

Highlights of the Aviation Technical Subcommittee Meeting: March 27, 2008

1. Call to Order/Approval of February 7, 2008 Meeting Highlights

Tim Canan, COG/DTP, chaired this meeting. The February 7, 2008 meeting highlights were approved as written.

2. Update on Aviation Policy Committee

George Nichols, COG/DEP, presented this item. Mr. Nichols reported that the Aviation Policy Committee (APC) met on February 13, 2008. The meeting included the following items:

- Featured Presentation: “Local Government Best Management Practices – General Aviation,” presented by Ashish J. Solanki, Director, Office of Regional Aviation Assistance, Maryland Aviation Administration.
- Part 150 Update for DCA and noise monitoring system at DCA and IAD. Mr. Neal Phillips, MWAA, briefed the APC on the Part 150 Plan for DCA, including a letter from FAA stating its approval/disapproval of various proposed measures. Mr. Phillips also reported that MWAA selected a consultant to update the IAD and DCA noise monitoring system, which will include adding new monitoring sites.
- Noise monitoring. The APC discussed noise complaints issues and trends and recommended that a proposed feasibility study for a helicopter noise complaint monitoring system be included in the forthcoming ACIP. (Note: Mr. Nichols reported to the ATS that since FAA later stated that this proposed project did not fit the criteria for ACIP eligibility [See Item 4], the APC will continue to identify alternate funding sources). Currently, there are 109 documented helicopter complaints.

Mr. Nichols mentioned that the APC would like to discuss economic impact at a future meeting and welcomed any suggestions for future guest speakers. Tim. Davis, City of Frederick, stated that his jurisdiction in requesting in a forthcoming budget cycle the inclusion of an economic impact study of the Frederick Airport and suggested that the City’s economic development director could be a good future guest speaker. Mr. Hackett, MWAA, stated that economic impact of airports is an important issue for the APC to discuss.

3. Draft Report on Fall 2007 Washington-Baltimore Regional Air Passenger Survey

Abdul Mohammed, COG/DTP, distributed the draft report and a briefing handout and presented this item. Mr. Mohammed reported that data collection for the 2007 Air Passenger Survey of the region’s three major airports (BWI, DCA and IAD) was complete and was adjusted to 2007 annualized data. A total of 685 flights were surveyed at the three commercial airports (BWI, DCA and IAD). Mr. Mohammed reported the major findings of the survey effort, which are documented in the draft report. These findings include, among others:

- Seasonal variation in the data results due to time of year when survey is conducted;
- Increases in connecting and local originating enplanements (and therefore total air passenger enplanements) between 2005 and 2007;
- Increase from 2005 in DCA share of locally originating passengers, compared with decrease in BWI and IAD shares.
- Increase from 2005 in BWI share of connecting air passengers, compared to a decrease in Dulles share. DCA share remained the same as in 2005;
- Little change in airport preference between 2005 and 2007;
- Most trips were of non-business purposes in 2002, 2005, and 2007;
- More than half of ground trips to the airport originated from a private residence;
- More than half of ground trips to airport to BWI and IAD were made in private car. While the private car still accounted for the greatest share of ground trips to DCA, its share was considerably lower and was offset by substantially increased shares among the taxi and rail transit modes;
- Most air passengers had annual household incomes exceeding \$120,000 regardless of whether they were residents or non-residents; and
- Disproportionately high use of internet as preferred ticket purchase method.

Subcommittee members discussed the seasonal variation in the data. The 2005 survey was conducted in the spring, compared to the other point-in-time surveys, which were conducted in the fall. These differences are revealed in the survey results. It was suggested that the Subcommittee may wish to consider how to address seasonal differences in future surveys as part of a future meeting agenda item.

Mr. Rawlings asked about further analysis that showed the mode of travel for ground trips by resident status. While that information was not in the briefing, it can be found in the draft report.

The Subcommittee discussed the increased use of the internet for ticket purchase, as well as other technological innovations that may have implications for future space requirements and passenger patterns. Mr. Rawlings requested that this draft report be shared with the Washington Airports Task Force (WATF), particularly because Mr. Schefer of the WATF was the proponent of including the ticket purchase question in the survey. Mr. Canan, COG/DTP, will send the report to the WATF.

