

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **Air Transportation Advisory Committee November 2, 2017**

The Air Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) convened at 1:00 p.m. on November 2, 2017, at NCTCOG Offices.

#### **Voting Members in Attendance**

Karen VanWinkle, Chair, Arlington Municipal Airport  
Gary Hawkins, Vice Chair, Granbury Regional Airport  
Joey Boyd, City of Rockwall (Remote)  
Mark Divita, Grand Prairie Municipal Airport  
Keith Barrett, Caddo Mills Airport  
Ty Helton, Greenville Municipal Airport  
Joel Jenkinson, Addison Airport  
Linda Pavlik, Representing Ennis Municipal Airport  
Ken Pyatt, SKY Helicopters  
Wayne Sanderson, Mineral Wells Airport  
Sharlette Wright, Cleburne Regional Airport (Remote)

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

Aaron Barth, City of Fort Worth  
Jeff Kloska, City of Fort Worth, Aviation  
Darrell Phillips, Dallas Executive Airport

#### **Others in Attendance**

Colin Bible, Garver  
Mitchell McAnally, Garver  
Michael Mallonee, KSA Engineering  
Jocelyn Murphy, City of Fort Worth  
Rob Parrish, TSA DFW Airport  
Pat Stewart, Granbury Regional Airport  
Mike Weatherford, TSA, Dallas Love Field

#### **NCTCOG Staff in Attendance**

Natalie Bettger  
Ernest Huffman  
Lisa Key

#### **Meeting Summary Outline**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Orientation to Agenda
3. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Introductions
4. Approval of August 3, 2017 ATAC Meeting Summary
5. FAA Reauthorization
6. Airport Funding Update
7. Airport Encroachment
8. Outreach Events
9. Touch and Goes and Other Business

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** Karen VanWinkle, Chair

Karen welcomed all attendees and everyone introduced themselves.

**2. Orientation to Agenda:** Natalie Bettger

Natalie provided an orientation to the agenda noting the Transportation Security Administration in attendance.

**3. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Introductions,** Mike Weatherford, TSA Assistant Federal Security Director for Inspections for TSA briefed the Committee on his role as well as that of Rob Parrish, TSA. The responsibilities include oversight of aviation regulatory activity at North Texas airports, primarily commercial airports and airlines, as well as air cargo. The current focus is on developing better working relationships with airport managers and encouraging more communication. The TSA would like to identify regulated entities on the individual airports, including flight training and some charter operations, to ensure they are following security requirements. TSA inspectors are trained as physical security specialists and may assist with airport security assessments as well as help with supporting letters for different programs to assist with Airport Improvement Program grants.

**4. Approval of August 3, 2017 ATAC Meeting Summary,** Karen VanWinkle, Chair

The Committee was asked to approve a summary of the previous ATAC meeting. There were no comments and the summary was approved as submitted. Ty Helton (M); Joel Jenkinson (S). The motion passed unanimously.

**5. FAA Reauthorization,** Ernest Huffman, NCTCOG

Staff briefed the Committee on HR 3823 – Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017 that included provisions for Federal Aviation Programs, Revenue Provisions, Expiring Health Provisions, Development of Private Flood Insurance Market, and Tax Relief for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. The last two items are novel for an FAA Authorization.

**6. Airport Funding Update,** Ernest Huffman, NCTCOG

Ernest presented an airport funding update illustrating grants by funding source for regional funding compared to the State of Texas funding. Currently North Texas has received about 39% of the State's allocations, for those that have been publicly announced. Other funding mechanisms that are available through NCTCOG are related to surface access needs surrounding an airport such as intersections, turning lanes, and increased roadway capacity. Several projects have been submitted for funding consideration since the last ATAC meeting and staff encouraged the Committee to submit additional projects for consideration. These improve surface access to the airport. The projects that have been submitted are currently being reviewed for required criteria and staff will provide an update at the next meeting.

**7. Airport Encroachment,** Gary Hawkins, Granbury Regional Airport

Jocelyn Murphy, City of Fort Worth

Gary presented the various methods that airport managers may utilize to mitigate airport encroachment. When airports receive grant funding, they are required to take action to adopt

zoning laws in the interest of compatible land use. Gary stressed the importance of protecting Part 77 imaginary surfaces and referenced avigation easements that should be shared with developers and consumers purchasing property near an airport.

Jocelyn Murphy shared the City of Fort Worth's encroachment mitigation efforts surrounding the Naval Air Station Fort Worth, Joint Reserve Base (NAS Fort Worth, JRB) including sound mitigation overlays, area plans and Regional Coordination Committee participation. The Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Study defines the noise footprint, accident potential zones and land-use recommendations in proximity to the NAS Fort Worth, JRB. The 2008 Joint Land Use Study analyzed the strengths and weaknesses of land compatibility and developed recommendations for improvements in the areas surrounding the base. NAS Fort Worth, JRB and surrounding communities worked together to mitigate encroachment through zoning and sound attenuation. In 2017, a State Law was passed requiring real estate disclosure forms to include airports and their potential impacts.

In addition to compatible land use, overlay regulations have been implemented near NAS Fort Worth, JRB to mitigate lighting considered to be detrimental to operations such as spot lights, billboard lighting, and direction of ambient ground light. Regulations preclude the use of radar or electrical interference that might hinder operations or communications as well as oversight of the limitations on height restrictions. The compatible use zone overlay became effective in September of 2013 and is intended to reduce density and incompatible land uses that could hinder military operations. Jocelyn recommends that airport managers stay informed about planned developments and construction through their city planning and zoning department. Karen recommended airport managers review their avigation easements that may no longer be in compliance with FAA requirements. Joel noted recent development near the Addison Airport in the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ), for which they received no notification. The FAA may look to the airport sponsor to mitigate the vertical construction and purchase property within the RPZ. Jocelyn encourages frequent communication with surrounding communities, airport sponsors, and City planning.

#### **8. Outreach Events, Ernest Huffman**

In 2017, staff participated in about 20 outreach events, two of the largest being the Wings Over Dallas Airshow and the Alliance Air Show. The purpose of participating in these events is to encourage youth participation in aviation and foster potential future aviation and aerospace-related careers. Committee members voiced their support of STEM Academies and regional involvement with aviation education initiatives.

#### **9. Touch and Goes and Other Business, Committee and NCTCOG Staff**

**Ernest Huffman, General Aviation (GA) Emergency Relief Assistance:** Ernest noted the recent GA emergency relief support to assist hurricane victims. The grass roots initiatives accomplished what could not be achieved by commercial airplanes due to the smaller size of the GA aircraft. Denton airport created a command post working with volunteer pilots and other GA airports delivering life-saving supplies to many people stranded by rising water and the destruction

of homes and infrastructure.

**Drone Integration Initiative:** The Federal Government has issued an Executive Order to move forward with a UAS Integration Pilot Study and will be seeking five pilot programs. The UAS Subcommittee may meet soon to discuss potential participation.

**The AOPA Symposium:** November 6 and 7 at the C.R. Smith Museum

**Joel Jenkinson, Addison Airport Turns 60:** Addison Airport published a book to commemorate the airport's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The book was written by Bruce Bleakley, a member of the Board of Directors at Frontiers of Flight Museum. It contains much of the interesting history and images of the airport, originally built on 400 acres of cotton fields in 1957.

Having heard no other business, the meeting was adjourned.