

City of San José
AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SOUTH FLOW ARRIVALS

Meeting Minutes of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals

FRIDAY

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November 17, 2017

The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals held an organizational meeting on Friday, November 17, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in the Committee Room of the "Wing" of San José City Hall located at 200 East Santa Clara Street, Committee Rooms 118-120, Council Wing, San José, CA 95113.

ATTENDEES

PRESENT: Committee Members Glenn Hendricks (Chair), Chappie Jones (Vice-Chair), Mary-Lynne Bernald, Elizabeth Gibbons, Lydia Kou, Lisa Matichak (via phone at 2:07 p.m.), Jean Mordo, Raul Peralez, Rene Spring, Steven Scharf, Rowena Turner, Gary Waldeck, and Kathy Watanabe

ABSENT: All Present

STAFF: Interim Assistant Director of Aviation Judy Ross, Manager of Strategy and Policy Matthew Kazmierczak, and Assistant to the Director James Webb, Jr.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Interim Assistant Director of Aviation Judy Ross with thirteen Committee members in attendance.

2. Host Welcome

Ms. Ross welcomed the Committee, attending FAA staff and the public.

3. Self-Introductions

The Committee members introduced themselves. Ms. Ross introduced the supporting Airport staff members.

4. **Brief Remarks – Committee member Raul Peralez, Councilmember, City of San José**

Committee member Peralez offered welcoming remarks to the Committee on behalf of Mayor Sam Liccardo, who was unable to attend.

5. **Brief Remarks – Dennis Roberts, Regional Administrator, Western-Pacific Region/Federal Aviation Administration**

Mr. Roberts made opening remarks, including outlining the FAA role in the Committee's discussions and the introduction FAA staff who will be working with the Committee.

6. **Call for Chair and Vice-Chair Nominations**

Public Comments: Mr. Robert Holbrook provided comments and a recommendation.

Ms. Ross called for nominations for Committee Chair. Mr. Hendricks stated he was interested in serving as Committee Chair. Mr. Hendricks was subsequently nominated by Mr. Spring. His nomination was seconded by Ms. Gibbons. No other nominations were offered.

Action: By roll call vote, the Committee unanimously elected Mr. Hendricks as Committee Chair.

Mr. Peralez nominated Mr. Jones for Committee Vice-Chair. His nomination was seconded by Ms. Kou. No other nominations were offered.

Action: By roll call vote, the Committee unanimously elected Mr. Jones as Vice-Chair.

Upon election, Mr. Hendricks immediately took responsibility for chairing the remainder of the meeting.

7. **Ad Hoc Committee Organizational/Process Matters**

Airport staff presented each of the eight operating parameters adopted by the San José City Council in establishing the Committee and proposed an additional parameter to limit the length of the meetings three or four hours. Staff subsequently presented comments on the meeting minutes and when and where meetings were to be held.

Chair Hendricks opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comments: Providing public comments and/or suggestions on several of the parameters were Mary Shefvland, Robert Holbrook, Tony Rath, Marie-Jo Fremont, Jennifer Landesmann, Jennifer Tasseff, Darlene Yaplee, Zachary Kaufman, and Ron Gilbert.

Committee discussion followed. Mr. Waldeck said he understood from the Select Committee that the Airport could require aircraft to take mitigation measures and that such measures are being taken in Phoenix. He requested Airport staff to check and determine if the Airport can require aircraft to take mitigation measures and, if so, add that to the Committee's scope of work. Assistant Director Ross said the Airport would research Select Committee discussions and contact Phoenix Airport to see what mitigation measures it requires for the Airbus 320.

Ms. Bernald said should the BRIXX flight path be impacted by any adjustments made to the south flow arrival path, she would like those impacts included in the discussions.

Ms. Watanabe wanted to discuss issues related to takeoffs in a future discussion, if possible.

Mr. Waldeck requested the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair be incorporated in the drafting of the final report.

In response to a question from Chair Hendricks, Mr. Roberts said the FAA welcomes the opportunity to present "air traffic 101" that would provide information on how the air traffic system works, not only over San José but over the Bay Area, so the Committee could understand the parameters of the air traffic system and how it works.

Mr. Mordo said some consideration should be given to change the parameter from recommendation can be adopted that impacts a city not represented on the Committee to any city that was invited could be impacted, whether or not they elect to participate. Mr. Mordo said without this change some possible solutions could not be considered. Chair Hendricks said he will personally contact the City of Milpitas and invite Milpitas to attend the Committee meetings. If Milpitas still elects not to attend, the Committee could ask the San Jose City Council to change the parameter to allow a city that was invited to be impacted. Chair Hendricks will invite the City of Milpitas to attend the Committee meetings.

Ms. Gibbons suggested the cities of East Palo Alto, Newark and Fremont be copied on the meeting notes and agenda as well as invited to attend the Committee meetings so they are aware of the discussions taking place. Chair Hendricks agreed

that the three cities should be made aware of the meetings and encouraged to at least attend as members of the public.

Action: Mr. Mordo made a motion that the parameter on adopting recommendations be changed by the San José City Council to say no recommendation can be adopted that impacts a city that was *not invited* to participate on the Committee (instead of a city *not represented* on the Committee). The motion was seconded by Ms. Bernal. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Action: Ms. Kou made a motion to request the San José City Council to include East Palo Alto, Newark, and Fremont on the Committee to have their input and vote on Committee decisions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scharf. By roll call vote, the motion passed with an 11-2 vote with Hendricks and Jones dissenting.

Both adopted motions will be presented to the San José City Council together.

Under the “feasibility of recommendations” parameter, several members discussed the need to establish a baseline point to determine the feasibility of a recommendation. The baseline would be flight patterns prior to and after NextGen to understand what lessons had been learned because of the changes. Chair Hendricks suggested looking at routes and flight patterns twelve months before NextGen and then look at what was changed from a FAA flight control perspective would be beneficial. Mr. Scharf said it would be also good to know what noise abatement procedures are possible. Chair Hendricks said a discussion on pre and post NextGen flight patterns would relate to south flow or if there were outside parameters or constraints that may have impacted south flow.

The Committee discussed preferences and constraining factors for meetings. Chair Hendricks requested Airport staff to bring back a schedule of meetings for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

8. Adoption of Draft Work Plan

Airport staff presented the components of the draft work plan.

Public Comments: Comments on the work plan were presented by Chris Moylan, Jennifer Tasseff, and Jennifer Landesmann.

The Committee took no action to amend the work plan.


9. Public Comments

Comments were offered by Jennifer Landesmann, Marie-Jo Fremont, and Jennifer Tasseff.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm.

ATTEST:



Glen Hendricks
Chairperson



Judy Ross
Assistant Director of Aviation (Interim)