

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AERONAUTICS
FOR**

WEDNESDAY, August 20, 2008

**SACRAMENTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
TERMINAL A – Second Level Conference Room,
6900 AIRPORT BOULEVARD
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chris Kunze, TACA Chair, convened the meeting at 1:08 PM. TACA members and attendees made self-introductions.

Present were:

TACA members: Dan Burkhart, Peter Hill, Harry Krug, Chris Kunze, John Pfeifer, and Sandy Waters

Absent were: Ed Agnew (ex-officio), Mike Armstrong, Jack Kemmerly, Rob Leonard Mark Mispagel, Tom Weil and Alex Wilcox,

Commission: Carl Guardino and Phil Tagami attended by phone.

Commission and Department staff: Robert Chung, Gary Cathey, Terry Barrie, Lee Provost, Gwyn Reese and Kevin Ryan.

2. Approval of Minutes for June 18, 2008.

On a motion by Krug and seconded by Waters, TACA approved the minutes on vote of 6-0.

3. Status Reports

Gary Cathey, acting Caltrans Aeronautics Division Chief, briefed TACA on ongoing activities for the Aeronautics Division. He discussed the Division's efforts to fill vacancies. He also shared that the Division recently updated its division fact sheet.

Ms Gwyn Reese reported that the Aeronautics Division was informed that the Department of Finance was considering taking \$7 to \$8 million from the Airport Loan Account as part of balancing the budget. After some discussion, Commissioner Tagami with support from Commissioner Guardino suggested that they could serve as conduits to the Legislature so that TACA members could present their case for not taking the funds. TACA members discussed, at a minimum, the funding should be a

loan to be repaid. Commissioner Tagami stated that he would contact the staff of Senator Perata, while he asked Mr. Chung to contact the Speaker's staff. A joint phone call conference would be attempted on Friday.

Mr. Chung, CTC staff, informed TACA that the Commission took action on approving the local match rate at 10%, approved the change in percentage funding by category, and approved \$463.5 thousand for the CAAP program.

4. a. Legislative Update

Mr. Terry Barrie indicated that Mr. Philip Crimmins could not come and provided an update on the legislation that the Division was tracking. He briefly covered:

- AB 1404 (Lieu) would require that airports with one million passengers per year to post information about delayed flights and runway incursions.
- AB 1943 (Leno) would require airlines with passengers stranded for more than three hours on the ground must provide electrical service, restroom service, and adequate refreshments. He noted that this bill would be in conflict with the prerogatives of the federal government on interstate travel.
- SB 1510 (Kehoe) would make minor changes to SB 10 that established the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority

4 b. Status Report on SB 1118 (Negrete McLeod) Airport Land Use Commissions

Mr. Pfeifer explained that the bill was in its third reading in the Assembly. The Assembly heard the bill and failed to get out of the Assembly on a 27-yes, 25-no and 28-abstentions. The bill was granted reconsideration. Mr. Pfeifer stated that it was possible that the bill could be reconsidered, but time was running out.

5. Status Report and Next Steps to Bring NextGen Test Be Designation and Funding to California

Mr. Kunze thought that for Next Gen to occur in California, we needed FAA's western region involved with the state, airports and local jurisdictions. California needs to help FAA define what should be part of the test bed. FAA and the State should be the primary drivers in developing that definition, along with ASAT and other organizations participating.

Mr. Cathey suggested that conference be held of the appropriate agencies to help frame the issue better. Mr. Burkhart stated that it was important to keep the dialogue going and to keep the pressure on FAA to make it happen in a timely manner on the national level. Mr. Cathey stated he would look further into what Florida did and see what can be used in California to make this state a test bed. Mr. Barrie stated that he thought that the strategies that DayJet, as part of ASAT, used in conjunction with Florida could be tried in California. He noted that ASAT was forming a Next Gen Test

Bed California Community of Action to jumpstart NextGen activities in California. Mr. Chung stated that in terms of policy California should try to pick large, medium and small airports for test beds. Mr. Burkhart elaborated on the point and suggested that we consider looking at an airport's runways, airspace, the number of planes using the airport, and access to the airport in selecting test beds.

Mr. Chung noted that the Commission sent a letter to the Business Transportation and Housing Agency asking the Secretary to provide leadership on NextGen activities. He noted that to date Commission staff has not heard back from BT&H.

6. a and b. Preliminary Draft Annual Report, Accomplishments and Upcoming Issues

Chair Kunze reported that he took a shot at updating the TACA Annual Report for accomplishments and upcoming issues. He asked that TACA members, Caltrans and Commission staff review the revised report and send corrections to him or Mr. Chung over the next few weeks. Chair Kunze also asked Mr. Pfeifer to update the legislative portion of the report. Mr. Pfeifer agreed to do it.

Mr. Chung requested that the Division of Aeronautics provide for the TACA Annual Report updated financial information regarding estimated revenues and funding needs, as well as an update on revenues derived from the avgas and jet fuel. He wanted to confirm that the Aviation Account was still decreasing. The Division of Aeronautics was also asked to provide an update on federal re-authorization for aeronautics. Mr. Cathey indicated that the Division would try to provide the information.

7. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 PM.