



Outlook

STS New flight path over City of Sebastopol

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Hi Torie,

STS is trying new flight path over the City of Sebastopol. It was in effect over Labor Day weekend. This is currently being considered as a permanent flight path. See map.

Bill
[REDACTED]

Sunday 6:27 PM

Hi Art,

It seems like a lot of planes are flying overhead here.

Has the Airport changed flight lanes?

Is this the new normal for us? Any comments are welcome. Bill

Hi Bill, Yes, I've noticed that as well. Both inbounds and outbound from STS. Directly over English Hill. It's a long story. As I think you know I'm the airport commissioner for this district and have been the lead on the noise management program for years. Last month there were over 5,000 noise complaints in the county, 94% from West County mostly from departures of Alaska, American and Southwest on a departure path that went over Occidental out to the coast before turning on course to Southern CA.

Residents of that area have formed a group to move the flight paths away from ATC using that departure the RRHED 1 Departure. It is not a simple task to change the established procedure. I've been working to revise the flight paths to fly over hwy101 and traditional routes.

During the last encampment of the Bohemian Grove the flight paths were altered to direct departures away from the RRHED which flew over The Grove. The West County Group said that if that can be done for the Bohemian Grove event it could be done on a routine basis. What I think we're seeing is that altering of the departure route. I've noticed that some mornings they are turning the aircraft immediately after takeoff to the Southeast direct to SoCal. Other times it appears directly over us.

On Tuesday morning I'm part of the Federal Aviation Runway Safety Action Team meeting at the airport of its annual review of STS. Hopefully, I'll get more clarity on what's happening.

One of the proposed changes in the works for later this year is to develop an arrival route from Point Reyes directly over our hill to Sebastopol before entering the traffic pattern, I'm working to modify that draft arrival route.

Sorry for being long winded, Art

Art, Thanks for the information. Why does one route have to take the entire burden of air traffic? Can the flights be split up over the three patterns? Is it correct RRhed is now having no flights because they complained? The Press Democrat had an article that said most of the RrHED complaints came from just 26 phone numbers.

Please keep me in the loop and let me know if there is anything I can do to help.
Thanks, Bill

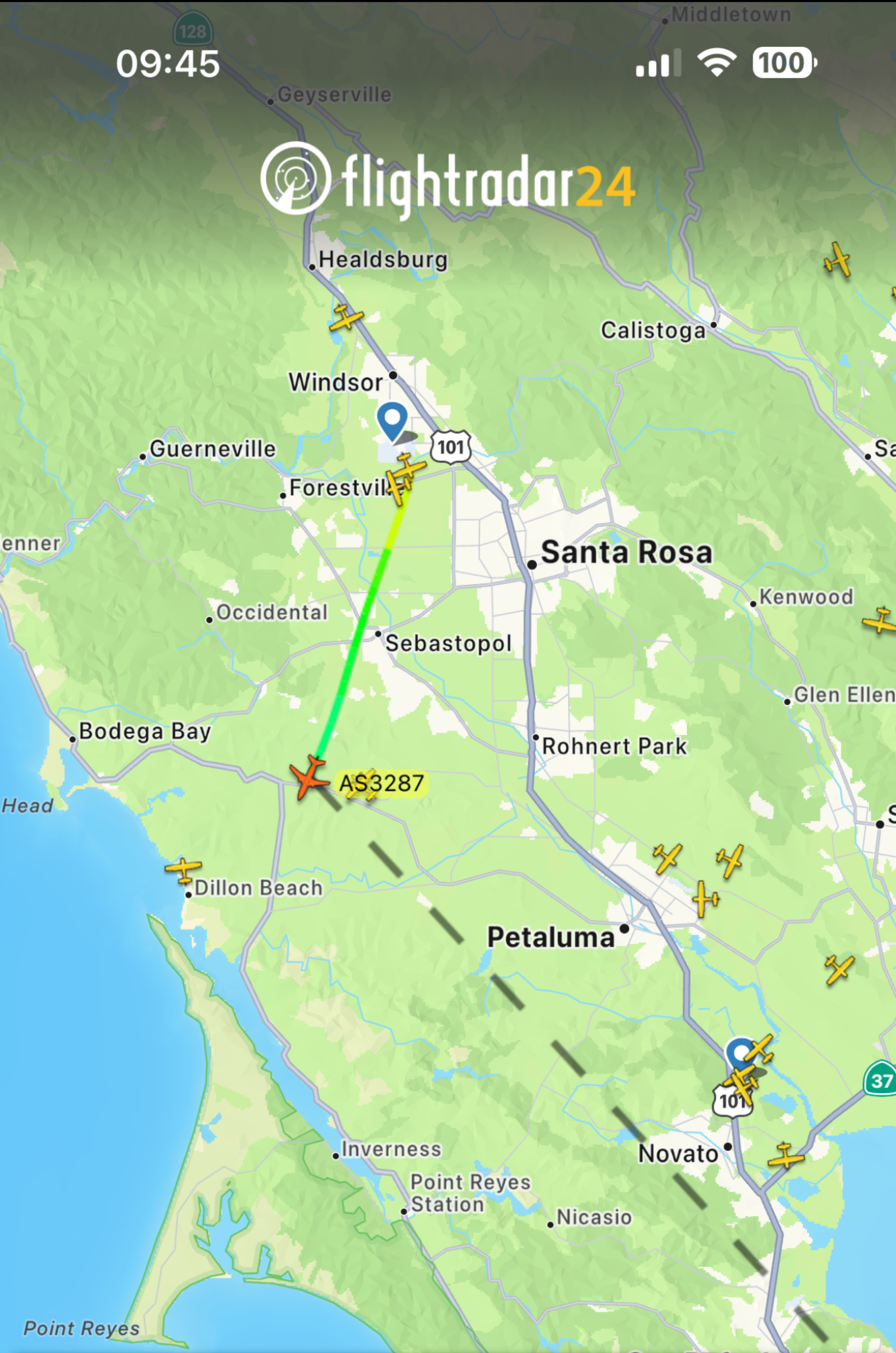
That's the point I've been making. Spread it out. There is redesign of the RRHED, but it only increases the minimum altitudes they fly by a small amount. I'm in favor of the departing aircraft being radar vectored on course to their destinations after liftoff.

Yes, the core complainants were a few houses. One woman boasted on Facebook to her friends that she had posted 17 complaints in one day. Her FBO friend replied 'Well, I've only made 13.'

**They are still using the
RRHED to a lesser degree.
Perhaps tomorrow at the
airport meeting I'll learn
more.**

09:45

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STS

SANTA ROSA



SNA

SANTA ANA

Departed 00:03 ago

Arriving in 01:09

BAROMETRIC ALT.
7,425 ft

GROUND SPEED
277 kts

Embraer E175LR

REG. N194SY

3D view

Route

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**Alaska Airlines departure
to LA that just happened.
Note Over us rather than
Occidental**

Yesterday 8:36 PM

**I don't think the jets flying
over Sebastopol is going to
work for the people of Se-
bastopol. If Supervisor
Hopkins thinks she heard
complaints before just wait
until Sebastopol gets
started?**

You have that right. When the old route went over Sebastopol on the then designated departure, the phones were ringing off the hook.

City threatening legal action.

I was in the middle of that one.

I'll keep you posted with any future insights on the matter.