

Newport Municipal Airport Master Plan Update Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting #3

May 11, 2016
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

with Public Open House from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

-Meeting Summary-

Attendees:

Newport Municipal Airport: Melissa Román

WHPacific, Inc: Dave Nafie, Sarah Lucas, and Mike Dane

Planning Advisory Committee Members: Lance Vanderbeck, Onno Husing, Jim Shaw, Derrick Tokos, Lt. Curtis Landers, Susan Reese-Painter, Maryann Bozza, Rob Oberling, and Ralph Busby

Public Attendees: Spencer Nebel, Geoff Vaughn

Welcome and Introductions

Dave Nafie opened the meeting at 3:05 pm, and gave an introduction of WHPacific team members. Dave then reviewed the meeting agenda, which focused on draft Chapter 4, *Facility Requirements*, and preparation of the development alternatives. The full presentation is attached to this summary for reference.

Facility Requirements

Findings from Chapter 4 were presented by Sarah Lucas. The purpose of the analysis is to identify existing Airport facility functionality, condition, and compliance with design standards. For those facilities not adequate to meet existing or forecasted demand, the analysis recommends improvements.

The basis for many of the facility requirements is the Airport Reference Code (ARC), which is represented by the critical aircraft – or grouping of aircraft – operating (taking off or landing) at the Airport at least 500 times a year. The current ARC at the Airport is B-II, but is forecasted to change to C-I over the forecast period. A complete description of the ARC is detailed in Chapter 3 of the Master Plan.

Highlights of the recommended facility upgrades are listed below. Refer to Chapter 4 for complete information.

- Maintain runway length
- Relocate Taxiway A to meet design standards
- Install runway end identifier lights (REILs) to Runway 2-20
- Investigate installing Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast (ADS-B) transmitter
- Investigate potential for additional and/or improved instrument approaches
- Install supplemental wind indicator near Runway 2
- Upgrade weather reporting station
- Ensure suitable sites are available for additional T-hangars and box hangars, as demand dictates

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- Expand current general aviation and cargo aprons
 - Identify location for potential second fixed base operator (FBO)
 - Provide area for potential US Coast Guard expansion
 - Maintain Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) capabilities
 - To increase security, enforce community watch and passenger identification procedures
 - Conduct a study regarding Airport's seismic resiliency
 - Replace existing Airport maintenance Quonset hut
 - Replace and relocate fuel facility
 - Upgrade and/or expand all utilities

During this discussion, Mr. Busby asked why the Airport lost capability for ½ statute mile (sm) visibility instrument approaches. After discussion, it appears some developments may have occurred in the past with the potential of ½ sm approaches, but that the Airport never had that capability.

Mr. Nebel brought it to the PAC's attention that the US National Guard has had high-level discussions about moving their base to the Airport. The Guard unit is currently not an aviation unit, but regardless, it may be wise to set aside an area for the potential of the Guard unit relocating to the Airport.

Development Alternatives – Interactive Alternatives Assessment

In order to gauge the community's tolerance to different ways of meeting the forecasted demand and resulting facility requirements, the planning team prepared four display boards with a variety of guiding statements for the PAC to vote on. The theme of the boards were: Operational Considerations, Environmental Considerations, Planning Principles / Land Use, and Fiscal Factors. Each member of the PAC was able to vote on a sliding scale. The results of this voting is attached to this summary.

Roundtable Discussion

While reading and voting on the guiding statements, the planning team was available to answer PAC member questions. Once regrouped, specific questions asked of the planning team consisted of the following:

Ms. Bozza inquired to project funding sources. Mr. Nafie explained the majority of the projects are eligible for federal funding, through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Currently, the FAA matches 90% of eligible projects costs. The Aviation Trust fund has multiple sources of funding, including the Non-primary Entitlement Fund, State Apportionment Funds, and Discretionary Funds.

Mr. Tokos asked if alternatives would show all off-airport impacts. Mr. Nafie and Ms. Román said the alternatives would reflect both on- and off-airport impacts and City land use maps would be updated to reflect development proposed in the Master Plan.

Mr. Shaw reiterated the term "destination resort" should be used rather than Wolf Tree, as Wolf Tree is no longer a viable proposal.

Next Steps and Wrap Up

Dave Nafie closed the meeting shortly at 5:00 pm. The Planning Team will prepare Development Alternatives for City and PAC review prior to the next PAC meeting. Memembers should expect to receive printed copies of the chapter by July 22nd.

PAC #4 is set for August 3, 2016 in the City Council Chambers.

Public Open House

Several members of the public attended the Open House beyond those in attendance at the PAC meeting. The Planning Team discussed the project and answered questions from the public and PAC members, while leading them through the voting display boards. Members of the public were encouraged to provide their votes on the guiding statements.