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Highlights of the Aviation Technical Subcommittee Meeting: July 22, 2010

1. Call to Order/Approval of May 27, 2010 Meeting Highlights

Chairman Mark Rawlings, DDOT, chaired this meeting. The May 27, 2010 meeting highlights were approved. The approved meeting summary is available on the MWCOG website.

2. Update on Aviation Policy Committee

Tim Canan, COG/DTP, presented this item on behalf of Leah Boggs, COG/DEP. Mr. Canan distributed a flyer announcing a "Helicopter Community Forum," which will occur on September 22, 2010, from 7-9 PM in the Arlington County Board Room. This forum is the third aviation policy forum sponsored by COG. The first focused on the economic impacts of aviation and the second on noise. Michael Hackett, MWAA, asked if COG has taken or plans to take a position on the proposed slot rule changes at Reagan National. Staff will inquire and report back to Mr. Hackett concerning this issue. Anita Kayser, WATF, stated that the WATF has already contacted Mary Hines, member of the Arlington County Board and current COG Aviation Policy Committee Chair, to encourage opposition to the proposed changes.

3. Progress on Fall 2009 Washington-Baltimore Regional Air Passenger Survey

Abdul Mohammed, COG/DTP, presented this item, which included a handout containing tables, charts and maps of the geographic analysis of the survey. Mr. Mohammed reviewed the handout with the Subcommittee, identifying key geographic findings from the 2009 survey. These included the geographic characteristics of air passengers and their ground access trips to the airport. Such characteristics included local originations by jurisdiction; originations by jurisdictions and Aviation Analysis Zone (AAZ) for each airport; airport satisfaction results by jurisdiction and AAZ; work and non-work originations by jurisdiction and AAZ; originations by mode, time of day, destination region, and trip purpose, among others.

Subcommittee members discussed the large increase in Anne Arundel County originations relative to originations in other jurisdictions. Several factors were considered including the high concentration of hotels near BWI Marshall that could have been used by travelers for lodging the night before an early departure. In these cases, their trip originations would be coded to Anne Arundel County; but in fact, they could have originated from elsewhere in the region the day prior. Other factors, such as whether or not a large convention in Baltimore was winding down could play a role in compounding this phenomenon.

Staff requested that Subcommittee member provide comments no later than August 16. At the September meeting, staff will present two draft reports from the 2009 survey: (1) the general findings report, and (2) the geographic findings report. These reports will contain the tables, charts and maps shared thus far with the Subcommittee, as well as written analysis and documentation of the procedures and results of the survey.

4. Scope of the Ground Access Forecasts, Phase 1

Mr. Mohammed distributed a draft scope of work for the Ground Forecast Update project, which will be performed in two phases: (1) completion of the Origin/Destination Forecasts, and (2) completion of the ground access forecasts by mode and time of day by TAZ. Mr. Mohammed reviewed the process and schedule for preparing the forecasts and informed the Subcommittee that enplanement forecasts for each of the airports will be needed by mid to late February for Phase 1 to be completed by summer 2011. Mr. Mohammed also explained that the forecast update will include forecasts to 2040 this time. He also stated that several sources of enplanement forecasts will be considered and presented to the Subcommittee. These sources include FAA's Terminal Area Forecasts (TAFs) as well as enplanement forecasts prepared by MAA and MWAA. At that time, the Subcommittee will be asked to advise staff which set of forecasts to use in the preparation of the final origin/destination forecasts.

5. Draft Ground Access Element Update

Mr. Canan distributed a revised Draft Ground Access Element Update, dated July 2010, and explained that this version reflects direction provided by the Subcommittee at the May 27, 2010 meeting in response to comments received on the preliminary working draft. Mr. Canan also explained that this latest draft reflected staff edits for consistency and readability. Appendix A, which contained numerous charts from the Skycomp travel monitoring studies for the Baltimore and Washington regions has been eliminated from the latest draft. The reason for this is that the presence of the appendix created a travel monitoring report "look and feel" and detracted from the purpose of the report, which is to provide a set of ground access recommendations. Instead, the draft report now simply contains URLs to the original Skycomp reports so the reader will continue to have access to these cited documents.

The Subcommittee was asked to provide comments by the end of August. Staff will then revise the report to reflect this final set of comments. Depending on outside interest, the report may then be presented to the TPB Technical Committee and perhaps even TPB.

Karin Foster, COG/DTP, informed the Subcommittee that the TPB adopted the first regional Freight Plan at its July 21, 2010 meeting. This freight plan included consideration of air cargo. Ms. Foster will present the freight plan to the Subcommittee at its September meeting.

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

Mr. Mohammed asked Jeff Breeden, FAA-WDO, if the FAA TAFs were accessible from the FAA website. Mr. Breeden confirmed that the TAFs should be available online.

7. Other Business

The next meeting of the Aviation Technical Subcommittee will be held September 23, 2010 at MWCOG/TPB offices: 777 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC.

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