

DC METROPLEX BWI COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE WORKING GROUP PUBLIC MEETING

Thirty-third meeting of the DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable Working Group

Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 7:00 – 8:37 PM
Meeting held in person and virtually via GoToWebinar

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR PARTICIPANTS

Roundtable Member	District/Organization	Attended	Roundtable Member	District/Organization	Attended
Debra MacDonald*	District 9	✓	Marcus Parker, Sr	Alternate for Dan Klosterman, District 32	
Austin Holley, Vice Chair*	District 33	✓	Debra Jung*	Howard County Council, District 4	✓
Nancy Higgs*	District 33	✓	Megan Williams*	District 33	✓
Ellen Moss	Alternate for Allison Pickard, District 2	✓	Brent Girard	Office of Senator Chris Van Hollen	
Mary Reese*	District 30		Adam Spangler	Office of Congressman Anthony G. Brown	
Jesse Chancellor*	District 9	✓	Ramond Robinson*	Office of Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman	✓
Howard Johnson*	District 12	✓	Laila Jones	Office of Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman	✓
Drew Roth*	District 12	✓	Kimberly Pruum*	Office of Howard County Executive Calvin Ball	
George Lowe*	District 13	✓	Mandy Rimmell*	Office of Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski	✓
Scott Phillips*	District 13	✓	Paul Shank, Chief Engineer	MDOT MAA	✓
Paul Verchinski	Alternate for George Lowe and Scott Phillips, District 13	✓	Darline Terrell-Tyson, Director, Office of Environmental Compliance and Sustainability	MDOT MAA	✓
Evan Reese*	District 30	✓	Greg Voos	Mid Atlantic Regional Representative, NBAA	✓
Al Donaldson*	District 32	✓	Kyle Evans	General Aviation Representative, CP Management LLC	
Richard Campbell	Alternate for Al Donaldson, District 32		David Richardson	Southwest Airlines	
Daniel Woomeer*	District 32	✓	Reginald Davis	FAA Community Engagement Officer, Eastern Service Center, Operations Support Group (AJV-E25)	✓
Dan Klosterman*	District 32	✓	Steve Alterman	President, Air Cargo Association	

*Voting members

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS

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

Bruce Rineer, Manager Noise Section

Karen Harrell, Administrator, Noise Section

Kevin Clarke, Director of Planning and Environmental Services

Contractor Support

Sarah Yenson, HMMH

Rhea Hanrahan, HMMH

Royce Bassarab, HNTB

Malcolm Mossman, Assedo

Tim Cooke, Assedo

Alverna "A.J." Durham, Jr., Straughan Environmental, Inc.

MEETING MATERIALS

Participants received the following materials in advance:

- June 15th Meeting Minutes: V2_ DRAFT_20210615_ MEETING MINUTES

Presentations at the meeting:

- Communications Committee Charter
- Communications Committee Plan

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction and Roll Call of Attendees

Mr. Bruce Rineer began the meeting at 7:03 pm. He thanked everyone for coming and introduced himself as the Noise Manager for BWI. He announced that the night's meeting would be held in person and virtually. He let everyone know that the meeting would be recorded and asked Roundtable Members attending virtually to self-mute and remain muted unless speaking. He also stated that attendees would be muted by the meeting organizers. Mr. Rineer explained that attendees would be unmuted if called on by the Chair, and they should use the question/chat box or the "raised hand" feature to ask questions. Participants should notify organizers if experiencing technical issues by using the question/chat box and/or logging off and logging back in. Finally, Mr. Rineer recommended having only one web browser open during the meeting and closing other programs if possible.

Ms. Debra "Debbie" MacDonald, the Roundtable Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked MAA and Mr. Rineer for hosting the hybrid model meeting. She stated it was nice to see those who were in attendance.

Ms. MacDonald began the roll call starting with the non-voting members, followed by voting members. Following the roll call, Ms. MacDonald announced that a quorum of voting members was present.

