



Aviation Policy Committee Update

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Presentation

- Brief Background and History
- Committee Successes
- FY 08 Committee Focus
- Update on Current Activities
- Recommendation
 - Proposed Slot and Perimeter Rule Changes at DCA





Background and History

- Formed in 1985 by COG Board after 83-84 Scatter Plan Demonstration
- Elected Officials recognized need for new mechanism to address continuing airport/aircraft noise mitigation strategies





Enhanced Mission



- 911 Aftermath – Airport Closure
- To provide broad, balanced, and integrated perspective to airport policies
 - Aircraft and helicopter noise
 - Economic aspects of airport policy
 - Airport transportation policy matters
- General Aviation and Helicopters





Committee Successes

- Noise Abatement Mitigation
 - Flight paths
 - Nighttime Standard
- Recognized as preferred mechanism for citizen input by MWAA
- Partnered with MWAA to develop Part 150 Plan
- Advocated Need for Regional Noise Monitoring System





FY 08 Committee Focus

- Explore General Aviation and Best Practices for Economic Development
- Provide Outreach to Communities Impacted by Helicopters
- Part 150 Implementation
- Advocate for **No Change** in Slot and Perimeter Rule at Reagan Washington National Airport





General Aviation and Best Practices for Economic Development

- Began to explore best practices and economic development
- Two perspectives presented to date
 - FAA
 - State of Maryland
- Results
 - No Call to Action
 - Committee will continue to examine and seek opportunities to advance action



Part 150 Implementation

- FAA Approves Part 150 Plan in early 2008
- MWAA Implementing New Noise Monitoring System
 - 32 site system expanded to 40
 - All new equipment being installed
 - Sites being coordinated with local governments





Provide Outreach to Communities Impacted by Helicopters

- Outreach to Communities Impacted by Helicopters
 - McLean
 - Fairlington
- Helicopter Users Forum convened in early Fall 2007
- About 150 documented complaints
- Need to develop system of data collection and response
- Military Commander for NCR serving as repository
- Developed proposal and seeking assistance from congressional leaders in obtaining funding





Aviation Legislation Monitoring and Policy Advocacy

- Annual Vigilance
- FAA Reauthorization Process mechanism for slot and perimeter changes
- Five amendments/bills recently introduced





Proposed Slot and Perimeter Rule Changes

Sponsor	Legislation	Provision
Senator Jim Webb	S.AMD. 4596	No additional slots
Senator John Ensign	S.AMD . 4616:	Allow additional flights beyond the perimeter restriction of DCA
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson	S.AMD. 4667	Eases restrictions on four of the beyond Perimeter exemptions specific to service to Texas.
Senator John McCain Senator John Ensign Senator Jon Kyl Senator Tom Coburn Senator Arlen Specter Senator Barbara Boxer	S.2783	Allow additional flights beyond the perimeter restriction of DCA.
Senator Schumer	S. AMD. 4611	Authorize 40 additional slots





Recommendation

- Approve R34-08
- Reaffirming No Change Policy
 - Continue dialogue with Congressional delegation
 - Encourage local governments to express opposition
 - Send letter of Commendation to Senator Webb

