

**North Central Texas Council of Governments
Air Transportation Advisory Committee
December 9, 2022**

The Air Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) convened at 1 pm on December 9, 2022, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG).

1. Welcome and Introductions

Eric Pratt welcomed members and guests, and all were introduced.

2. Orientation to Agenda, Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Natalie listed the agenda items and presenters.

3. Approval of September 1, 2022, ATAC Meeting Summary

The September 1, 2022, ATAC meeting summary was accepted as submitted.

4. TxDOT Aviation Update – Jim Halley, TxDOT Aviation

Jim Halley noted that the first of a series of webinars on System Plan Inventory and Data Collection was held earlier in the day. The System Plan has not been updated in over 12 years. Data will be housed with TxDOT Aviation offices for future requests for inventory data. TxDOT Aviation is transitioning to a new database system with an external-facing side.

Reorganization in the planning and programming section of TxDOT has taken place. A more functionally based focused approach will be taken. There are three subsections – airport projects, developing Capital Improvement Programs, and concentrating on the tactical aspect, working one-on-one with airports. Statewide initiatives focus on various strategic items – statewide aviation pavement management, statewide electrical program, education, and outreach. Also, project development, focusing on airports and planners, work on prioritization, scoping, and assisting through the whole project selection process through implementation.

5. North Texas Maintenance Reporting Case Study – Sean Newton, TxDOT Aviation

Part of TxDOT's perspective for project selection and development is hindered by what is maintenance and standards checklist. This includes maintenance for airport lighting, pavement, and drainage. What is the next best standard in reporting format as a new system is developed, looking at a long-term perspective? The case studies utilize Advisory Circular 150/5200-18c, Aviation Safety Self-Inspection. It is a Part 139 Airport Certification requirement, and great general aviation tools are available. TxDOT is going through a case study with Midway and Cleburne airports. Airports should have the documentation to back up the necessary maintenance if maintenance is needed.

6. FAA Young Access to American Jobs in Aviation Report – Will be presented at a future meeting.

7. McKinney National Airport Commercialization – Kenneth Carley, McKinney National Airport

The City of McKinney has experienced tremendous growth lately and unsolicited interest from airlines and developers interested in utilizing McKinney National Airport. This interest has been instrumental in bringing the proposed airport expansion to the forefront. This is not new; the expansion was included in the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan since 2012, but this interest has fueled the expansion/commercialization of the airport at this time. The project envisions a sustainable commercial air service terminal and an enhanced passenger experience as an alternative to the large and medium hub airports in the DFW region. The airport would expand to a 144,000 sq. ft. terminal, have four gates, dining and retail, and 2,000 solar-powered covered parking spaces. In addition, the planned future expansion of Spur 399 will enhance surface transportation access to the airport.

Consumer research indicated 75 percent of nearby leisure and business travelers would consider using McKinney National Airport if competitive direct flights were offered. Collin County's population, economic, and socio-economic strong regional growth support making McKinney a prime location for a third commercial airport. The potential annual economic impact in the initial year is projected as adding 2,780 – 3,280 new jobs to the region, \$207 – \$265 million in wages, \$615 – \$850 million in economic output, and \$77 – \$115 million in tax benefits for local, State and Federal governments. An environmental assessment is underway, and public hearings will occur in early 2023. This will go to the voters. If the community wants, and there is a firm commitment from airlines and a business plan to operate at a cost that the airlines can afford, there will all need to be in place for the project to continue advancing. If all goes forward, the construction date is projected for 2024-2025, with 2026 as the target year for the expansion to be complete and the airport open for commercial service. Information can be found at <https://fly-mckinney.com>

8. Introduction to RS&H – Johnny Jackson

RS&H is an architecture/engineering/consulting employee-owned corporation with a multidisciplinary staff of architects, engineers, planners, environmental scientists, and technical support staff. They work with TxDOT, airports, and aerospace. Based out of Jacksonville, FL, with a staff of 1,400+ associates, they are present in three regions and have eight divisions and 72 offices. Johnny highlighted the companies and organizations they work with and support and have contributed over \$400,000 to 67 nonprofit organizations since 2018 from their Elevate Fund, an integral element to RS&H's Corporate Social Responsibility Strategy. Johnny focused on two of their six markets – aerospace and aviation. This included spaceport planning, space launch facilities, ground support facilities, and manufacturing, process, and assembly buildings. Aviation services include airfields, buildings, environmental stewardship and resiliency services, and environmental planning.

RS&H supports Tuskegee NEXT, a fully funded residential summer program in Chicago that transforms the lives of underrepresented youth through aviation education, life skills training, and career path opportunities. Students earn their private and drone licenses, creating a revenue stream while earning further certification to become commercial airline pilots or apply for other airport operations jobs. The community supports the students, offering housing, meals, transportation, and education. More information can be found on their website at www.rsandh.com.

Meeting Participants

Voting Members in Attendance

Trent Ballard, Arlington Municipal Airport
Keith Barrett, Caddo Mills Airport
Kenneth Carley, McKinney National Airport
Christian Childs, Alliance Air
Haley Cuevas, Mineral Wells Airport
Scott Gray, Denton Enterprise Airport
Ty Helton, Greenville Municipal Airport
Joel Jenkinson, Addison Airport
Eric Pratt, Mesquite Metro Airport
Sharlette Wright, Midway Airport

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Tom Chandler, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.
Jim Halley, TxDOT – Aviation
Joe Hammond, City of Fort Worth, Aviation
Sean Newton, TxDOT – Aviation
Ken Pyatt, Garland
Chase Patterson, Denton Enterprise Airport
Brenda Weber, DFW International Airport

Others in Attendance

Johnny Jackson, RS&H
Vivek Khanna – HNTB
Chris Coons – Park Hill
James McKenzie - KSA Engineers
Katherine Preston - HMMH
Samuel Tan – DFW International Airport
Garrett Watson, Cleburne Airport
James Wood – DFW International Airport
Andrew Tamanaha – TxDOT Airport District Office

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Natalie Bettger
Ernest Huffman