

Regional Airport Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

9:30 A.M. – Noon
Friday, September 23, 2011
MetroCenter Auditorium
101 8th Street
Oakland, CA 94607

1. Call to Order

Jim Spering called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. RAPC members and other alternates in attendance: Bates, Gibbs, Greene, Liccardo, Martin, McKenney, Hauri, Salmon, and Hardy Acree.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Minutes

Mr. Hauri motioned approval of the minutes. Mr. Bates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Regional Airport System Planning Analysis (RASPA)

a) Final Report

Chair Spering noted that at the last RAPC meeting the committee unanimously approved moving this report forward and bringing it back for committee approval.

Mr. Bates moved approval of the Final Report. Mr. Hauri seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Future Work Plan for RAPC

Mr. Brittle stated that the proposed Work Plan responds to all the recommendations that were in the Final Report. To accomplish the Work Plan, MTC and the regional agency staff will continue to participate, but there is also a need for a commitment from the airports.

Mr. Brittle commented on the survey that was distributed to the three airports to find out what planning studies are underway or anticipated in the future, how they conduct airline marketing and advertising, how they work with local communities on noise issues, and how they work with the FAA on airspace issues. He noted that the information provided by the airports was very helpful to staff and will ensure that RAPC's work plan will dovetail with the airports' planning efforts.

Mr. Brittle summarized the various elements of the Work Plan, which include forecasts and congestion tracking systems, traffic redistribution, new air traffic management and control technologies, SFO demand management, and airport noise impacts.

In closing, he stated that the immediate tasks for next year will focus on committing resources to staff RAPC; prepare the first combined Forecast/Congestion Tracking Report; provide support and technical assistance for the next multi-region Air Passenger Survey; evaluate changes to ABAG's SCS land use projections to lower longer range airport noise impacts, and engage in Legislative advocacy to support FAA's NextGen program.

He stated that the Bay Area airports will need to commit staff time and resources as well to ensure the work plan can be implemented. With additional resources RAPC could initiate more in depth work on many topics in the Work Plan. If a half-time regional airport planning staff position could be created, there would need to be a new funding arrangement between the regional agencies and the three Bay Area airports.

Committee comment:

Mr. Geoffrey Gibbs stated that there should be a publicity campaign to inform people about their travel options at each airport in terms of airline delays and time of travel from the airport to their final destination.

Mr. Sam Liccardo stated that San Jose Airport's problem isn't the lack of demand; it's that they are not getting the planes. Approximately 40% of the passengers on the SFO to New York flights are coming from Santa Clara County. There needs to be a different strategy between Oakland and San Jose in terms of how to move the traffic.

Ms. Kristi McKenney stated that the airlines need continuous education about where their market is and who they are serving. There are a lot of people from Contra Costa/Alameda County who are using SFO, so a strategy to redistribute more traffic to Oakland and San Jose airports, must involve marketing the airlines as well as marketing the customer.

Chair Sperring suggested having RAPC host an Advocacy Summit that would bring the airports, airlines, and some elected officials together to understand the impact of delays why the airports need to be healthy for traveler convenience and the economy.

Mr. Liccardo asked what RAPC's role is with congestion pricing. Mr. Brittle stated that RAPC's role is limited, but in the past RAPC has sent a letter to the FAA when the policy was first being developed suggesting ways to make it more effective..

5. Update on New ATC Technology Initiatives at SFO

Mr. John Bergener, SFO Planning Manager, presented SFO's strategic plan, which covers the history and causes of delays at the airport and the strategic initiatives that the airport is and will be pursuing to reduce delays and improve on-time performance.

6. New Business

None.

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None.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.