

DC METROPLEX BWI COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE WORKING GROUP PUBLIC MEETING

Twenty-fifth meeting of the DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable Working Group

Tuesday, January 21st, 2020, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
 MDOT MAA Offices, Assembly Rooms A/B
 991 Corporate Boulevard
 Linthicum, MD 21090

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR PARTICIPANTS

Roundtable Member	District / Organization	Attended	Roundtable Member	District /Organization	Attended
Drew Roth, Chair*	District 12	✓	Daniel Woomer*	District 32	✓
Sarah Lacey, Vice Chair*	Anne Arundel County Council, District 1		Dan Klosterman*	District 32	✓
Ellen Moss	Alternate for Sarah Lacey, District 1	✓	Marcus Parker, Sr	Alternate for Dan Klosterman, District 32	
Ginnie Gick (for Debra Jung*)	Howard County Council, District 4	✓	Austin Holley*	District 33	✓
Debbie Macdonald*	District 9	✓	Nancy Higgs*	District 33	
Jesse Chancellor*	District 9	✓	Brent Girard	Office of Senator Chris Van Hollen	✓
Howard Johnson*	District 12	✓	Ramond Robinson	Office of Anne Arundel County Executive Stuart Pittman	✓
Barbara Deckert	Alternate for Drew Roth and Howard Johnson, District 12	✓	Kimberly Pruum*	Office of Howard County Executive Calvin Ball	✓
Paul Verchinski	Alternate for Susan Defibaugh District 13		Sonia Almonte (for Nancy Surosky*)	Office of Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski	✓
George Lowe*	District 13	✓	Paul Shank, Chief Engineer	MDOT-MAA	✓
Susan Defibaugh*	District 13		Robin Bowie, Director, Office of Environmental Services	MDOT-MAA	✓
Mary Reese*	District 30	✓	Darline Terrell-Tyson, Deputy Director, Office of Environmental Services	MDOT-MAA	✓
Evan Reese*	District 30		Paige Kroner	Mid Atlantic Regional Representative, NBAA	
Paul Harrell*	District 32	✓	Kyle Evans	General Aviation Representative, CP Management LLC	✓
Richard Campbell	Alternate for Paul Harrell, District 32		David Richardson	Southwest Airlines	

*Voting members

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS

Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA)

Trey Hanna, Assistant for Legislative and Special Projects

Karen Harrell, Noise Section

Roberta Walker, Administrative Assistant

Bruce Rineer, Manager Noise Section

Contractor Support

Adam Scholten, HMMH

Sarah Yenson, HMMH

Royce Bassarab, HNTB

A.J. Durham, Straughan Environmental

MEETING MATERIALS

Participants received the following materials in advance:

- Meeting Agenda for January 21, 2020
- Draft DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable Annual Report 2019

Handouts at the meeting:

- Meeting Agenda for January 21, 2020
- Draft Meeting Minutes V1 from November 19, 2019
- Draft DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable Annual Report 2019

Presentations at the meeting:

- Meeting Agenda for January 21, 2020
- Draft Meeting Minutes V1 from November 19, 2019
- Draft DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable Annual Report 2019

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction & Member Roll Call

Mr. Drew Roth (Chair) opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and welcomed attendees. Mr. Roth stated that tonight's meeting has a short agenda, with the focus of that being the annual report.

Mr. Roth performed the member roll call. Roundtable members introduced themselves and stated the district or office they represent.

Review and Approve Meeting Agenda

Mr. Roth asked if there were any changes to the meeting agenda. Mr. Jesse Chancellor proposed a discussion and vote for a resolution to support legislation submitted by Senator Clarence Lam for health

studies around the effects of noise at BWI Marshall. Ms. Mary Reese seconded the amendment. All were in favor.

Mr. Roth asked if there was a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Paul Harrel moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Dan Klosterman seconded. All in favor. Tonight's meeting agenda was approved.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2019 Meeting

Mr. Roth asked Roundtable members if they had any changes or issues concerning minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting. Mr. Klosterman moved to approve the November 19, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Harrell seconded. All were in favor. The November 19, 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

2. ROUNDTABLE CHAIR COMMENTS

Mr. Roth reviewed progress since the last Roundtable meeting. Mr. Roth noted he participated in two monthly calls: one with the FAA and one with the MDOT MAA. Mr. Roth spoke with Ms. Jennifer Solomon, the Eastern Regional Administrator of the FAA, who stated the Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Group has begun its review of the Roundtable's proposals but was unable to give any status or schedule update other than it being under review. Mr. Roth stated he checked in with Ms. Solomon again prior to the meeting and there was still no update. Mr. Roth proposed inviting the FAA and Mr. Ricky Smith, the Executive Director of the MDOT MAA, to attend the Roundtable meeting when the status and timeline of the PBN Group's review is known. Mr. Roth will send an email out with an update in February.