It was agreed that Mr. Canan would send a PDF of the draft report to everyone on the ATS distribution list, requesting their review and comment. All comments are to be submitted to Mr. Mohammed, COG/DTP, by May 1, 2008, so they can be addressed in the next revision, which will be presented to the ATS at its May 22, 2008 meeting.

4. Proposed Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP)

Mr. Canan presented a draft Proposed ACIP to the Subcommittee for its final review and stated that with the Subcommittee's approval, staff would submit the proposed ACIP to FAA. As part of this briefing, Mr. Canan reviewed what had changed in the final draft version from the initial draft presented to the Subcommittee at its February 7, 2008 meeting. During the February meeting, Mr. Canan indicated that the Aviation Policy Committee (APC) was considering proposing the inclusion of a project, a feasibility study for a helicopter noise complaint response system, in the ACIP. As

reported by Mr. Nichols in Item 2, the APC did propose this project, and a revised draft ACIP was prepared to include this project. That draft was provided to FAA to obtain its input regarding the consistency of the proposed projects with FAA planning guidance as well as available funding levels anticipated over the planning cycle. In a letter dated February 28, 2008, Mr. Terry Page of the FAA stated that the projects included in the draft appeared “reasonable and eligible” except for the helicopter noise complaint feasibility study. A copy of this letter was distributed to the Subcommittee. As a result of the FAA response, the helicopter noise complaint feasibility study was removed, as shown in the draft Proposed ACIP presented to the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee concurred with the draft Proposed ACIP presented at this meeting. As a result, staff will formally submit the Proposed ACIP to FAA.

As part of this item, it was suggested that origin-destination routes for the proposed Ground Access Travel Time study be reviewed and modified, as necessary, from previous efforts.

5. Progress on Washington-Baltimore Regional Airport System Plan Air Cargo Element

Mr. Canan reported that preparation of the report was underway and he anticipated having a report to present to the Subcommittee at its May meeting.

6. Draft Final Report on Findings from Regional Air Passenger Origin/Destination Forecasts

Mr. Mohammed distributed a draft final report the Subcommittee and indicated that no comments had been received from Subcommittee members since it was presented as a draft at the last meeting.

Mr. Hackett, MWAA, said that several development have occurred at IAD that may already render the Scenarios contained in the forecasts to be outdated. He said that new forecasts for IAD are expected soon and asked if these could be reflected in this report. It was agreed that if new forecasts are available and provided to COG by May 1, 2008, they could be incorporated into a revised version.

7. Regional Airport, Airline and Aviation Industry News Group Discussion

The purpose of this agenda item was to provide an opportunity for Subcommittee members to share information on regional airport, airline and aviation industry news.

Karin Foster, COG/DTP, announced that the COG/TPB Freight Committee is kicking off with a meeting on April 24, 2008, which would include a featured speaker, Ms. Mary Grace Parker of the I-95 Corridor Association. Ms. Foster, who will be the primary staffing resource to the Committee, invited members of the Subcommittee to ensure adequate air representation on the Freight Committee.

Tim Davis, City of Frederick, distributed (1) a project description for the proposed construction of a new air traffic control for the Frederick Municipal Airport (RDK) and (2) a letter to Senator Mikulski (D-Maryland) to inform her of FAA final approval of the FDK Airport Layout Plan (ALP). These were distributed as information items to the Subcommittee.

Mr. Mohammed reminded Subcommittee members to notify COG staff of upcoming airline managers' meetings. Notices for these meetings can be sent via e-mail to Tim Canan, COG/DTP.

8. Other Business

The Subcommittee had been operating without a chair since the departure of the former chair, Simone Johnson, from her position at MWAA. The Subcommittee agreed that Mike Hackett, MWAA, would continue as chairman for the remainder of the calendar and would be followed by a Maryland representative in 2009, and the District of Columbia in 2010.

The next meeting of the Aviation Technical Subcommittee will be held Thursday, May 22, 2008 at MWCOG/TPB offices: 777 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC.

**Aviation Technical Subcommittee
March 27, 2008 Meeting Attendance**

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