



## MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 7, 2019 AT 10:30 AM

10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116 | State Transportation Building, Conference Room #3

### Meeting Minutes

Present: Dave Carlon, Jerry Falbo, Thomas Dougherty, Maura Zlody, Roseann Bongiovanni, Peter Navarra, Wig Zamore

In Attendance: Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert, Counsel; Matthew Romero, Executive Director; Stephanie Ackley, Administrative Assistant; Anthony Gallagher, Massport

#### Welcome to the State Transportation Building

The meeting was called to order at 10:38am.

#### Approval of Minutes of November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting. Mr. Falbo seconded this motion, and it was passed unanimously, while Mr. Carlon abstained due to absence from the meeting being referenced.

#### Executive Director's Report

Mr. Romero provided the committee with an update.

#### *Future meeting schedule*

Staff has been able to secure meeting space in the State Transportation Building for the entire 2020 Calendar year.

#### *Upcoming Conferences*

Mr. Romero discussed the upcoming conferences he will be attending in 2020. He will be heading to the Transportation Research Board Conference this coming Saturday. He plans to have an update upon his return and hopes to network with airport and agency employees. He will also be attending the UC Davis A & E Symposium at end of February. Mr. Zamore added that key presentations will be held, and suggested Mr. Romero attend presentations by Sandy Fidel, a top scientist regarding noise annoyance. He added that WHO/Europe will be there as well and encouraged Mr. Romero to attend these speakers' presentations.

#### *MPA Annual Current Expense Expenditure Budgets Review Update*

Mr. Romero provided the Committee with an update regarding the Annual Current Expense Expenditure Budgets Review. He pointed out that the press release regarding the Collins Center was picked up by several local news sources and that he was thankful of Representative Madaro for providing a quote for the press release. Regarding the Review, he discussed that there have been some initial questions from the Collins Center which were passed to Massport at the end of November. In response, Massport is working to assemble a team to answer the Collins Center questions. Mr. Gallagher added that Massport is ready to schedule with the teams involved over the next few weeks. Mr. Romero suggested to Mr. Gallagher that it would be helpful to have a list of comparable airports, so that the Collins Center Team is able to start their work.

#### *Update from FAA*

Mr. Romero informed the Committee regarding updates from the FAA. They plan to attend the upcoming MCAC General Meeting and have been consistent with scheduling and coordination. Mr. Doucette will not be attending, but the FAA has committed to having him return in April, where he will speak in depth regarding the topics he was scheduled to discuss. The FAA does plan to touch on the topics that Mr. Doucette was slated to discuss at Thursday's meeting. Additionally, Mr. Romero pointed out that there has been a lot of discussion with the FAA regarding the RNAV Study, particularly with regard to some changes to Block 1 recommendations. They need to present what was discussed with the MCAC previously and compare the proposed change. Mr. Zamore asked how this program is funded, and Mr. Romero thinks it is through FAA Reauthorization. Mr. Carlon also mentioned that he attempted to discuss the Wake Recategorization with the FAA and they tried to explain that they don't know what that benefit is or how the airports are going to use it, but that Ms. D'Alessandro said they have a model and will deliver it.



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### Treasurer's Update

#### *Second Quarter Update*

Mr. Dougherty provided an update regarding FY20 Q2. The Expenses are on track. Mr. Romero added that now that Q2 is complete, we will build projections and start to work on FY21 planning.