Review and Approve June 15th Meeting Minutes

Ms. MacDonald stated that she had not received any comments on the June 15th Meeting Minutes and asked if any Roundtable members had any edits. No response was given by any Roundtable member.

Ms. Nancy Higgs made a motion to approve the June 15th Meeting Minutes. Ms. Debra Jung and Mr. Dan Woomer simultaneously seconded. None opposed. The motion to approve the June 15th Meeting Minutes passed.

Approve Agenda

Mr. Drew Roth noted that the approval of the meeting's agenda had been skipped. Ms. MacDonald apologized for the oversight. Mr. Roth moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Austin Holley, Vice Chair, seconded. None opposed. The motion to approve the meeting agenda passed.

2. ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. MacDonald stated that she was able to attend some of the committee meetings and she appreciated the time put in by the committee members. She announced that the first report would be from the Communications Committee. Ms. Higgs of the Communications Committee stated that she wanted to present two documents, the Communications Committee Charter and the Communications Committee Plan, to the Roundtable. Ms. Higgs stated she would like feedback from the Roundtable on the Communications Committee Charter. While she emailed the documents to Mr. Tim Cooke to post on screen, Ms. MacDonald moved on to the Legislative Committee Report.

Legislative – Ms. Debra Jung stated that the Legislative Committee was working on some things and was not ready to report. She stated that they were trying to get in touch with legislators to ensure everyone was on the same page and it would be more appropriate to discuss at a later date.

Technical – Mr. Evan Reese stated that the Technical Committee had nothing significant to report. Mr. Roth asked if Mr. Reese had any interaction with anyone at the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Working Group. Mr. Reese replied he had not had any contact with anyone in the PBN Working Group and asked Mr. Paul Shank if he had any contact with the PBN Working Group. Mr. Shank replied that he could report on the PBN Working Group during agenda item three later in the meeting. Ms. MacDonald agreed that Mr. Shank would report on the PBN Working Group later in the meeting.

Mr. Jesse Chancellor reminded everyone that they needed to meet to determine how the Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (ANOMS) could be useful for analyzing noise levels both before and after the implementation of procedure changes at BWI. He suggested the Technical Committee schedule these meetings later in the summer after vacations are over.

Communications – Ms. Higgs presented the Communications Committee Charter document. She explained that some language remained from the original Charter, including the first paragraph which states *the committee will work with the Maryland Aviation Administration to serve as custodians of the Roundtable's records including reports; official correspondence; newsletters; publicity documents; and any other documents created by the Roundtable.* Ms. Higgs explained that this paragraph means the

Communications Committee will make sure information pertaining to the Roundtable is posted on the MAA website and would inform MAA if there are problems with links to the information.

She continued to the Items of Responsibility section of the Charter. Ms. Higgs asked Mr. Roth, a past Chair of the Roundtable, about the Roundtable's Facebook page and Instagram account. Mr. Roth explained that the Roundtable has neither an official Facebook page nor an Instagram account but that he was a moderator for the Facebook page BWI Quiet. Mr. Roth stated that he often added links to information concerning the Roundtable and NextGen to the BWI Quiet Facebook page. Ms. Higgs stated that previous Communication Committee members had posted to that page. Mr. Roth stated it was fine with him if the Communications Committee started posting Roundtable information to the BWI Quiet page, but he objected to the notion that the page was an official product of the Roundtable. Ms. MacDonald added that it can get sticky when posting on Facebook as an individual versus as a member of the Roundtable. Ms. Higgs stated that she understood the potential issues but felt an official social media presence would serve the Roundtable well. Mr. Roth explained that when posting as an individual he is careful to only post links to official MAA documents on the MAA website and refrains from adding descriptions or commentary of the information. Ms. Higgs asked if the Roundtable should have an official Facebook page or not. Ms. MacDonald replied that the topic should be discussed further and suggested tightening up the Roundtable's presence on the MAA's website first.

Ms. MacDonald noted that there were navigational changes on MAA's website and feels the website could be more effective. She also stated that rules for pages on Facebook constantly change. Ms. Higgs explained that she thought the BWI Quiet Facebook page was affiliated with the Roundtable because a former Chair of the Communications Committee had posted Roundtable information on it.

