

**Draft**  
**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**  
**Aviation Policy Committee**

**September 12, 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*  
*Ellen Sample, Maryland Aviation Administration*  
*Mat Thorp, District of Columbia Representative*  
*Jim Slate, FAA*  
*Susanne Gould, FAA*  
*George Sempeles, FAA*  
*Neal Phillips, MWWA (via conference call)*  
*Ed Hiltz, Fairlington Citizens Association*  
*George L. Nichols, COG, DEP*  
*Leah Boggs, COG, DEP*  
*Ellen Heffernan, Helicopter Association International*  
*Mark S. Feldheim, City of Alexandria*  
*Chris Grootaert, McLean Citizens Association*

**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. FY'08 WORK PROGRAM AND PRIORITIES**

George Nichols reported that the Aviation Policy Committee (APC) Work Program has four major tasks.

Task 1: Committee Maintenance and Policy Support.

The APC will continue operating in the same manner it has in the past; meeting on a bi-monthly schedule, COG providing the meeting space equipment and supplies for the meetings of the committee, as well as for any special meeting the committee may call. Staff will organize the meetings and perform the tasks necessary for their success.

Task 2: MWAA Part 150 Implementation

The APC will continue to collaborate with the MWAA in implementing the recommendations of the Part 150 Study. Although the recommendations are still in the review process by the FAA, the Airport Authority has identified several activities that MWAA will implement in FY 08. As of August 13, 2007, the FAA published the contour maps in the Federal Register. Approval of the mitigation measures are expected to follow.

Implementation of the Part 150 Recommendations also includes the following elements:

1. Advanced Navigation System Recommendations for Noise Abatement: MWAA supports this initial effort as COG recommended that this measure be implemented simultaneously as the FAA Part 150 approval process proceeds;
2. Establish System to Report Airline Compliance with Noise Abatement Measures: Draft recommendations will be developed and presented to the APC; and
3. Enhance Noise Complaint System: The new system will be expanded to 40 permanent locations, 32 will be positioned close to the existing sites and the additional 8 devoted to Dulles International Airport.

Task 3: Implementation of Helicopter System Plan Recommendations

Helicopters will continue to impact communities in the Washington area. MWCOG and the Helicopter Association International will play a critical role in organizing and

disseminating information on existing route structures and area hot spots.

Task 4: Legislative Monitoring and Webpage Enhancements

Staff will monitor FAA, MWAA, and other regulatory/legislative initiatives that may impact operations at National and Dulles Airports for quality of life and other impacts. In that regard, Chair Krupicka noted that APC staff is working to make the site more user friendly.

George Nichols went on to describe the three proposed topics for future APC meetings. Those topics are:

- a. Development of a community outreach reporting approach
- b. Green Aviation
- c. New Aviation Technology and
- d. Helicopter Users Forum

Paivi Spoon suggested that a summer meeting schedule for the Helicopter Users Forum may not be the best time. George Nichols replied that it will likely occur in the spring. It was also suggested that there be a session on general aviation (GA) and local government best practices, focusing on economic development aspects of GA.

In closing the discussion, George Nichols informed the committee that the COG Board sent a memo to Congress restating their position on the slot and perimeter rule at National. As of September 12<sup>th</sup>, there was no action by Congress. It is likely that there will be no additional slots added, but a reconfiguration of existing "unused" slots.

#### **IV. MWAA Report**

Neal Phillips (via conference call) reported that the FAA reviewed and accepted the contour maps from the Part 150 Study. The public comment period ends in the beginning of October 2007. By law, the FAA must render a decision by February

2008. Mr. Phillips explained that the FAA will not approve funding for the new noise monitoring system because all the noise sites are outside of the noise contours. However, MWAA is moving forward with implementation of some of the Part 150 recommendations. They are:

- a. Training for pilots and controllers.
- b. Pilot Working Group - Neal Phillips reported that he has been working with the FAA and a group of Reagan National pilots on implementation of Advanced Navigational procedures. Mat Thorp has been very instrumental in these discussions. The process has slowed now that the FAA has moved to a formal process.
- c. Noise Monitoring System – MWAA will purchase 40 new noise monitoring systems. 32 of the sites will be positioned close to the existing sites, while the 8 new sites will be positioned around Dulles, between Loudoun and Fairfax Counties. The recommended locations will be visited and evaluated based on technical feasibility, power, communications and public access. COG and MWAA implemented this allocation process in the past with success. Delivery of the first 20 monitoring sites is expected to occur in October or November. The entire system should be in-place and operational by May 2008. Chair Krupicka asserted that COG will continue to work with MWAA to identify new monitoring sites.

In conclusion of the discussion, George Semples added that noise will likely increase around the Dulles Airport due to the completion of the new runway in November 2007. He asserted that Loudoun County will likely need one of the new monitors. Chair Krupicka added that he has received increased complaints in northeast Alexandria due to a change in, what he suspects, flight patterns.

## **V. CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE**

Bryan Spoon from Congressman's Jim Moran's office was unable to attend the

meeting. It is expected that he will provide an update at the next APC meeting.

## **VI. NATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO INSURE A SOUND-CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT AND ANNUAL MEETING**

Leah Boggs represented COG at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual N.O.I.S.E. Conference and Symposium in Atlanta, July 2007. The conference had representation from airport communities across the country including Minnesota, Kentucky, California, Montana and Georgia. Ms. Boggs was a part of panel discussion focused on airport issues. Other participants on the panel included Denver International Airport, San Francisco International Community Roundtable and the Las Angeles World Airports Noise Management Division.

Ms. Boggs went on to inform the committee of a new effort underway by some airports across the country, strategic green management. At the NOISE Conference, the Albuquerque, NM airport Environmental Director presented their sustainable development program. The program is a voluntary effort driven by local concerns. Since the NOISE conference, Ms. Boggs has learned that the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood and Dallas-Fort Worth Airports have both implemented a Green Airport Initiative through the Clean Airport Partnership. The Partnership was established in 1998 and is the only not-for-profit corporation in the U.S. devoted exclusively to improving environmental quality and energy efficiency at airports. The Green Airport Initiative is a tool used to guide future development to enhance environmental quality while meeting growth demands.

Ms. Boggs articulated that this issue is of particular interest to COG because of programs related energy management, green building and climate change. Because of its cross-cutting implications, Ms. Boggs recommended that the APC make this an agenda item for one of its future meetings. Chair Krupicka agreed.

## **VII. HELICOPTER UPDATE**

Ed Hilz provided updates to the Aviation Noise Complaint Contact List developed by APC staff. Chair Krupicka inquired if Mr. Hilz was interested in identifying some of the key attributes of a centralized noise complaint tracking system. Mr. Hilz agrees. The discussion then focused on identifying the appropriate military personnel when making a noise complaint. In conclusion, Chair Krupicka agreed that APC staff will work with Ed Hilz and the military to address his concerns.

#### **VIII. APPOINTMENT OF CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES**

George Nichols reported that Supervisor Joan Dubois recommended a new citizen representative for Fairfax County to serve as the Northern Virginia representative. Leo T. Powell remains as the citizen representative for Suburban Maryland and Mat Thorp for the District of Columbia.

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

Robert Griffiths from COG's Department of Transportation Programs had a meeting conflict and was unable to attend. An update will be given at the next APC meeting.

#### **X. UPDATES ON OTHER RELATED AIRPORT/AVIATION RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Jim Slate introduced Suzanne Gould as the new FAA liaison to the Committee.

#### **XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2007. The meeting was

adjourned at 11:30 a.m.