



Regional Airport Planning Committee

To: Regional Airport Planning Committee
Fr: Staff of Regional Airport Planning Committee

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Subj: Update on NextGen Legislative Advocacy

As mentioned in agenda item #1, part of the RAPC workplan will be to develop a legislative strategy to help expedite NextGen deployment in the Bay Area and the rest of the country.

You'll recall that the primary goals of NextGen (Next Generation Air Transportation System) are to employ new technology that will enhance the safety and reliability of air transportation, reduce delays in the nation's skies and reduce aviation's impact on our environment through more efficient use of fuel. According to FAA's latest estimates, by 2018 Next Gen will reduce total delays (in flight and on the ground) by about 35 percent compared with doing nothing. FAA further estimates a savings of 1.4 billion gallons of aviation fuel, lowering CO2 emissions by 14 million tons.

MTC adopted its 2012 Legislative Program in December 2011 that includes a goal to "advocate for increased long-term funding for the FAA for NextGen." MTC and several of its partner agencies typically travel to Washington DC soliciting congressional representatives and their staff for support of our Legislative Program. This year's congressional visit will be in mid-March 2013. Staff recommends that we coordinate with the region's international airport's legislative staffs, and legislative staffs in other major metro areas, to develop a list of strategies for discussion with congressional staff; we would also recommend that one or more of the international airport's legislative staffs be included in the regional delegation that goes back to Washington DC in mid-March.

We look forward to further discussion on this topic at your meeting.