Ms. MacDonald stated that she thought the BWI Quiet was a good source, but that she did not think the Roundtable should be posting on Facebook. Mr. Woomer asked Ms. MacDonald to repeat what she stated about the Roundtable's use of Facebook. Ms. MacDonald clarified that she did not think the time was right to start a new Facebook page for the Roundtable without real consideration about how the page would be maintained, how the Roundtable would adjust to Facebook rule changes, and if the page should be public or private. Ms. Higgs agreed it would be a task someone would have to manage. Ms. MacDonald stated that there are a lot of tasks on Communications Committee's plate in addition to starting other official channels of communication. Ms. Higgs stated that she would remove social media from the Charter.

Ms. Jung agreed with Ms. Higgs that the Roundtable needs some type of social media presence. She gave examples of how social media platforms could be used, including as an information channel, as a means for people to communicate their experiences with NextGen, and to communicate with elected officials. She thinks that people in Howard and Anne Arundel Counties do not realize how bad it is for each other or how united they could all be. She stated that there are tens of thousands of people between the two counties dealing with this issue. Ms. Jung stated she was not sure of the best way to utilize social media in this instance. She suggested everyone giving it some thought and coming back to discuss how to best utilize social media platforms at a later date.

Ms. MacDonald asked Mr. Roth how much traffic he sees on the BWI Quiet Facebook page. Mr. Roth replied that there were three to four postings per week posted by a small number of people. He thinks

there are a few hundred people who read it, and although it is specific to Howard County areas impacted by the airport, there are comments from people in other communities including as far away as Arizona.

Mr. Roth revealed that he moderates three different Facebook groups and advised that the Roundtable be disciplined in its communication. He stated that he would only post the links from the MAA website that contained Roundtable information, as opposed to sending the information out. He suggested that the Roundtable only post links to information from an official source, and as a rule, never say in your own words what happened. The content should only come from a reliable, vetted website and not from what you type into the comment box. Ms. MacDonald agreed with Mr. Roth's suggestion. Mr. Woomer also agreed with Mr. Roth. He explained that a website is a great storehouse for documents, reports, and general information, and that Facebook is used to put out news flashes and announcements and let people know how to find the information. Ms. Higgs stated that she agreed with Mr. Roth and Mr. Woomer's description of how the Roundtable could use Facebook.

Mr. Roth thought the use of social media was worth including in the Communication Committee's Charter. He also stated that the Roundtable has a well-functioning website that acts as a repository housed within the MAA website and the Roundtable needs to decide where to announce new content. Ms. Higgs stated that contact with other organizations was a factor in having a social media presence and stated that she would talk more about contact with other organizations later in the discussion. She stated that she would modify the Charter to include the policy statement on posting on social media.

Mr. Roth pointed out what he believed to be a conflict in the Communications Committee's Charter with that of the Roundtable Charter. Mr. Roth stated that the Annual Report is owned by the Chair and that the statement "all information to be released must be approved by a majority of the Roundtable members present at a scheduled meeting" should be modified by adding "except for the Annual Report which, per the bylaws, is written by the Chair." He explained that Chairs in the past, as a courtesy, have had the Roundtable approve it, but that is not a requirement.

Mr. Howard Johnson asked Mr. Roth how it is addressed in the Charter. Mr. Roth replied that the Charter states the Chair shall provide the Annual Report to the Roundtable. Mr. Chancellor recalled how, as Chair, Mr. Roth announced this interpretation of the bylaws previously. Mr. Chancellor stated that he put the statement that the Chair shall provide the Annual Report into the bylaws as an example of what had been successfully done by the Downtown Columbia Housing Corporation, a Howard County-created entity, that he worked for. He continued that the Housing Corporation had the responsibility to report to the Howard County Council, on an annual basis, the activities of the Corporation. He explained that he drew from that experience when adding it into the bylaws and believed that the Chair was responsible for delivering the Annual Report as the representative of the Roundtable, but that the document was representative of the entire group. Mr. Roth jokingly replied that he obviously interpreted that statement differently.

