

**North Central Texas Council of Governments  
Air Transportation Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary  
June 1, 2023**

The Air Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) convened at 1 pm on June 1, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), in person and virtually via Teams.

**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. Airport Operations Tracking System – Les Goldsmith, Virtower**

**4. NCTCOG Airport Visits and Spotlights – Nicole Johnson, NCTCOG**

**5. NCTCOG Aviation Planning Program Area Update – Ernest Huffman, NCTCOG**

*Upcoming Funding Mechanism-Advance air mobility infrastructure pilot program*

*Highlights include:*

- *Funding Available by late June 2023*
- *\$1M max per award/ \$12M total*
- *Plan for the development and deployment of infrastructure necessary to facilitate AAM operations locally and regionally.*
- *One year planning requirement*
- *Equity reimbursement*
- *Diversity of locations, business models, operations plans*
- *Access for all*
- *Economic growth*
- *Priority to eligible entities that collaborate with commercial AAM entities, institutions or higher education, research institution or relevant stakeholders to develop and prepare a comprehensive plan.*

***Other updates include:***

*FAA Beyond Visual Line of sight (BVLOS) Waiver Comments, FAA Urban Air Mobility Conops, AUVS's Blueprint for Autonomy, AMAC Airport Business Diversity Conference, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Energy Drone & Robotics Summit, ACI-NA/AAAE Airport Noise Conference October 23-25, 2023, must register, Airport Experience Conference April 1, 2024, in Dallas, TX must register, Unmanned Aircraft (UAS) Detection and Mitigation System ARC*

**6. Open Discussion**

- ***NBAA will be hosted in Vegas this year for two days, and if there are interested candidates, you just pay for your own flight and meals. The Dallas team covers the registration. There are only two spaces available to reserve for anyone from NCTCOG if interested.***

- ***Futuristic thoughts of Texas hosting the NBAA conference at the New Convention Center were discussed; However, this is seen in the distant future due to much planning involved.***

The next ATAC is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023.

## **Meeting Participants**

### **Voting Members in Attendance**

Trent Ballard, Arlington Municipal Airport  
Keith Barrett, Caddo Mills Airport  
Kenneth Carley, McKinney National Airport  
Rafael Garza, Dallas Executive Airport  
Ty Helton, Greenville Municipal Airport  
Eric Pratt, Mesquite Metro Airport  
Sharlette Wright, Midway Airport  
Joel Jenkinson, Addison Airport

### **Non-Voting Members in Attendance**

Jim Halley, TxDOT – Aviation

### **Others in Attendance**

Logan Hutto, KSA Engineers

### **NCTCOG Staff in Attendance**

Natalie Bettger  
Ernest Huffman  
Nicole Johnson