Mr. Roth reminded everyone that his one-year term as Roundtable Chair would be up in April and they need to plan for elections for the Roundtable chair and vice chair in April of 2020. Mr. Roth stated his willingness to serve as the Roundtable Chair for another term.

Mr. Roth explained that the purpose of the meeting tonight is for the Roundtable to review and approve the 2019 annual report, to be submitted by January 30th. Mr. Roth reduced the size of the document and did not include an agenda for future Roundtable work; the outlook will depend on FAA's review of the Roundtable's proposals. If FAA resists the proposals, the agenda would be to pressure the FAA regarding acceptance of the proposals. If FAA accepts the proposals, then the agenda would be to move on to explore other potential actions. Mr. Roth explained he intends to write an interim report and send it out at the time of the Roundtable elections. The interim report will include a status update on the Roundtable and direction for the future with input from everyone. He noted therefore, the annual report is not the final document of the year on Roundtable status or plans for future accomplishments.

3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Ms. Barbara Deckert reported that the Communications Committee had gotten three pieces of coverage in local press since the November meeting: two in the *Baltimore Sun* and one on *Patch.com*. Ms. Reese stated that she spoke with the Annapolis City Council to brief their environmental subcommittee and to ask for a resolution to support Senator Lam's legislation for the environmental studies. She explained

the City Council agreed to write the resolution and will vote on it in the next week and the resolution may not be finalized and voted on before the actual legislation is brought up for a vote in the State legislature.

4. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Howard Johnson stated that the Legislative Committee had no new news other than Senator Lam's upcoming bill. Mr. Roth stated that he was contacted by Senator Lam's office and invited to testify; Mr. Roth plans to testify and tell the State elected officials about the Roundtable's motion to support Senator Lam's bill. Mr. Roth asked Mr. Chancellor to introduce the motion of support Senate Bill 184. Mr. Chancellor motioned that the Roundtable formally endorse Senate Bill 184, introduced by Senator Lam to study the health effects of air traffic noise related to NextGen at BWI, and to authorize the chair to compose and send a letter to the entire delegation. Ms. Reese seconded the motion. The Roundtable voted and unanimously passed the motion.

5. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PROPOSAL UPDATE

Mr. Roth asked Mr. Paul Shank of the MDOT MAA if, in addition to the update Mr. Roth had already provided, he knew any additional information on the status of the proposal in review with FAA's PBN Group. Mr. Shank stated that he did not.

Mr. Roth stated that he had some technical questions from members of the community to ask.

Mr. Roth stated the first question was to clarify the flight procedure TERPZ7, as presented in FAA's IFP Gateway. Mr. Roth indicated that MDOT MAA sends the analysis of each potential change shown on the IFP Gateway, and that the Roundtable appreciates Ms. Robin Bowie and the MDOT MAA undertaking these efforts. Mr. Scholten believed TERPZ7 to be part of changes FAA was making to airspace, but far away from BWI Marshall at altitudes over 18,000 feet. Mr. Roth confirmed that TERPZ was a waypoint, and Mr. Scholten concurred and explained that a waypoint and a number means the procedure for the waypoint; procedures are numbered 1 through 9.

Mr. Roth asked if the existence of TERPZ 6 and TERPZ 7 did not imply relocation of the waypoint. Mr. Scholten agreed and stated that a change to the number means the procedure that includes and is named for the TERPZ waypoint was updated in some way. Ms. Reese stated that a waypoint could be moved as part of a procedure. Mr. Scholten agreed but stated that he reviewed what FAA published as the proposed design of the procedure, which does not relocate TERPZ or other waypoints. Mr. Scholten noted the proposed design of the TERPZ7 eliminates some waypoints and shortens some en-route procedures.

Mr. Roth's stated his next question pertained to the lawsuit brought by the State of Maryland against FAA. The lawsuit has been in abeyance for some time and Mr. Roth asked what abeyance meant and about possible ramifications. Mr. Shank responded that he would prefer someone from the MDOT MAA legal department provide an answer to this. Ms. Bowie asked Mr. Roth to send her an email and she would get an answer from the MDOT MAA legal department.

6. ANNUAL REPORT

Discussion

Mr. Roth moved to the Annual Report. He noted a draft was sent to Roundtable members a week prior to the meeting. Mr. Roth requested changes be proposed by motion and voted on by the Roundtable. Ms. Reese confirmed that Mr. Roth wanted all changes, no matter how small, be proposed by motion. A series of changes were proposed as motions and voted on by the Roundtable. During the meeting, Mr. Scholten edited the Annual Report based on the following approved motions and discussion:

Motion 1: Ms. Reese noted the introduction in the Annual Report did not include all the topics that had been worked by the Roundtable over the last year or contained within the report. She motioned that the last sentence in the introduction be revised to reflect the following:

“This report includes the following topics: History, Beginning Status 2019, Roundtable Work During 2019, Technical Activities, Legislative Activities. Roundtable Work for 2019, Current Status, and Conclusion.”

Mr. Chancellor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion 2: Ms. Reese motioned that the second sentence on the second page of the Annual Report, and globally, the report be revised to reflect removing a comma between the month and year of dates such as demonstrated in the following:

“In January 2019 , the BWI Roundtable assessed the FAA’s proposal for procedure changes at BWI Marshall from April 2018, and determined that the proposal, while offering some improvement on certain departure procedures, did not address many of the impacts caused by the implementation of the NextGen program in the DC Metroplex.”

Mr. Chancellor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion 3: Ms. Reese motioned that the globally throughout the Annual Report the Roundtable should be referred to with the pronoun “it” instead of “they”.

Mr. Klosterman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion 4: Ms. Reese motioned that the globally throughout the Annual Report that any case where a pronoun was changed to “it” instead of “they”, that the remainder of those sentences containing the pronoun be made grammatically correct.

Mr. Klosterman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion 5: Ms. Reese motioned that the fourth paragraph on page three of the Annual Report be revised to reflect the following:

“Senator Clarence Lam and Delegate Terri Hill, both of the Legislative District 12, have introduced a bill to have the University of Maryland, Baltimore work with the MDOT MAA to study the health effects of air traffic noise on communities near BWI Marshall.”

Ms. Kimberly Pruum seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion 6: Ms. Reese motioned that the first sentence on page four of the Annual Report be revised to reflect the following:

“The Roundtable Chair will provide an interim report containing an assessment of this situation with proposed actions in April 2020, coincident with the next election of the Roundtable Leadership.”

Mr. Chancellor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion 7: Ms. Reese motioned that all articles or documents referenced in the Annual Report include the date on which they were published or sent, the news outlet publishing the article or who a document was sent to, and who sent the article or document.

Mr. Chancellor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion 8: Ms. Reese motioned that in the last sentence of the first paragraph under technical activities on the second page, that “air space” be revised to “airspace”.

Mr. Chancellor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion 9: Ms. Reese motioned that for any articles referenced in the Annual Report, that they include the name of the news outlet which published the article.

Mr. Klosterman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion 10: Ms. Reese motioned to include an article in the Annual Report that was published on November 19th in the Capital Gazette with the headline “BWI panel nears deadline to send FAA flight changes it hopes will cut noise”.

Mr. Chancellor seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion 11: Mr. George Lowe motioned that throughout the Annual Report that “NextGen” consistently include a capital G and “D.C.” consistently include a period after C.

Ms. Reese seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion 12: Ms. Reese motioned that the first sentence of the conclusion on page four of the Annual Report be either omitted or edited such that the stakeholders at BWI Marshall are listed and that the sentence as currently written was ambiguous. Mr. Roth responded he believed the sentence should be left as is and only include a general reference to stakeholders. Ms. Reese responded her motion is to define the stakeholders that worked with the Roundtable, noting she believed this list would only include the FAA, MDOT MAA, and Southwest Airlines (SWA). Mr. Roth responded that was not the case. Ms. Reese requested this sentence then be omitted. Mr. Roth responded since he is the Chair and has ownership of the report, if this motion were to pass he would disregard it. Mr. Chancellor noted he did not believe the Chair could disregard a motion. Mr. Roth stated the Roundtable Charter does not state the Roundtable has to approve the Annual Report and that as Chair he can do with it as he sees fit.