### Noise Insulation Update – Massport CAC Counsel

Counsel provided an update to the Committee regarding Noise Insulation. She pointed out that there was a prompt response from Mr. Doucette on the 9 questions sent from our Executive Committee on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. She added that Mr. Ciano (Arlington MCAC Member) had follow up questions which Mr. Doucette answered in Paragraph 9. She also clarified that members of the public affected by this Noise Insulation issue need to contact their congressional delegation. She explained that Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) are available, communities need to connect with their Congressional delegation and that airports that she reviewed were able to get benefits through their Congressional delegation. Mr. Falbo suggest that the MCAC specifically organize action as a committee, and that he is meeting with House Speaker/Representative DeLeo on Friday regarding the same issues. He pointed out that Mr. Doucette said that it is up to Massport to provide the funding. In 2007, Mr. Falbo met with Fred Mazarro, the director of initial noise insulation program, and that in March of 2007, Mr. Mazarro made a presentation at the San Francisco's Noise and Air Quality Symposium, which detailed specific flaws in the FAA's report, as well as identified the issues with the 1<sup>st</sup> Generation of Noise Insulation. Some of these issues included cracks in the structural elements of windows, broken jambs and dysfunctional sashes, remedies with tape and other sub-par methods of repair. Counsel pointed out that the FAA blames these failures it on the homeowner's lack of maintenance. She added that the Committee needs to figure a way to work around this. Mr. Falbo pointed out specifics from the FAA's report, and that the lifespan of the wood-frame windows is 30 years, which makes the windows they originally used beyond their lifespan. Ms. Zlody pointed wooden windows would not be expected to last that long when used by the ocean. Mr. Falbo suggests that the MCAC notify Congressional delegation to take action to compel Massport to use PFC funding, to reinsulate these properties. Mr. Carlon pointed out that there seems to be a disconnect on what the right thing to do is. There is a lot of growth at Massport and resulting funds from this growth, so fixing the windows is just the right thing to do. He is unsure why Massport refuses to come to the table on this subject. Mr. Carlon plans to craft a letter on this matter, send it to the state house and congressional delegation, selective outreach (impacted communities/officials) and offer some assistance. We can help facilitate this change, but it comes down to Representative DeLeo and Congressman Lynch. Mr. Navarra asked how much money this would cost and doesn't believe that Massport should be responsible for 100% of the cost, suggesting that we consider working with homeowner's insurance providers. Mr. Carlon pointed out that Massachusetts has supported the Airport but has not supported the people who are adversely affected. Mr. Romero added that the language committed FAA/MPA that the replacement is one time. Counsel recommended the to highlight this issue and get it out there to put pressure on Congress, and that PFCs can be used and FAA can approve them. Mr. Gallagher added that there are homes that have these old windows, and with the imminent change to the contours, these homes are no longer going to be eligible. Counsel added that the communities need to determine which homes are affected, and push. Mr. Romero added that the new contour will affect some of these potential replacements, as they will be excluded. Mr. Zamore pointed out that most of the people that live in the DNL are rental and low income. He also added that WHO/Europe adjusted its boundary line to 55 DNL, but within our region, the outer 65 DNL are the most highly annoyed, and it's a larger population affected by this. Ms. Bongiovanni added that homeowners may have difficulty in replacing windows, and thinks it is important to look beyond the contours to identify those impacted. Mr. Gallagher pointed out that Massport wants to see people fix these problems and wants to find a way to get this done. Mr. Carlon responded to Mr. Gallagher by saying that Massport is supportive of insulation, but we haven't seen any action on this.

### *MCAC Subcommittees Update*

Mr. Romero provided an update on the Subcommittees. Staff has been trying to reach out for availability of members and has had lack of response from certain key members. Mr. Romero will begin reaching out. Mr. Romero added that Ms. Bouillon, MCAC Representative from Beverly shown interest in participating on the Environmental Health Subcommittee. Mr. Carlon will appoint her to that committee. Mr. Romero added that he wants to try and better educate members and allow training, particularly with regard to air quality issues.

### *FY20 MCAC Goals and Priorities Review and Update*

Mr. Carlon discussed the FY20 MCAC Goals and Priorities, and that they are planning on training members on the current air quality initiatives for educational purposes. Mr. Zamore added that it is important to determine the actual discussion that would take place. Ms. Bongiovanni added that it needs to be simple and engaging, and easy to understand.



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### Update from Massport

#### *Real-Time Noise Monitoring Motion Update*

Mr. Gallagher discussed current testing on some of the monitors and how they tie into the new Harris System at Logan Airport. There are new monitors that are slowly being implemented, so they will tie into the system as they come online. Noise Monitors 1, 2 and 4 are live now. Mr. Zamore asked if we can work with Massport to help the roll-out, and Mr. Gallagher says yes. He pointed out that they expect this replacement process to take 1-2 years before all the monitors are replaced. Mr. Romero asked if there is an intended order and asks that Mr. Gallagher provide that to the Committee.

#### *Runway Use Report Excel Data Motion Update*

Mr. Gallagher said that the Runway Use Report Data should be available in Excel format beginning next month.

