



Aviation Technical Subcommittee Highlights of the September 22, 2022 Meeting

Meeting Participants:

- Shawn Ames (MAA)
- Jeff Breeden (FAA)
- Kevin Clarke (MAA)
- Rusty Harrington (VDOA)
- Keith Meurlin (WATF)
- Gil Neumann (MWA)
- Mark Rawlings (DDOT)
- Gregory Spitz (RSG)

TPB Staff:

- Tim Canan
- Kenneth Joh
- Nicole McCall
- Andrew Meese
- Zhuo Yang
- Patrick Zilliacus

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND APPROVAL OF HIGHLIGHTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (JULY 28, 2022)

Mr. Clarke of the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) called the meeting, which was held by Microsoft Teams teleconference, to order at 10:30 A.M. The highlights of the previous meeting, held July 28, 2022, were approved by the Subcommittee, as written. Note the first draft distributed to the Subcommittee contained a typographical error in the spelling of Dr. Yang's last name. The revised draft, which the Subcommittee approved, contained the corrected spelling.

2. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Canan informed the Subcommittee that Nicole McCall (COG/TPB) will have a more active staff leadership role in COG/TPB's Continuous Airport System Planning (CASP) Program. Mr. Canan also informed the Subcommittee that recruitment for a regional airport systems planner will continue.

3. 2022-2023 WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE REGIONAL AIR PASSENGER SURVEY

Ms. McCall and Dr. Joh reviewed recent lessons learned from preliminary badging activities as well as further consideration of streamlining sampling techniques, data collection techniques, instrument design, and offering incentives to survey participants in the forthcoming 2023 Washington-Baltimore Regional Air Passenger Survey (APS). Implementing these changes will result in a need to push back the schedule for the APS, so staff recommended conducting the survey pre-test in spring 2023 and conducting the full survey in fall 2023 (the same time period as recent past surveys). Staff was asked whether revised methods would still allow for longitudinal comparisons to previous surveys, and staff confirmed that this would still be possible. The Subcommittee concurred with evaluating these methods in the survey pre-test and concurred with the timing of the revised schedule.

4. 2019 GROUND ACCESS FORECAST UPDATE

Dr. Yang presented the draft Ground Access Forecast Update and accompanying technical memorandum, including the methodology and resulting forecasts. This series of forecasts was developed using the latest enplanement forecasts, land use forecasts prepared by both COG and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC), and the 2019 APS. The Subcommittee was asked to review the draft technical memorandum and submit any comments/edits to COG/TPB staff by October 7, 2022. Any comments received will be considered and incorporated into the final Ground Access Forecast Update and technical memorandum to be completed following the comment period.

5. GROUND ACCESS TRAVEL TIME STUDY UPDATE

Nicole McCall informed the Subcommittee that staff has commenced activities to undertake the Ground Access Travel Time Update and shared a memorandum documenting the proposed report outline and methodology, including proposed data collection routes to each of the three airports: BWI, DCA, and IAD. She noted that Patrick Zilliacus, COG/TPB, will also support this project. The next study will also consider changes in travel time resulting from COVID-19 in the region as well as changes in travel time to IAD resulting from the forthcoming opening of the Metrorail Silver Line Phase 2. The Subcommittee was asked to review the memorandum and provide any comments/observations to be considered as the project scope is finalized. Comments were requested to be submitted by October 22, 2022.

6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

The following updates were announced as part of the Roundtable Discussion

- As part of the Maryland Consolidated Transportation Plan update (all modes) process, MAA is consulting with counties for input. This will include consideration of aviation-related input as part of the multi-modal plan.
- The Virginia Department of Aviation (VDOA) announced the recent completion of the 6,000-foot airport runway extension at the Stafford County Airport, which will further increase accessibility. VDOA also informed attendees that the Virginia Governor's Transportation Conference will be held October 26-28, 2022 in Virginia Beach.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Canan reminded the Subcommittee that the next meeting of the Subcommittee will be held November 17, 2022, which is the third Thursday of the month, rather than the customary fourth Thursday to account for the Thanksgiving holiday.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2022 from 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. via Microsoft Teams.