
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

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Highlights of the meeting of the Aviation Technical Subcommittee

Thursday, January 27, 2011, 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon

Meeting Attendees

- Jeffrey Breeden (FAA)
- Michael Hackett (MWAA)
- Mark Rawlings (DDOT)
- Tony Storck (MAA)

COG/TPB staff in attendance

- Bob Griffiths
- Andrew Burke
- Karin Foster
- Abdul Mohammed
- Jennifer Coady
- Clara Reschovsky

1. Call to Order/Approval of November 18, 2010 Meeting Highlights

Mark Rawlings, DDOT, chaired this meeting. The November 18, 2010 meeting highlights were approved. The approved meeting summary is available on the MWCOG website.

2. Selection of New Subcommittee Chair

Michael Hackett of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority was selected as the new Aviation Technical Subcommittee Chair.

3. Progress on the Ground Access Travel Time Study, Phase 1

Andrew Burke, COG/DTP, discussed the draft data collection plan for the Ground Access Travel Time Study. This document outlines the scope of work, route and activity center selection process, schedules, methodology, and procedures that will be undertaken to collect the data for the study. As discussed in earlier meetings with the Subcommittee, the 2003 routes will form the basis for the routes to be used for the 2011 Travel Time Study, with the addition of an alternate route to Frederick. Comments were requested from the Subcommittee members. Following incorporation of any edits or comments from Subcommittee members, the draft data

collection plan will be finalized. The final data collection plan will complete Phase 1 of the Ground Access Travel Time Study.

The schedule for Phase 2 of the Travel Time Study is: Planning is expected to conclude by the end of January 2011. Data collection is targeted to begin in March and be completed by April. The analysis and draft report will be completed and available by September 2011. The final draft report is expected by November 2011.

4. Progress on the Ground Access Forecast Update, Phase 1

Abdul Mohammed, COG/DTP, distributed an update of the 2030-2040 enplanement forecast to be used in the Washington-Baltimore Air System Planning Region Enplanement Forecast 2010-2040 report. Mr. Mohammed presented two options for calculating these forecasts: the first uses the percentage of growth from the 2020-2030 period and the second factors in the projected regional GDP growth as forecast by Global Insight (used by FAA to forecast enplanements). Mr. Mohammed asked that the members of the Subcommittee review the two options and indicate their preferred methodology to be incorporated in the Ground Access Forecasts.

In addition, Mr. Storck commented that the 2009 numbers should be revised for each of the airports. Mr. Mohammed will review this and make adjustments as needed.

Completion of the report is expected by May 2011.

5. Draft Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP)

Jennifer Coady, COG/DTP presented the draft ACIP for federal FY2011-FY2015. Ms. Coady outlined the three projects included in FY2011 that will form the basis for the CASP 26 grant application. She noted several changes to the project cycles. Specifically, that processing of the Air Passenger Survey results and the Ground Access Element Update will be broken out into two phases. This will improve the work schedules for these projects, allowing for timely processing of the survey data and providing adequate staff time to complete each of the projects in the CASP program.

The draft ACIP will be submitted in February 2011 to the FAA for approval, pending incorporation of any comments from the subcommittee members.

6. Regional Airport, Airline and Aviation Industry New Group Discussion

Robert Griffiths, COG/DTP noted that there has been an additional Helicopter Community Forum, sponsored by COG, has been organized for February 23rd. Mr. Griffiths noted that the subcommittee will be updated on any activity related to any work that the COG Board or staff members are involved in regarding helicopter noise issues. Clara Reschovsky will be the main contact for the subcommittee on this issue.

7. Other Business

The next meeting of the Aviation Technical Subcommittee will be held March 24, 2011 at MWCOG/TPB offices: 777 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC.