

# Aviation Policy Committee

(formerly the Committee on Noise Abatement and Aviation at National and Dulles Airports)

## CONFERENCE CALL HIGHLIGHTS

June 11, 2008

### Conference Call Participants

*\*Participated in person.*

*Hon. Rob Krupicka, Chair, City of Alexandria*

*Hon. Mary Hynes, Arlington County Board*

*Hon. Marilyn Bland, Prince George's County*

*Hon. Stevens Miller, Loudoun County*

*Paivi Spoon, Prince George's County*

*Jim Slate, FAA*

*Mat Thorp, District of Columbia Representative*

*Annette Davis,*

*Tom Powell, Suburban Maryland Citizen Representative*

*Ed Hilz, Fairlington Citizens Association*

*Don MacGlashan, CAAN*

*Chris Grootaert, McLean Citizens Association*

*\*Leah Boggs, COG, DEP*

*\*Tim Canan, COG, DTP*

*\*Stuart Freudberg, COG, DEP*

*\*Neal Phillips, MWAA*

*\*Michael Cooper, MWAA*

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Krupicka called the meeting to order.

### 2. Chairs Remarks

There were no changes to the agenda.

### 3. CITIZENS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Chris Grootaert updated the committee on conversations the citizen organizations have had with Congressman Wolfe's office regarding the slot and perimeter rule. According to Mr. Grootaert highlights include:

- The meeting included Congressman Wolfe, MWAA representatives, as well representatives from the FAA
- A year ago, FAA promised training to controllers. The train has not taken place
- The FAA has changed the language of noise abatement procedures
- The meeting called for COG to give direction to reconfirm local government commit to noise abatement
- Neal Phillips responded that MWAA has not noticed any major shifts in the way

the planes are flying; air traffic control always applies the noise abatement procedures when and where possible; there have been no changes in the amount of complaints and no statistical data of changes

- In conclusion, COG agreed to work with Jim Slate from the FAA, MWAA and Congressman's Wolfe's office to resolve this issue

#### 4. ACTION ITEM: REAFFIRM POLICY ON ADDITIONAL RULE CHANGES AT REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT

- Chair Krupicka briefed the committee on current committee priorities including the reaffirmation to keep National at its current levels.
- Chair Krupicka noted that he was scheduled to make a presentation to the COG Board of Director later today; he recommends that the COG Board reaffirm its no change policy at Reagan National Airport; the airport is becoming increasingly more and more vulnerable to congressional attempts to add additional flights and to alter the perimeter rules at National.
- Don McGlashan suggested that the APC sponsor a study to determine if the health of the residents living around the airport is worse than those who live farther away; Mat Thorp added that the Partner Group is using Harvard Medical School to do a similar study.
- Councilman Stevens Miller articulated that one of the major benefits of having a certain level of activity at National airport is that it encourages more activity at Dulles; it would be counterintuitive to perform a study showing increased traffic will increase health risks.
- Hearing no alternative positions, the motion to reaffirm the committee's position on the slot and perimeter rule was passed

#### 5. UPDATE ON OTHER AIRPORT/AVIATION RELATED ACTIVITIES

##### MWAA Update

- Neal Phillips noted that MWAA will continue to play a role in the meetings with the FAA, COG and Congressman's Wolfe's office; MWAA will continue to pursue better performance up and down the river; the second phase of installations of the new noise monitors are underway; Loudoun and Fairfax Counties received 8 monitors between the two counties, most of which are at schools.
- Councilman Stevens Miller suggested using this as opportunity to promote to the public and to commend MWAA.
- Neal Phillips is working with MWAA public affairs schedule a series of meetings; the dates will be set when all the "bugs" have been worked out of the system.

##### Aviation Technical Committee Update

- Tim Canan, COG/TPB staff, briefed the Committee on the activities of the Aviation Technical Subcommittee (ATS). At the last ATS meeting, held Thursday, May 22, the Subcommittee discussed several technical reports underway, including draft reports on regional air cargo, a regional air passenger survey, and origin/destination forecasts. The Subcommittee also received a briefing on the first meeting of the newly-established Freight Subcommittee, which is responsible for addressing freight issues in the regional transportation planning process. The next ATS meeting will be held Thursday, July 24.

NOISE Summer Conference, July 16-18

- Chair Krupicka is expected to attend; Mat Thorp will participate in a pane.l

Helicopter Study Follow-up

- COG initially requested funding for assistance from FAA; however, FAA's funding has been exhausted; a letter was sent to Congressional Delegation for assistance and the committee continues to explore other options.
- Citizen groups are encouraged to write a letter of support.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at noon.