Mr. Chancellor stated that Mr. Roth had identified a gray area and that a bylaws clarification discussion needs to occur. Ms. Higgs agreed with Mr. Chancellor, and noted that all the Annual Reports stated that they came from the Roundtable and not from the Chair. Mr. Chancellor stated that he believes the Chair is the representative of the Roundtable, but that he thought the Annual Report would be done as a

collective. Mr. Roth stated, that as Chair, he completed the Annual Report as a collective, but that he used his reading of the authority of the Chair to set the tone for the Annual Report. Mr. Chancellor stated that although that was true of the past, he suggests that as an organization, they should clarify the language and interpretation, add or remove language, or leave as is, but agree on the interpretation. Ms. Higgs stated that she would hold off on changing the language in the Communications Committee Charter until the Roundtable met to discuss this point. Mr. Roth replied that since the Communications Committee Charter is a draft, the change should be made now. Mr. Reese stated that the Charter says the Chair is responsible for the Annual Report, but it does not prohibit the Chair from seeking the approval of the Roundtable. **Ms. MacDonald asked that the clarification of this portion of the bylaws be an agenda item for the next meeting.**

Ms. Higgs moved on to community outreach. She stated that the Communications Committee could develop information documents to provide local community organizations and HOAs with a high-level view of what the Roundtable is doing. She emphasized that the documents should tell people what they can do and give clear instructions for this as opposed to general statements such as “call your senator” or “file a noise complaint.” She believes time needs to be spent on what the Roundtable wants to say to constituents and what constituents can do to help support the Roundtable.

Ms. Higgs listed the members of the Communications Committee:

- Ms. Nancy Higgs – Chair
- Mr. George Lowe – Vice Chair
- Ms. Kim Pruiim – Representative from Howard County Executive Calvin Ball
- Ms. Mandy Rimmell – Representative from Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski
- Mr. Ramond Robinson – Representative from Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman
- Ms. Layla Jones – Representative from Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman

Ms. Higgs stated that they had representation from the three counties and that the committee wants to work with them to provide communication from the counties to their constituents.

Before moving on, Ms. MacDonald stated that a discussion on having a Facebook page is needed. Items to discuss would include how to set it up, delineation of responsibility between the Chair and the Communications Committee, and how to transfer responsibility over time. **Ms. MacDonald asked that a discussion of a Facebook page be added as a future agenda item.**

Ms. Higgs moved on to the Communications Committee Plan. She explained that the Plan is a living document, and that Roundtable Members could suggest tasks for the Committee. She reviewed existing tasks, including who on the Communications Committee was responsible and dates to complete, if applicable. Ms. Higgs explained the Communications Committee would like to work with the counties to point people to the MAA website, particularly for WebTrak and noise related issues. She stated that the Communications Committee would develop how-to documents for using WebTrak and filing noise complaints. She finds WebTrak to be a nice tool but believes it requires technical savvy.

Ms. Higgs discussed additional tasks, including working with the Technical and Legislative Committees to develop communications avenues that inform constituents about the PBN changes and about federal and state legislative actions for constituents to support. Ms. Higgs also discussed establishing a

constituent base and explained that as a start, the Communications Committee could ask members of the public who attend the Roundtable meetings if they could reach out to them.

Ms. Jung stated that she has been thinking about conducting a town hall event to get the people of Howard County and Anne Arundel County together. She stated that she was not quite sure what the town hall would focus on, but hopefully there would be some information from the PBN Working Group, in particular when to expect some relief from the noise and when the procedures would be implemented. She added that it would be nice to have some representation from MAA and the airlines at such a meeting. Ms. Jung thinks the town hall should also be an opportunity for people to discuss their experiences since she believes people living under the “highway in the sky” do not currently have a venue to speak publicly about their experiences. Ms. MacDonald stated that she thought a town hall was a great idea. Ms. Jung stated that it would be nice to be able to say that after four years of Roundtable meetings, there is finally some movement.

