
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

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DRAFT Highlights of the meeting of the Aviation Technical Subcommittee

Thursday, July 28, 2011, 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon

Meeting Attendees

- Kevin Daugherty (City of Frederick)
- Mike Hines (MWAA)
- Tim Davis (City of Frederick)
- Mark Rawlings (DDOT)
- Tony Storck (MAA)

COG/TPB staff in attendance

- Bob Griffiths
- Clara Reschovsky
- Karin Foster
- Abdul Mohammed
- Rich Roisman

1. Approval of highlights from the previous meeting (May 26, 2011)

Mike Hines of MWAA chaired the meeting and will take over MWAA's seat on the subcommittee from Michael Hackett, who is retiring due to illness. Chair Hines called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. The May 26, 2011 meeting highlights were approved. The approved meeting summary is available on the MWCOG website.

2. 2011 Washington-Baltimore Regional Air Passenger Survey Update

Rich Roisman of TPB staff updated the subcommittee on the 2011 Air Passenger Survey, which will be performed at BWI Marshall, National and Dulles airports starting in October. A request for proposals for consultant support for administering the survey was issued on July 22, and responses are due on August 24. A pre-proposal meeting will be held at COG on August 3. Subcommittee members from MAA, MWAA, and DDOT will serve on the selection committee

to review the proposals, along with the TPB CASP Manager.

Mr. Storck expressed concerns about the flight sampling plan used for BWI Marshall during the 2009 survey and asked if it could be revisited. TPB staff agreed that the sampling plan should be reviewed for all three regional airports and will move ahead with the review and subsequent development of new sample frames, if necessary. The large geographic area strata used for previous surveys may no longer be appropriate.

3. 2011 Ground Access Travel Time Update

Abdul Mohammed from COG/TPB staff provided a status update on this study. Data collection has been completed and data are now being processed. 658 route-miles of travel time data were collected, more than half the mileage is on freeways. The study routes connect 17 regional activity centers to the three regional airports.

Mr. Storck noted some issues in the sample data provided to the subcommittee, particularly with regard to speed limits and subsequent level of service computations in the approach to BWI Marshall along I-195 east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. COG/TPB staff will investigate and make appropriate corrections.

The draft report will be available at the subcommittee meeting on September.

4. Briefing on FAA Airport System Workshop

Tim Davis from the City of Frederick briefed the subcommittee on the recent FAA meeting to discuss the ASSET (Airport System Strategic Evaluation Task) initiative. This is an attempt by FAA to categorize all U.S. airports to streamline data collection, planning, and capital programming for the national aviation system, to better communicate the public interest in the general aviation airport system, and provide a framework for a strategic vision for the national airport system. There are four preliminary categories: regional activity airports, metropolitan activity airports, community activity airports, and local activity airports. The July meeting also discussed conflicts between ASSET and the existing National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). The final report from this study will be available in January 2012.

5. Roundtable Discussion

Mr. Davis shared with the subcommittee an image of the nearly completed new control tower at the Frederick Airport. This project, funded by Federal, State, and Local monies, will improve operations at the airport, which has been experiencing growth.

Members of the subcommittee expressed their concern about the FAA funding issues currently occurring in Congress. The FAA representative was unable to attend today's subcommittee meeting, since he was among those employees furloughed as a result of Congress' inability to reach an agreement to continue FAA funding.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair Hines adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

The next Aviation Technical Subcommittee meeting will be Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 10:30 AM at MWCOG.