MARC Aviation Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 15th, 2019

Attendees:

FAA Airports
Mark Schenkelberg
Jeff Deitering

State DOTs
Sean Partain, MoDOT
Allison Smith, KDOT

City/County Airport Representatives
Melissa Cooper, KCAD-MKC
Lezley Mix, KCAD-MKC
Shane Krull, Miami County
Aaron Otto, Johnson County Airports
Clinton McNemee, City of Atchison
John Ohrazda, City of Lee’s Summit Municipal Airports
David Whitney, New Century

Friends and Guests
Bob Crain, Burns & McDonnell
Josh Peters, Garver
John Barker, Renaissance Infrastructure

MARC Staff
Caitlin Zibers, Transportation Planner III
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment
Laura Machala, Transportation Planner III
Patrick Trouba, Transportation Planning Intern

Meeting Summary

1) Committee needs new co-chairs, motion to approve Melissa as a new co-chair
2) Approval of September 13th meeting summary
   a. Summary approved
3) FAA Activities and Updates
   a. Mark Schenkelberg: FAA does not know who will receive appropriation money. It is considered discretionary. Half must go to general aviation, non-hub, or small airports.
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b. Jeff Deitering: Gave briefing on UAS to Missouri Sherriff’s Association
   i. Airspace over grass is federal airspace
   ii. Definition of aircraft includes UAS being used in commercial fashion. Can’t shoot it down.
   iii. Peeping Tom laws apply to drones for privacy issues.

4) Introductions

5) KDOT (Allison Smith)
   a. Map and list of projects near airports presented to group. Mostly lane closures, not many tall structures (i.e. cranes).
   b. No ideas right now for funding for next phase of Lewis & Clark. State legislature has been doing listening sessions and is midway through the legislative session.

6) MoDOT (Sean Partain)
   a. Only project with crane operations is on I-435 over the river. Other projects are resurfacing work.
   b. Looking at all alternatives for alignment for Broadway Bridge.

7) RTP 2050 Update (Laura Machala)
   a. Jim gave update at last meeting covering policy framework and needs assessment.
   b. RTP establishes vision for transportation, establishes policies and strategies, and lists projects
   c. In TO 2040, 17-2, there is a policy about coordinating between surface transportation planning and aviation planning.
   d. Laura briefly covered plan timeline, plan goals, future driving forces, the policy framework, the needs assessment, types of regionally significant projects, project evaluation criteria, deadlines, post-submission actions.
   e. Ron: Committee members can coordinate on RTP issues with their local planning bodies. Aviation committee members will be part of prioritization process for work related to the plan.

8) 2019 Work Plan and Meeting Dates
   a. Caitlin and Melissa discussing meetings occurring once per quarter.
   b. Caitlin interested from hearing from committee members about what is a valuable use of time
   c. Melissa thinks speakers, important topics, open dialogues would be valuable.
   d. Caitlin wants coordination with drone working group, which meets once a year. Would like an update from them in August.
   e. Drones are an interdisciplinary topic even within MARC staff.
   f. May and November meetings will be hosted by entity other than MARC. May meeting will be hosted at Downtown Airport.
   g. How much feedback is MARC getting from municipalities regarding UAS. Ron: lots of interest from local government, especially regarding opportunities for training.
   h. Other topics of interest: cooperative purchasing, emergency response and family care plans
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i. May meeting at downtown airport about UAS, November meeting about cooperative purchasing, 2020 work plan.
j. MAMA conference coming up; topics from that could be worked into the Committee
k. Concern that cutting down meetings to quarterly will cut into Committee activities. Melissa suggested evaluating that concern in November.
l. Another concern with lack of meetings is that programming of projects can’t be discussed as much.
m. Caitlin suggested adding standing items.

9) Roundtable
   a. John Ohrazda, Lee’s Summit: June will be a busy month. There will be the Air Race Classic, an all-women’s air race, an open house, a Young Eagles program. A Master Plan update is badly needed.
   b. Jeff, FAA: Sheriffs interested in UAS. Manufacturers and R&D people contacting airports directly to sell or test monitoring or countermeasure equipment. Trying to keep track of different systems.
   c. Miami County Airport: airport consultants working with FAA to finalize new taxiway.
   d. Atchison: Built foundation for aeronautical museum to house a plane and public terminal. Consultants trying to update plan for an east-west runway. Third weekend in July is Amelia Earhart festival. September also month for activities, including for the Intl. Forest of Friendship.
   e. Melissa Cooper, Downtown Airport: Melissa is on the Bombardier Safety Advisory Council, which conducts a free safety symposium. Couple weeks ago, overrun of the EMAS system. Pilot walked away. Team did a good job of recovery. Airport has 45 days to get it replaced. Missouri and Mississippi Rivers are flooding. KCI groundbreaking for new terminal is March 25th. Emergency exercise tabletop is May 15th. Air show is July 6th and 7th. State aviation day April 2nd in Jefferson City.
   f. Josh Peters, Garver: One of associates going to give a presentation on business planning at MAMA conference.
   g. Allison Smith, KDOT: Had Aviation Day at the capitol.
   h. Aaron Otto: $10 million going into Johnson County airports.

10) Adjournment at 2:46pm