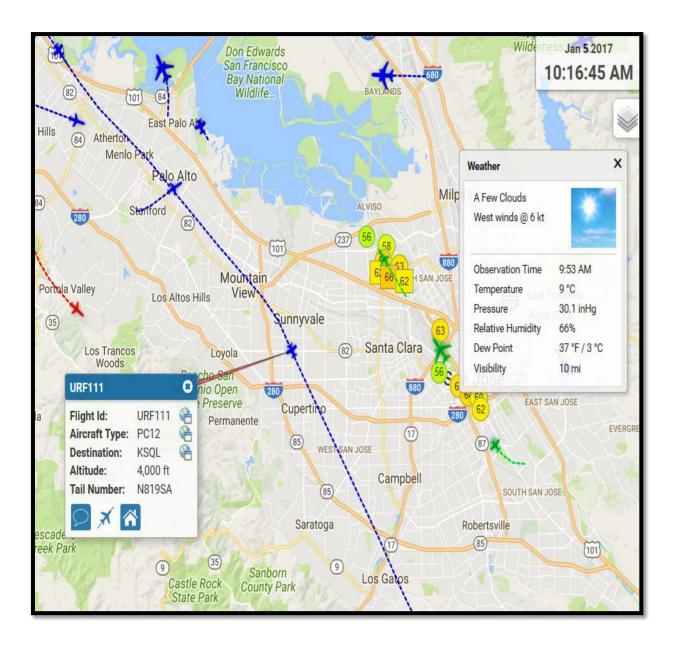
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## Backup

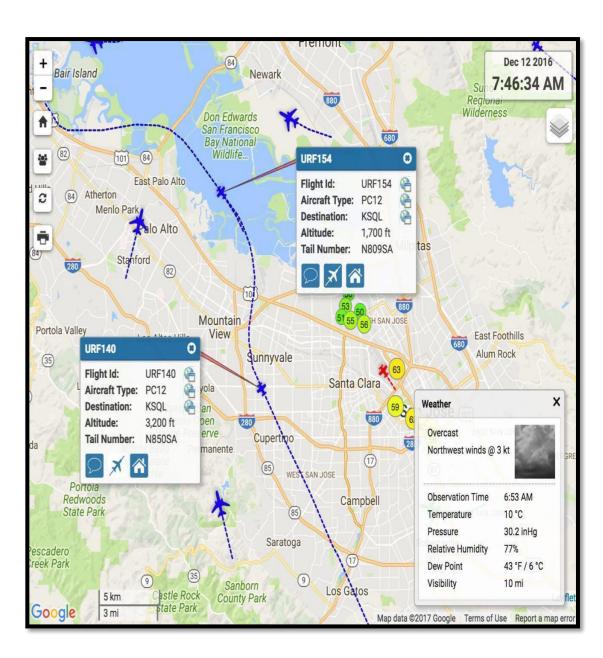
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Surf Air GPS Approach



