

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION ENDORSING REPORT OF THE CITIZEN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOISE COMPATIBILITY PLAN UPDATE
FOR RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT

WHEREAS, on the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's decision to carry out an update to the Reagan National Airport Part 150 plan pursuant to Federal Aviation Administration regulations in consultation with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG); and

WHEREAS, the Part 150 Advisory Committee was established to advise the MWAA on noise compatibility issues related to commercial flights at Reagan National Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Committee on Noise Abatement and Aviation at National and Dulles Airports (CONAANDA) has been an effective partner in assisting the Part 150 Advisory Committee in the completion of its report; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the COG/CONAANDA chaired the Part 150 Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, COG/CONAANDA continues to be the MWAA "preferred mechanism" for receiving community input on airport noise exposure issues; and

WHEREAS, Resolution R17-01 authorized entering into a contract with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) to conduct comprehensive stakeholder and community surveys as input to the Reagan National Airport Part 150 Noise Compatibility plan update; and

WHEREAS, the Part 150 Advisory Committee was comprised of representatives from all of the stakeholder groups, including elected officials, federal agencies, pilot organizations, airline industry groups, the Greater Washington Board of Trade, environmentalists and citizens groups; and

WHEREAS, COG staff managed the process to provide widespread participation by all stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the report includes proposals regarding how the FAA and the MWAA can implement noise abatement and mitigation measures at Reagan National Airport; and

WHEREAS, these recommendations were reached after many hours of deliberation and a review of FAA policies, technical data and public comment obtained through eleven (11) committee meetings and five (5) public outreach forums held throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the Part 150 Advisory Committee believes that the recommendations are technically doable and would not violate FAA policies; and

WHEREAS, the Part 150 Advisory Committee strongly believes that the implementation of these recommendations would make a significant difference in the quality of life for residents in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

1. The COG Board of Directors supports work of the Part 150 Advisory Committee and endorses forwarding recommendations to the MWAA for review and public comment; and
2. The COG Board of Directors encourages individual local government participation in the public hearing sponsored by the MWAA being scheduled for October 2004.