Mr. Shank stated that he thought a town hall was a good idea and explained that the FAA intends to present the changes they are prepared to pursue after reviewing the Roundtable’s proposed procedural changes. It is his understanding that, based upon the reaction of the Roundtable to their presentation, the proposed changes would follow the NEPA environmental review process, which would include public outreach and involvement. He noted that the FAA learned their lesson regarding the importance of public outreach, referring to the lack of public outreach during the NextGen process. Mr. Shank sees opportunities for public outreach, like a town hall, but he believes that the FAA’s initial presentation will be just to the Roundtable. He stated that he did not want to speak for the FAA, but that this was his understanding of how the process would be.

Mr. Roth stated that the Roundtable needs to tread cautiously, reminding everyone of previous public outreach events with the FAA. The first event was a NextGen Public Forum Meeting at Lindale Middle School, held approximately a year before the Roundtable was formed. Mr. Roth stated that the purpose of the meeting was to convince members of the community that the implementation of NextGen would not cause issues in the community, but at the meeting the community disagreed. He stated that after the meeting, the FAA formed the Roundtable. He also indicated that the public forum and the formation of the Roundtable occurred within the timeframe in which an administrative appeal to stop NextGen’s implementation could be submitted instead of prior to this timeframe. Mr. Roth commented that this timing essentially allowed the ability to appeal to expire and therefore made it more difficult to mount a legal challenge against the implementation of NextGen. He believes the FAA was out in the community to give the impression they were going to make changes in a timely fashion.

Mr. Roth stated that for the second public event, the FAA decided to present their proposed changes directly to the general public as opposed to first presenting to the Roundtable. The Roundtable responded to the FAA with a letter stating that the changes they proposed were not adequate. Mr. Roth stated that the FAA attempted to bypass the Roundtable. In this second event, the FAA presented the proposal to the public; Mr. Roth stated that this proposal did nothing to address arrivals. Ms. Jung replied that she got the point Mr. Roth was trying to make: the town hall should follow the FAA’s presentation to the Roundtable. Mr. Roth continued that when the Roundtable holds the town hall, they need to be clear about what objectives they want to accomplish. He warned that there may be others

who have their own objectives outside of what the Roundtable wants to accomplish. He suggested that, should the FAA recommend a change to the Roundtable's proposal, the presentation of that change should come first and only to the Roundtable for consideration on whether to approve it or not. When the Roundtable has decided on a response to the FAA, objectives for the town hall can then be defined. Ms. MacDonald agreed with Mr. Roth.

Ms. Higgs asked if anyone was familiar with the FAA's agreements with the Federal Mediation Conciliation Service. Ms. Jung asked Mr. Shank if he or a representative of the FAA could speak about the agreement. Mr. Reginald Davis of the FAA declined to discuss the agreement, stating that he did not know if he could legally speak about it. Mr. Davis did offer a clarification to Mr. Shank's prior statement that the FAA had learned its lesson and would now do public outreach. Mr. Davis explained that the FAA has always done public outreach, but that they now have more tools that they can use to reach more people.

Ms. Higgs stated that she could send the documents she has on the agreement with the Federal Mediation Conciliation Service to Roundtable members. Ms. MacDonald stated that she had reviewed one of the documents but decided to postpone discussing it until after the night's meeting.

Ms. Higgs stated that there are groups that she receives information from that she thinks the Roundtable should be more engaged with. One of the organizations has asked for support from other Roundtables and Communities. She stated that she wanted to open the Roundtable members' eyes to these opportunities and that other organizations, such as the Montgomery County Coalition and the DCA Community Working Group have joined larger organizations. Ms. MacDonald replied that she thinks it would be good to build some relationships and to educate ourselves on what other organizations do. Ms. Higgs stated that for the next report she might make a list with some of the organizations and descriptions of what they do and who is involved. Ms. Jung suggested adding any advantages or disadvantages to belonging to any of the organizations.

Mr. Holley asked if anyone knew if the Committee Charters were required to be approved by the Roundtable. Ms. MacDonald stated that she could not find anything that stated they had to be approved by the Roundtable. Mr. Roth added that there is no mention of committees in the Charter because at the time the Charter was created, there were no committees. Ms. MacDonald stated that she had read through prior meeting minutes to see what the procedure had been. She is in favor of keeping it flexible. Mr. Holley stated that he just wanted to know if there was something in writing that would instruct the Roundtable on how to deal with committees.

3. MDOT MAA UPDATE

Mr. Shank started the MDOT MAA update with a discussion on the Airport Noise Mitigation Report requested by the Maryland Legislature. Ms. Jung had asked Mr. Shank about this report in the June meeting. Mr. Shank stated that he contacted Government Affairs, which informed him that the Maryland Legislature had requested that MAA submit a report on Aircraft Noise Mitigation to the Joint Chairmen of the Budget Committee. He continued that the report should discuss measures taken to mitigate aircraft noise on residents and should include information on how expanded cargo traffic will increase noise levels. Ms. Jung confirmed that the report Mr. Shank described was one of the items she

had asked for during her testimony to the Maryland Legislature. Mr. Shank clarified that the report is due on September 1, 2021, not July 1, 2021, and that MAA was working to respond to the request and submit the report in six weeks.

Mr. Shank moved on to an update on the PBN Working Group. He stated that MAA, industry, and technical consultants were invited to attend a PBN Working Group meeting. This meeting included 50 FAA personnel and lasted multiple days. He explained that he was not permitted to discuss everything that was on the meeting's agenda, but they were reviewing the proposal submitted by the Roundtable. Mr. Shank stated that the MAA, industry, and the technical consultants had a positive reaction to the PBN Working Group's actions in the meeting and believed that they were listening and trying to work with the Roundtable. He explained that while working to address the Roundtable proposed changes, the PBN Working Group had to also consider overflights in the BWI Marshall airspace and noted that FAA representatives from New York, Philadelphia, Richmond and Potomac TRACON were in attendance. He feels that progress is being made, but he does not want to get anyone's hopes up.

Mr. Roth stated that the PBN Working Group has all the relevant players together actively analyzing the Roundtable's proposal. Mr. Shank agreed with Mr. Roth's statement, noting that the FAA is staffed up after delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and budget issues. He stated that the procedures that result from the PBN Working Group discussions should be presented to the Roundtable first. Mr. Shank acknowledged that the FAA would have to go through a public environmental process, which is standard public outreach and is distinct from presentations to the Roundtable. He also stated that FAA environmental representatives that know the NEPA process are present at the PBN Working Group.

Mr. Shank explained that although the FAA followed the letter of the NEPA laws when implementing NextGen, the public outreach was not sufficient, and that the public did not understand what would happen when NextGen was implemented. He stated that from what he has heard, the FAA has a plan to be better. They have a plan that will follow the NEPA process and in addition, will engage the Roundtable. He reminded everyone that the Roundtable was formed at the FAA's request because they wanted to deal with a citizen body rather than participate in town hall-style meetings. He feels that MAA and the Roundtable have done a good job. Mr. Shank stated he was not sure when the PBN Working Group would conclude but recalled that the last time the FAA reported to the Roundtable they presented a projected schedule. Mr. Roth stated that it was a notional schedule, and his recollection is that the procedures would be published by the middle of 2022. Mr. Roth estimated that the schedule is about four months behind.