Impacts South Sunnyvale and Cupertino

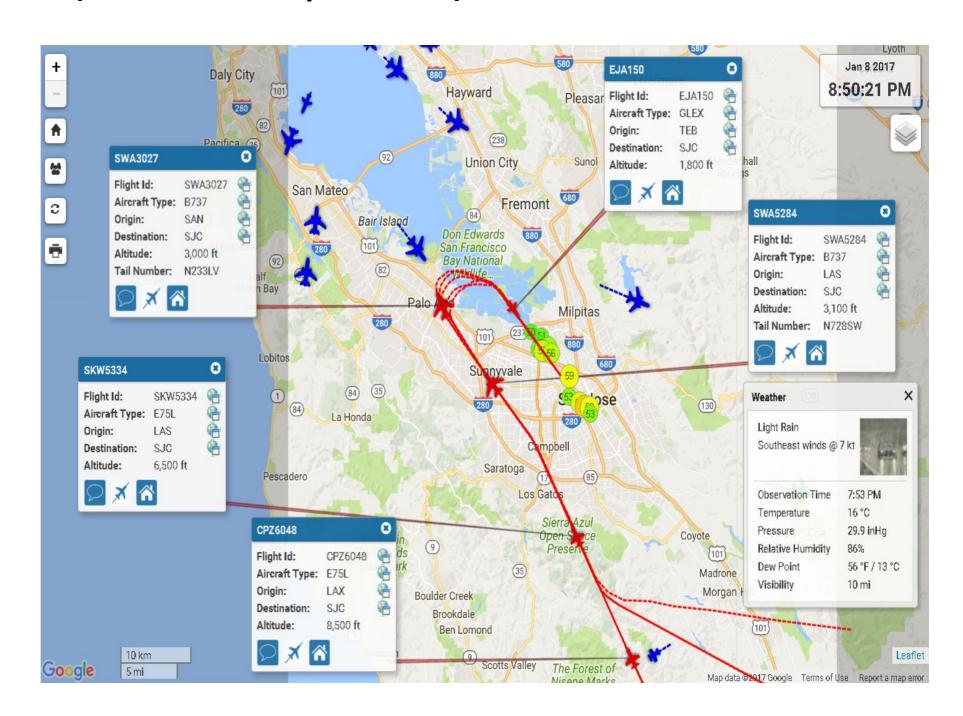
Surf Air Bayside Visual Approach



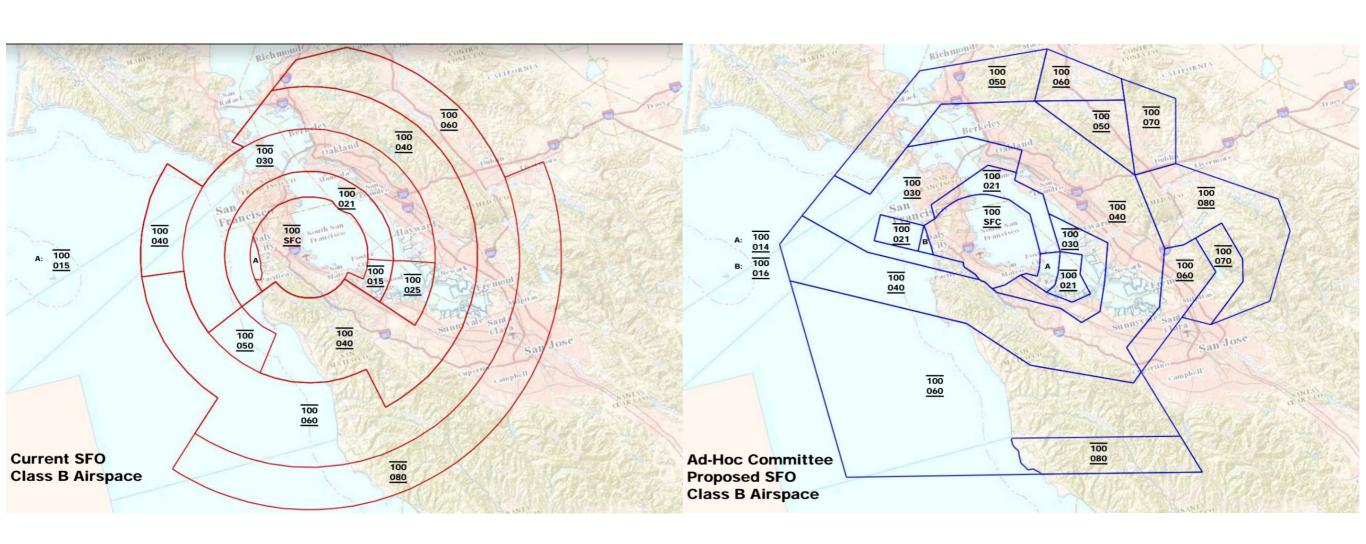
Impacts North Sunnyvale, South Sunnyvale and Cupertino

## SJC proximity to Sunnyvale, Cupertino – (7 cities impacted)

- Perpendicular to SJC runways
- Very populated flight corridor



## SFO Class B Airspace Modification



# Proposed SFO airspace overlaid with hypothetical redesigned SFO arrival paths

