The Select Committee understands that the growth in air traffic for the Bay Area is projected to increase by approximately 2% per annum. While overall capacity limitations have not been reached at San Francisco Airport, the availability of additional day time flight capacity is limited and it is anticipated that future traffic growth can only be accommodated during overnight hours. The impact of additional flights during overnight hours is significantly higher to those on the ground and requires stricter nighttime regulations to avoid sleep interference. Longer term, increased traffic levels may necessitate implementation of capacity limitations such as longer in-trail spacing between aircraft or assigned gate slots.