Mr. Shank reiterated that the PBN Working Group is analyzing the FAA's and Roundtable's proposed procedural changes and that the changes would affect a large geographical area, not just the BWI Marshall Airport. Mr. Chancellor thanked Mr. Shank for the update and for being the Roundtable's representative in the PBN Working Group meetings. He asked Mr. Shank if he could discern a difference in his role within the current PBN Working Group and the prior PBN Working Group. Mr. Chancellor noted that there had been miscommunication during the prior PBN Working Group and that before this current PBN Working Group, the Technical Committee met with the FAA to present the proposed procedural changes. Mr. Shank thinks it is the same role: a guest at the meetings, representing the Roundtable, airport, and citizens. He stated that because of his work with the Technical Committee, he

makes sure that he is fighting to achieve what the Roundtable has proposed. Mr. Shank described the PBN Working Group meetings as a give and take, stating that during the meetings, proposed changes sometimes caused consternation within the Working Group. If the PBN Working Group pushes back on a proposed change, MAA, industry, and technical consultants will analyze the FAA's concerns and counterproposals to see if they are defensible. Mr. Chancellor asked if Mr. Shank had to explain the Roundtable's position to those in the PBN Working Group. Mr. Shank explained that they had to start all over again due to a change in membership, but they are fortunate that Mr. Bill Wise, who understands the Roundtable's position, is still involved. He stated that there is a cordiality and respect that allows everyone to work together.

Mr. Reese, in response to Mr. Shank's prior description of the large airspace and multiple airports, stated that the FAA is responsible for all the airspaces and airports, so saying that the airspace and the implementation of proposed changes is extremely complex is fine, but the FAA should realize that they still own all of it. Mr. Reese stated he did not care if it is complex, and if the FAA wants to be better, they can and are able to address the issues with the proposed changes because they own all the sectors. He stated that if changes impact another sector, the FAA teams should be able to work together to make something that works across all sectors. He explained that the different sectors are not multiple competing interests owned by different entities because ultimately the FAA owns all the airspace, and that they can engineer the airspace to achieve the Roundtable's requests.

Mr. Roth stated that the FAA's presentation on the proposed changes to the BWI airspace and procedures would be given to the Roundtable prior to the NEPA public hearings. Mr. Shank replied that is what he believes will happen. Mr. Roth noted that this was important and that the NEPA process was a very powerful tool in the Roundtable's toolbox. He explained that if the FAA presents something the Roundtable does not like, the Roundtable could vote it down and give negative comments during the public meeting forums. On the other hand, if the FAA proposal is not problematic to the Roundtable, we can give favorable comments. He reiterated that the NEPA process is a powerful tool and the Roundtable needs to be cognizant of how they want to use it.

Ms. MacDonald asked Mr. Shank if he knew when the next PBN events or reports would occur, and Mr. Chancellor asked if there were any scheduled meetings. Mr. Shank responded that there will be additional PBN meetings, stating that the first PBN Working Group meeting was primarily educational, while the second meeting delved into the procedures much more deeply. He restated that there were multiple representatives in attendance at these meetings, including environmental specialists. Ms. Jung asked if the PBN Meetings were in person. Mr. Shank replied that the meetings were virtual. Ms. MacDonald stated that she was trying to set expectations for how fast the Roundtable would be getting updates. Mr. Shank stated that there is not a firm schedule and that MAA, industry, and technical consultants would work until the proposed procedure package is acceptable to them.

Mr. Chancellor stated that the accessibility features of the MAA's website had changed earlier in the year and that he now finds it almost impossible to find the Roundtable pages from the homepage. Ms. MacDonald stated that she has had conversations with Ms. Darline Terrell-Tyson and Mr. Rineer about the changes on the website. Mr. Rineer apologized for the inconveniences and stated that all the state websites were changing to a standard format. In addition, MAA is developing a new site while keeping

the old site active, so some issues may arise during this transition. However, the information should still be available.

Mr. Roth asked Mr. Rineer if he knew about usability engineering and explained that it is used for interface design and analyzes how the public interacts with a website. Mr. Rineer stated that updating the website has been one of Ms. Terrell-Tyson's goals for the department, and that a new website was being developed over the rest of the year. He explained that all the links should still work and that anyone can contact himself or Ms. Karen Harrell if they have any issues. Mr. Chancellor stated that he would like the Roundtable information to be more prominent with links on the main MAA home page, so people will not have to click through four pages to get to it. Mr. Rineer agreed with Mr. Chancellor and reiterated that they were working on updating the website.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. MacDonald moved on to Public Comments.

