
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Highlights of the meeting of the Aviation Technical Subcommittee

Thursday, September 26, 2013, 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon
MWCOG Meeting Room 3

Meeting Attendees

- Mark Rawlings (DDOT)
- Jeff Breeden (FAA) – via teleconference
- Tony Storck (MAA)

COG/TPB staff in attendance

- Clara Reschovsky
- Rich Roisman
- Abdul Mohammed
- Nicole McCall

Chair Tony Storck called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

1. Approval of highlights from the previous meeting (July 25, 2013)

The July 25, 2013 meeting highlights were approved. The approved meeting summary will be available on the MWCOG website.

2. 2013 Washington-Baltimore Regional Air Passenger Survey: Status

Mr. Roisman provided a status update on the 2013 Air Passenger Survey. The contract for survey assistance was awarded to WBA Research (formerly WB&A Market Research) and the contract is signed. Mr. Roisman introduced Nicole McCall, who will be assisting with the survey field work due to Abdul's medical exclusion. Nicole will be staffing DCA. The survey will begin on Wednesday, October 9th, and proceed for two weeks, with a two week resurvey period after the initial field work. Nearly all field personnel are badged and questionnaires will be arriving from the printer within the next couple of days, after which staff and temporary workers will prepare the flight packets. Training of contractors will take place at all three airports on Tuesday, October 8th. Mr. Roisman has already briefed airline station managers at IAD and BWI on the upcoming survey and is trying the schedule a briefing at DCA. Mr. Roisman is badged at IAD and DCA and Ms. Reschovsky and Ms. McCall will both be badged at DCA and Ms. Reschovsky will also be badged at IAD. Mr. Roisman and Ms. Reschovsky have applied for badges at BWI. Survey field offices are being secured at all three airports.

Mr. Roisman noted that the Federal government is scheduled to shut down on October 1 due to a budget dispute in Congress; he intends to continue with the survey regardless and understands that enplanement volumes may be decreased, particularly if the closure continues through the survey period. This difference will need to be explained as results are tabulated and reported. Mr. Storck noted that enplanement levels at all three airports have already decreased as a result of “sequestration.”

Mr. Roisman reviewed the on-line survey questionnaire with the subcommittee. This is a new option for this year’s survey in addition to the paper questionnaire. Several subcommittee members recommended changes that will be forwarded to WBA.

Mr. Roisman then reviewed the survey sample (flight draw) with the subcommittee. Subcommittee members recommended corrections, such as the removal of a military transport flight. Concerns were also raised about the representation of the European market for United departures from IAD. Mr. Roisman will follow up with MWAA and make appropriate changes before the final flight draw.

3. 2013 Ground Access Element Draft Report

Mr. Roisman presented this report. The accessibility information has been added to the report for existing and future year conditions forecast by the model. There are increases in highway and transit accessibility to all three airports by the year 2040 with a significant amount of new construction in the CLRP. Mr. Roisman requested comments from the subcommittee on the draft report within 30 days. A subcommittee member requested that the 2009 data in the report be updated to the available 2011 data. Mr. Roisman indicated that he would make those changes.

4. Update on CASP 28 Grant

Mr. Roisman reported that the CASP 28 grant has been approved and executed by FAA.

5. Roundtable Discussion

Mr. Roisman reported that his scheduled presentation to DVRPC has been delayed indefinitely. If it is rescheduled he will have his presentation reviewed by the subcommittee. Separately, Mr. Roisman has been invited to present information on CASP at the TRB annual meeting. The subcommittee approved this request and Mr. Roisman will send his presentation for subcommittee review at the November meeting.

Mr. Storck inquired about the request for documents from the Department of Justice as part of the lawsuit against the U.S. Airways / American merger. Mr. Roisman replied that the documents in question were already publicly available and that no other requests were made and that the matter was closed.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Adjourn

Chair Storck adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am.

The next Aviation Technical Subcommittee meeting will be Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 10:30 am at COG.