Mr. Chancellor asked Mr. Roth who were the stakeholders. Mr. Roth responded they were the FAA, SWA, the MDOT MAA, other commercial airlines and cargo carriers, business carriers, and local county governments. Ms. Reese commented she was not aware the Roundtable had a relationship with cargo carriers and did not understand why there was opposition to the proposed changes to the stakeholder language. Mr. Roth responded he sent out the draft Annual Report with plenty of advance notice and clearly stated any changes to the report at this Roundtable meeting would need to be completed by a motion. Mr. Roth also commented that he as Chair has ownership of the document which does not require Roundtable approval and he can disregard the Roundtable's advice if he chooses to do so but would prefer to have full agreement.

Ms. Pruim offered a revised motion that the language of the first sentence of the conclusion be changed to read:

"In 2019, the BWI Roundtable has continued to build upon its relationships with stakeholders including the FAA, MDOT MAA, local governments, and Industry."

Ms. Reese commented she agreed with Ms. Prium's suggested language and seconded that it be included in the Annual Report. All were in favor.

Motion 13: Mr. Lowe motioned that on the second page of the Annual Report in the last paragraph that the Anne Arundel County Council should consistently use an uppercase C for Council.

Ms. Reese seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approval of Annual Report

Mr. Chancellor moved to approve the Annual Report as amended, including all approved motions made during the meeting. Mr. Klosterman seconded. All were in favor. The Roundtable Annual Report for 2019 as amended was approved.

Mr. Scholten will send Mr. Roth the updated draft Annual Report. Mr. Roth will finalize and send the final 2019 Annual Report to the MDOT MAA and elected officials. The MDOT MAA will than post it on their website.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Roth moved to public comment. Mr. Roth asked the public for ideas on topics for the Roundtable to focus on over the next year.

Mr. Jimmy Pleasant of Ellicott City stated that 30 years ago the State health department signed off on the 65 decibel (dB) Day Night Average sound level (DNL). The DNL averages sound over a 24-hour period, but Mr. Pleasant stated that Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said it is the individual (noise) events that disturb people, not the average (over a day). Mr. Pleasant suggests the Maryland Health Department and not the University of Maryland perform the environmental studies as part of Senator Lam's legislation.

Mr. Pleasant stated that he had two portable noise studies done on his property and both times it appeared that departures were rerouted to avoid the monitors. Mr. Pleasant stated that he found evidence online that EPA, over 30 years ago, discovered evidence of flights being rerouted around sound monitors. He wondered if the same practice was still happening today. Mr. Pleasant shared that he is scheduled to have another portable noise study done at his property. He would like to have a list of every flight over his house, the time, and the noise event decibel level to determine if flights were rerouted. He believes that flights heading to Florida are supposed to take a left turn off Runway 28, but they are instead making a right turn. Prior to NextGen, he stated 27 to 28 percent of flights made a left turn off Runway 28 and now its 10 to 15 percent. Mr. Pleasant stated he will use Flight Track (app) during his portable noise study to determine if flights were rerouted.

Mr. Pleasant stated that Southwest Airlines (SWA) had 30 departures within an hour and a half after 10 pm two weeks ago. He suggested increasing landing fees to stop the noise and lessen flights at BWI Marshall.

Mr. Mark Peterson of Elkridge remarked that he thought Mr. Ricky Smith, Executive Director of the MDOT MAA, would be in attendance. He noted his lack of attendance shows the Roundtable is not important to him. Mr. Roth noted he personally had not invited Mr. Smith to attend tonight's meeting or recent meetings, and that is why he has not been in attendance.

Mr. Peterson suggested that working with Southwest Airlines would not be useful and that instead, the Roundtable immediately reach out to Mr. Greg Slater, the acting Maryland Secretary of Transportation, and have him establish communication with Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), which oversees the FAA. He does not believe Mr. Pete Rahn, the former Maryland State Secretary of Transportation, ever talked with anyone in Washington, D.C. about the Roundtable or noise issues.

Mr. Arnie Vale of Howard County (various locations) stated that he has lived in Howard County for 25 years, in Elkridge and Columbia, and has rarely noticed airport noise. He stated he only notices it now during bad weather or windy conditions. Mr. Vale stated he believes this is due to changes in airport operations due to weather or runway closures. He stated he heard many complaints about the noise and believes it is people who live close to final approach for the runways. Mr. Vale thanked the MDOT MAA for being proactive and listening to the complaints of the communities and stated that he loved going to BWI Marshall and would not want to use National or Dulles airports. Mr. Vale believes that the combination of more flights and ongoing development in Howard County is leading to more complaints.

