MARC Aviation Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 11th, 2017

Attendees:

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FAA Airports

State DOTs
Dennis O’Connor, KDOT Aviation

City/County Airport Representatives
Darin Sanders, Clay County
Mike McDonald, City of Leavenworth
Shane Krull, Miami County
Michael Kramer, City of Gardner
James Green, City of Harrisonville
Larry Peet, Johnson County Airports
Melissa Cooper, KCMO Aviation

Others
Jim Jarrett, GBA
Jose Villarreal, Burns and McDonnell
Earnest McCoy, Burns and McDonnell
Caleb Coltrane, Garver
Barry Rolle, HDR
Brian Garkie, CMT

MARC Staff
Whitney Morgan, MARC
Martin Rivarola, MARC
Jim Hubbell, MARC
1) **Call to order**
   James Green called to order the regular meeting of the Aviation Advisory Committee at 1:31 pm.

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

3) **Approval of March 2017 meeting summary**
   The minutes of the March 2017 were approved.

4) **PRESENTATION: PEL Study Update**
   Martin Rivarola provided an update on progress and news related to Beyond the Loop, a planning-environmental linkage (PEL) study focused on the north Interstate loop and the Buck O’Neil (Broadway) bridge near downtown Kansas City, MO. Melissa with Downtown Wheeler Airport expressed the tremendous importance of keeping the bridge open in order to maintain critical access to the airport from downtown and areas to the south. Downtown Airport appreciates the involvement of KCMO aviation staff with the project.
   Mark Schenkelberg with FAA asked about how the PEL process handles cumulative impacts, particularly as the environmental process transitions into more detailed studies involving segments of independent utility.
   It was suggested that the Aviation Committee take a formal position to submit comments on the MoDOT STIP, which currently includes a major rehabilitation on the Buck O’Neil Bridge that could entail closing the bridge for up to 2 years. The Committee opted not to take any formal action, but MARC staff indicated it would share the Committees concerns with the Total Transportation Policy Committee when it discusses MARC comments on the MoDOT STIP on 5/16/17.

5) **DISCUSSION: UAS Survey Feedback**
   Jim Hubbell provided background information on MARC staff efforts to engage regional stakeholders on the topic of UAS (drones), with the goal of developing resources for member organizations. MARC staff has developed a survey to identify key concerns and opportunities, understand the level of knowledge regarding UAS regulations and safe operation, and to generally tailor the types of research and resources to ultimately be developed by MARC. Jim shared draft survey questions with Committee for discussion and feedback.
   Committee members reinforce the importance of gathering information on the respondents’ professional field and organization type (i.e. sector). It was suggested to include an open-ended question at the end of the survey to catch any other issues or
feedback not captured in the other questions. For a question related to local UAS ordinances and policies, it was cautioned that the survey should seek to avoid language that leads or encourages local governments to develop such policies that could potentially conflict with/preempt FAA regulations.

6) DISCUSSION: Aviation Committee Bylaws Review
Whitney Morgan walked through draft Bylaws proposed for the Aviation Committee, sharing for comments and discussion. He explained the process for review, feedback and eventual adoption by the Committee. Committee members asked whether decisions could be made by consensus, rather than a quorum. It was suggested the term length should be shortened to 1 year instead of 2, in order to encourage participation through a lesser commitment. There was additional discussion about potentially relaxing attendance requirements, or whether they are needed for an advisory committee. The structure might be modified to include a special section for airport representatives, separate from the more general “city/county technical staff” category.

7) UPDATE: KDOT Aviation Activities
Dennis O’Connor updated the committee KDOT formulating initiatives, UAS updates, and executives from the KDOT Aviation team attending the Dallas Trade Show. KDOT is also beginning to develop their Annual Economic Impact Study.

8) UPDATE: MODOT Aviation Activities
James Green shared that House Bill 151 was recently passed by the Missouri Senate, with some amendments to the original House version. It will need to go back to the House, but is expected to be approved and sent to the Governor for signing into law. HB151 is a bill to make Missouri drivers licenses compliant with federal REAL ID standards, which is necessary for the MO DL to be accepted as valid proof of ID for travelers flying out of commercial airports after January 1, 2018.

9) COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE—Member Updates:
FAA – The federal government is open; FAA is up for reauthorization this year
Leavenworth – The FBO at Sherman AAF built space for pilot activities in the terminal; Business is doing quite well.
JCAC – OJC continues with cleanup activities after the storm significantly damaged the airport; 4 aircraft remain in the damaged hangars; working on NE apron reconstruction, west t-hangar project, runway project next year; IXD working on NE apron rehabilitation; 60% finished with the EA study to convert airport land to industrial use Harrisonville – Planning for complete runway replacement
Miami CO – Obtaining grant for obstruction removal
Downtown KC – Offices will be moving to a new building; 90th anniversary celebration on August 17th
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Gardner – Working on ALP update; incorporating some areas in RPZ into airport property  
GBA – Share comments on the UAS conference currently underway (in Dallas?)  
MARC – Reminded attendees of MARC Annual Meeting June 9th

10) Other Business and General Announcements:

11) Adjournment
   Whitney Morgan adjourned the meeting at 2:32 pm.

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday July 13th, 2017 at 1:30 pm.