Mr. Jimmy Pleasant (Elkridge) – Mr. Pleasant stated that BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport has 31 permanent noise monitors, and of those, only four of the monitors have lower community noise levels than the others. He stated that he has reviewed noise data from portable noise monitors, and since 2018, only four of the portable noise monitors have lower noise levels; of those four, two were located on his property. He stated that the day/night average increased by five decibels at his home. Mr. Pleasant stated that the FAA said no one would suffer severe damage, which would correspond to an increase of 1.5 decibels or more. He stated MAA should have called the FAA and told them that they need to do a noise study. He stated that the five-decibel increase is severe and represents a significant impact. Mr. Pleasant suggested MAA use all mobile, truck-mounted noise monitors to measure noise in different communities. He explained that in Germany they use noise monitors on tripods and record noise at 19 ft off the ground, asking why MAA could not do the same. He also suggested having MAA Executive Director Ricky Smith and representatives from the airlines attend the Roundtable meetings.

Mr. Pleasant recalled that when he has had noise studies done in the past at his home, the monitor was placed in the middle of his yard. He was told that the monitor could not be near a building, but he stated that noise monitors only need to be 6.5 feet from a building. He stated that a few days later the monitor was moved closer to his neighbor's air conditioner unit. Mr. Pleasant restated his suggestion that MAA use mobile noise monitors to collect noise in multiple communities.

Ms. McDonald asked Mr. Pleasant how many noise studies have been conducted at his home, and he replied four noise studies. Mr. Pleasant stated that you have to make sure the monitors are not rebooted. He recalled that there was a noise study done in Ferndale in the 90s after residents complained for years about aircraft noise; the study indicated that residents were not impacted and did not experience noise levels of 65 dB(A) or higher. He stated that it was later revealed that FAA had used faulty equipment to conduct noise monitoring and that the area was indeed impacted.

Mr. Mark Peterson – Mr. Peterson stated that Mr. Scott Proudfoot convinced him that MAA could determine exactly where aircraft is at any given time and by using two points, could determine how fast an aircraft is going and how much thrust is used, which in turn indicates how much noise produced by the aircraft. He asked if anyone is mining all data to determine which carriers are continually outside of

the parameters they are supposed to be following and causing all these noise issues. Mr. Peterson stated that he has noticed the amount of variation in how aircraft fly has increased. He stated that there are aircraft that are high and quiet and seem to be following a straight-line path, but there are also planes that fly extremely low and fast and do not seem to be following any path whatsoever. He wonders why there is not some type of enforcement from MAA.

Mr. Peterson stated that it takes four pages on the MAA website to get to the noise complaint form and you only have seven days to file a complaint. He also stated that there is a Captcha on the page that requires you to identify multiple objects to file a complaint. He suggested that MAA put a link on the home page to file a noise complaint and that the MAA find an alternative to using Captcha. He also suggested having the members of the Roundtable type their name in the chat box at the beginning of the meeting to save time during roll call.

Mr. Rineer asked Mr. Cooke if there was anyone attending virtually who had signed up to speak during the Public Comment period. Mr. Cooke stated two people had signed up: Mr. Peterson, who spoke in person, and Ms. Jan Hejl, who was no longer in attendance. Mr. Rineer stated that there was one written comment about portable noise monitors received during the meeting sign-up and that it had already been addressed.

5. PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETING

Ms. MacDonald stated that she has had several people suggest skipping a meeting in August due to everyone's busy schedule. She added that it did not seem like an announcement regarding the PBN Working Group would be coming soon. Mr. Holley motioned to meet on the second Tuesday in September, which is September 14th. Mr. Roth seconded. None opposed. The motion passed. The next meeting will be held both in person and virtually on September 14, 2021.

Mr. Holley thanked MAA for hosting the hybrid meeting.

6. ADJOURN

Mr. Holley motioned to adjourn. Ms. Jung seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:37.