MARC Aviation Advisory Committee
Thursday, March 09, 2017

Attendees:

TTPC

FAA Airports
Steve Baker
Keisha Clay

State DOTs
Dennis O’Connor, KDOT Aviation

City/County Airport Representatives
Darin Sanders, Clay County
James Green, City of Harrisonville
John Ohrazda, City of Lee’s Summit Municipal Airport
Melissa Cooper, KCMO Aviation

Others
Ben Lindner, GBA
Shari Cannon-Mackey, Burns and McDonnell
Mark Williams, Garver
Barry Rolle, HDR
Brian Garkie, CMT

MARC Staff
Whitney Morgan, MARC
LaTina Ford, MARC
1) **Call to order**
Whitney Morgan called to order the regular meeting of the Aviation Advisory Committee at 1:31 pm.

2) **Recognition of New Committee Co-Chairs**

3) **Introductions**
Those listed above were present at the meeting.

4) **Approval of January 2017 meeting summary**
The minutes of the January 2017 were approved.

5) **PRESENTATION: Environmental Assessment New Century Airport**
Shari Cannon-Mackey from Burns & McDonnel presented the Environmental Assessment on New Century Airport defining the multi-use development at the airport, the scope of work being done, agency coordination, and field surveys in late 2016 which looked at natural habitats. This information would lead to identifying the areas that could accommodate warehousing and commercial facilities, and access ways.

6) **DISCUSSION: MARC’s Role on Drones in the Region**
Whitney Morgan spoke on the topic of MARC’s role on drones in the region, understanding and responding to this area, and recognizing opportunities.

   - Recognizing four key themes: economic development, impacts to airports, public agency applications and regulation and enforcement
   - Serve as an educational resource
   - Cooperative agreements with commercial contracts

The committee was asked about possible questions or topics they would like to have addressed on the survey issues by MARC regarding drones.
Response from committee:

   - How much do municipalities plan on utilizing drones?
   - How will, in two years, drones be applied? (Use of lift capability for lift and rescue.)
   - The utilization of drones: construction, engineering, municipalities, aerial, crane companies, investigations, etc.
   - Expanding past quad drones. (past $800.00 and 55lbs drones)
   - What would be the outreach be at the airport level?
   - If there is value in MARC talking with city governments as it pertains to regulations?
   - Privacy and harassment issues
   - How to get drones regulated: flight standards and law enforcement?
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- Legality in all areas drone related

7) UPDATE: KDOT Aviation Activities
   Dennis O’Connor updated the committee KDOT formulating initiatives, UAS updates, and being approached by the Department of Health about analyzing smoke emissions in the Flint Hills with modeling methods to measure air quality and obtain VOC (volatile organic compounds) data. Other activities from KDOT included, review of grant applications, being posed to start on their pavement management plan, and are waiting on the FAA. The significant increase in attendees for Aviation Day at the Capitol was mentioned, with around 400 in attendance, and 29 exhibitors and vendors along with aviation related art contest to get children interested in aviation.

8) UPDATE: MODOT Aviation Activities
   Whitney Morgan discussed the communication had between himself, Jim Hubbell and MoDOT. Last part of Lee’s Summit runway expansion programmed this year. Record year for discretionary grant funds, but anticipate a decline in coming years. There was some brief discussion on the topic.

9) COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE—Member Updates:
   Harrisonville – Does not really have pavement plans since they took care of that last year. The runway is pretty good to go, and are preparing for crop season.

   FAA – Mentioned the new Secretary of Transportation -Elaine Chao, also that they are still operating on agendas, and focusing on UAS.
   KCI – Started work on Phase 1 & Phase 2 of the airport.
   GBA – Ben spoke of the Manhattan project, looking to replace the runway, and is trying to keep the airport open while working on the airport.
   Garver – Staying busy. Now up to their 24th employee.
   Midwest National – Kickoff for master plan update
   Lee’s Summit -- Parallel taxi for bid in May. Building additional hangers.
   CMT - Dad a new engineer start, and is focusing on the 21 day closure.

10) Other Business and General Announcements:

11) Adjournment
   Whitney Morgan adjourned the meeting at 2:13 pm.

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday May 11th, 2017 at 1:30 pm.