

# MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## *Aviation Policy Committee*

November 14, 2007

### Attendants List

*Hon. Rob Krupicka, Chair, City of Alexandria*  
*Edries Jamal, Office of the Mayor, District of Columbia*  
*Paivi Spoon, Prince George's County*  
*Bryan Spoon, Congressman Jim Moran's Office*  
*Mat Thorp, District of Columbia Representative*  
*Susanne Gould, FAA*  
*George Sempeles, FAA*  
*Neal Phillips, MWAA*  
*Sandra Hoch, MWAA*  
*Ed Hiltz, Fairlington Citizens Association*  
*George L. Nichols, COG, DEP*  
*Leah Boggs, COG, DEP*  
*Abdul Mohammed, COG, DTP*  
*Don MacGlashan,*  
*Ellen Heffernan, Helicopter Association International*  
*Mark S. Feldheim, City of Alexandria*  
*Chris Grootaert, McLean Citizens Association*  
*Bill Colligan, ERA*

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Rob Krupicka.

### **II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

### **III. METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY REPORT**

Neal Phillips reported that MWAA received a letter from the FAA detailing that the FAA will publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing acceptance of the Part 150 Noise Exposure Maps for Reagan National. They also received the Noise Compatibility Program for Reagan National in August. The public comment period ended on October 5, 2007. Formal review of the program will end by February 2, 2008. The FAA is expected to issue publication of the new procedures in June 2008.

Chair Krupicka asked if MWAA could reflect the history and the final outcome of the Part 150 process in a memo made available for the public. Mr. Phillips suggested

waiting for the FAA's final decision before issuing a memo. The Chair agreed.

George Sempeles noted that he will bring the new language in the Airport Facility Directory.

In conclusion, Mr. Phillips explained that 8 measures will not be approved due to reasons that include funding restrictions on contours outside the 65 DNL.

#### **IV. UPDATED NOISE MONITORING SYSTEM**

Neal Phillips noted that 20 of the 40 new monitors are being placed in their locations on November 14, 2007, while the 8 new sites are dedicated to Dulles, near Western Fairfax County.

Bill Colligan, Vice President and General Manager, ERA, reported that the company who built the monitors has 60 years of experience in noise and vibration. The monitors are used at 50 or more airports. For MWAA's system, the data is backed up on a daily basis. The software will be installed in December 2007 and MWAA staff will be trained in January 2008. The first 27 monitors will be installed by Thanksgiving, with 15-16 around Reagan National. Complaints are made via the internet, with a 3 day delay to check back for noise complaint information.

Mr. Phillips went on to assert that the system is not meant to monitor helicopter noise nor other background noise. Mr. Colligan agreed and said the system is not custom designed.

Don McGlashan inquired if one of the new monitors will be placed at the end of runway 422 (South Arlington), as it was previously discussed during the Part 150 process. Neal Phillips replied that it is uncertain if South Arlington will get a new monitor due to the expansion at Dulles Airport and budget constraints. He went on to say he met with John Bell and Noel Kaplan to discuss the monitor locations in Fairfax County. The Loudoun County sites will likely be determined by the end of the year due to the change in the board.

MWAA will issue a press release announcing the new noise monitoring system. George Nichols asserted that the COG Board is a good venue to highlight this initiative. Chair Krupicka's COG Board update has been moved from January 2008 to February 2008. His update will include MWAA's noise monitoring system.

#### **V. CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE**

Bryan Spoon informed the committee that Congressman Moran's office sent a letter to the FAA commending them on the process. He then informed the group that the proposed additional slots over Reagan National was defeated. The Chair will also include this in the COG Board update in February.

## **VI. PROGRESS OF 2007 WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE AIR PASSENGER SURVEY**

Abdul Mohammed explained that the CASP (Continuous Airport System Planning) Program is an element of the Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) work program. It is overseen by the Aviation Technical Subcommittee. The purpose of the Air Passenger Survey is to collect information about changing travel patterns and user characteristics of air passengers and help determine airport terminal and groundside needs.

The first survey was conducted in 1981/82. The 2007 fall survey was the eighth. The questionnaires are distributed and collected before boarding. The airline station personnel makes an announcement about the survey to the passengers at the gate.

The 2007 Air Passenger Survey was a voluntary, random sample of approximately 685 flights (606 domestic and 79 international), 227 at BWI, 212 at Reagan National and 246 at Dulles. The survey started on October 7th and ending on November 3, 2007. The raw data analysis and report will be completed by June 2008.

In conclusion George Nichols mentioned that CASP eligible projects will be discussed at the January meeting.

## **VII. HELICOPTER UPDATE**

Prior to the meeting, Ed Hilz provided George Nichols with a list of principles and elements necessary for the proposed helicopter noise monitoring system. The elements will be sent via email to the APC for comment. The proposed procedure will also be discussed at the next Helicopter Users Group Forum this spring.

Mr. Hilz went on to say that Col. Remaly was helpful in setting up the Fairlington Hills panel discussion that will be held on December 11, 2008. George Nichols, Bob Laser from the FAA, Commander Jacob Brown, and Col. Remaly will attend the meeting in Fairlington Hills.

In conclusion, George Nichols will work with the FAA to confirm the date for the Helicopter Users Group Forum in March 2008.

## **VIII. AVIATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT/UPDATE**

Abdul Mohammed announced the next Aviation Technical Committee meeting is on November 29, 2007.

## **IX. UPDATES ON OTHER RELATED AIRPORT/AVIATION RELATED**

## **ACTIVITIES**

There were no updates made.

### **X. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

### **XI. COMMITTEE SCHEDULE, NEXT MEETING DATE, AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2007. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.