#### *Additional Noise Monitors Motion Update*

Mr. Gallagher discussed that there is opportunity for a new data source with virtual noise monitors. He can provide someone who can better explain the way it would function. Mr. Carlon added that there should be a monitor in Somerville and asked why it is so difficult to get them. Mr. Gallagher responded to Mr. Carlon by explaining that each noise monitor costs \$50 thousand and that the process to site new monitors is challenging. Mr. Carlon stressed the importance of placing a noise monitor in Somerville, that we there are 30 monitors, but none in Somerville, and that this void creates a big hole in the data being collected and that there is currently nothing there, which creates a void in the data. Mr. Zamore asked for solutions that work for everyone, and that Somerville's lack of a noise monitor feeds suspicion. Mr. Carlon wants to be able to have elected officials view the system and provide answers directly. Mr. Carlon added that there has never been a request for monitors by the MCAC.

#### *HMMH Benchmarking Report Information Request Update/Fly Quiet Report Update*

Mr. Gallagher said that he should have Logan Airport's responses to the benchmarking study by Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and they have requested HMMH for the full document including responses from the other airports. HMMH and Massport were confident in the Fly Quiet Report product they had produced. Mr. Carlon pointed out that the Aviation Subcommittee met to review the report, there was a spectrum of revisions, and the list was prioritized for Massport. He wants to know what happened with our revisions. Mr. Gallagher responded by explaining that the entire report has been a challenge, and that the resources and effort put into this report are great. Mr. Carlon pointed out that the message to HMMH from MCAC regarding our revisions was clear so that we could publish, but that the MCAC hasn't yet seen the revised version. Mr. Carlon added that the specific revisions were mostly simple edits, with exception to the issues with the gates. Mr. Navarra asked what Mr. Gallagher's role is and suggested that the Committee request that the people making this report are here in attendance, to discuss this.

#### *RNAV Study Update*

Mr. Gallagher distributed a letter from Dr. Hansman to members of the committee and explained that he wants to see the RNAV Study in a finished state. He understands there are outstanding questions about 4R. He would like to talk to Dr. Hansman, and to clarify any outstanding questions. Mr. Carlon pointed out that the Milton BOS should. Mr. Dougherty discussed when the request was made. Mr. Navarra exited the meeting 12:25. Mr. Dougherty stated for the record that he has experience in processing these request's, and that it is in writing. He reiterated that the request was completed in July. Mr. Carlon suggested that if Milton wants additional work done, outside of the original scope, they need to have the Board of Selectmen provide more direct request, rather than the lengthy document previously provided. Ms. Zlody added that the content in the original request submitted from Milton was overwhelming, adding that the specific request seemed difficult to understand.

#### *Drones Update*

Mr. Gallagher reminded the Committee that signage is still available to communities that have concern about private drones being operated in dangerous airspace. He added that a drone presentation would be valuable, and he believes that members of our Committee would have meaningful feedback to help better shape the regulations. The plan would be to provide an update on drones to the Executive Committee at its Feb 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### *Cape Air Seaplane Update*

Ms. Zlody explained that Cape Air is having a proceeding to try and secure Long Warf, but she has not been able to contact representatives at Cape Air. Mr. Romero will reach out to Andrew Bonney.



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### *Annual Performance Review for Executive Director*

The Committee discussed the process for the Annual Performance Review for the Executive Director. Counsel has advised that the Committee hire an outside consultant for this process since it is the first time the Committee would be administering a review and added that it sets good groundwork for the future.

### *New Business*

None

### *Correspondence*

Endorsement Letter, Joint Statement of Regional Airplane Noise, Town of Belmont

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### *Public Comment*

None

### *Adjournment*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Carlon, seconded by Ms. Zlody and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:47pm.

Documents associated with this meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes from 11/12/2019 Executive Committee Meeting

Endorsement Letter, Joint Statement of Regional Airplane Noise, Town of Belmont

Endorsement Letter, Joint Statement of Regional Airplane Noise, Cambridge/Medford/Somerville

FY20 Q2 Finance Summary

FY20 Q2 Profit and Loss Report

Press Release Coverage – Revere Journal

Letter from Dr. Hansman – MIT Re: RNAV and RNP