Mr. Mike Bahr of Harmans Woods commented that he had lived in Anne Arundel County for 32 years and 30 of the years were quiet. He lives three miles southwest of the airport. He stated that flights used to fly wide, dispersed paths over a wide area, but this changed in August of 2017. Flights were no longer dispersed, and now flights from Runway 15R are flying low and over his home. Mr. Bahr believes two types of airplanes contribute to the noise: the Boeing 747 and McDonnell Douglas 88. He observed black soot coming from the McDonnell Douglas 88 planes and wants the environmental studies to consider pollution as well as noise. He also stated he is experiencing noise from flights coming off Runway 28

taking a sharp left turn to head south. Ms. Deckert added that the older planes are not Stage IV compliant, and she is not sure why they can fly in Maryland. Mr. Bahr asked if the State of Maryland or the FAA own BWI Marshall. Mr. Roth responded that State of Maryland owns the airport and Mr. Bahr stated that he believes they need to back up the noise laws and regulations, even if that means not allowing carriers to use the airport until they have lessened aircraft noise.

Ms. Anne Cowles of Sunshine in Montgomery County thinks things have gotten a little better. She has a large view and open space and can see planes going straight up from airport on departure, and the noise recently is less noticeable. She also observed less air traffic over her property but was not sure if it was due to the time of year. Ms. Cowles is also concerned about the environmental impacts, including air pollution, and believes there should be a curb on air travel worldwide.

Ms. Mary Kremzner of Severna Park stated that she attended a meeting last November (2019) and left feeling optimistic because she heard strategies being explored (e.g., Technical Committee's proposed procedural changes) to improve the lives of those in the community. She gets the arrivals and uses the AirNoise.io button every two minutes. Ms. Kremzner noted she bought three-paned windows to reduce noise but to no avail.

Ms. Kremzner remembers in 2015 when a man stood up in a meeting and said that in 2020, you are going to wish for the sound you have now, implying the noise was going to get worse, and that this resonates with her. She stated people have been victims of FAA for the sake of business and commerce; but, it is really hurting so many people.

Ms. Kremzner recalled the plane in California that dropped fuel while over a playground and stated that arrivals over Severna Park fly over schools. She respects the members of the Roundtable for putting in so many hours and suggested getting the attention of legislators up for re-election. Ms. Kremzner closed by stating that the noise has been difficult, but she will not let it destroy her family.

Mr. Andy Prodigal of Elkridge and Hanover thanked the Roundtable. He feels those responsible for this situation are shameful. He stated noise is a daily, persistent situation, and any relief would be welcome. Mr. Prodigal believes the Roundtable and communities need to seek political relief and hold the FAA accountable.

8. PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Roth proposed that the next Roundtable meeting be held on March 17, 2020, with hopes that there would be an update from the FAA on the PBN Group's review of the Roundtable's proposal. Mr. Roth would also like to discuss the Airport Noise Zone (ANZ) process and brainstorm topics to include in the interim Roundtable letter scheduled to go out in April. The meeting in April would include the approval of the interim letter and elections of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Roundtable.

Mr. Chancellor requested that the MDOT MAA provide an update on the new noise monitoring system at BWI Marshall at the next meeting. Ms. Reese requested that MDOT MAA also present or provide information she previously requested on fuel savings related to implementation of the Technical Committee's procedural changes, if approved by FAA. Mr. Shank agreed that the MDOT MAA would

present an overview of the BWI Marshall ANZ process and update on the noise monitoring system at the March meeting. Mr. Shank also let Ms. Reese know that he would send her information on pursuant to her request in the next few days.

Ms. Pruim shared that Howard County Executive Ball was scheduled to be in Annapolis the coming Thursday to testify on an unrelated piece of legislation. While he is there, he plans on issuing testimony in support of Senator Lam's legislation for Senate Bill 184.

Deliverables:

- MDOT MAA to present overview of BWI Marshall ANZ update at next meeting
- MDOT MAA to present update on noise monitoring system at next meeting
- Mr. Shank to follow up with Ms. Reese with requested information regarding aircraft fuel and efficiency savings with Roundtable's proposed procedures

9. ADJOURN

Mr. Chancellor moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ellen Moss seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

DRAFT