

MINUTES OF THE AIR CARRIER SERVICE - MARKETING - COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 9, 2020 - 10:00 AM

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM. Director Sabo, Director Sawhney and Executive Director La Pier were in attendance. Also in attendance was Chris Ottenweller and one unidentified member of the general public.

B. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

D. REGULAR AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Presentation 1. Pasadera Home Owners Association Noise Committee

Mr. Chris Ottenweller, representing the Homeowners Association of the Pasadera community, addressed the committee regarding the continuing concerns of Pasadera residents about the number of aircraft using the GPS approaches, specifically the GPS Y approach on arrival to the airport, particularly during clear or good weather conditions. He noted that the airport had previously invested significantly in the development of a charted visual approach, an effort supported by the Pasadera community, to provide airport users with a VFR approach that would be more noise compatible with the community. Mr. Ottenweller indicated his community was concerned that, despite these efforts, the utilization of the charted visual approach seemed to be less than desired. He indicated his concern that many of the aircraft approaching the airport were choosing instead to use the GPS approach even in good weather conditions.

Mr. Ottenweller asked what could be done to encourage the users of the airport to choose the charted visual approach whenever possible. He suggested a meeting with the Northern California Tracon be arranged to discuss the matter.

Director Sabo indicated it was unlikely the FAA would participate in such a meeting and asked Executive Director La Pier what could be accomplished to encourage FAA and the users to be more cognizant of noise sensitive areas and to use the charted visual approach or the localizer whenever possible.

Executive Director La Pier agreed that the FAA would likely not be willing to participate in such a meeting, however, expressed that a letter from Pasadera to him outlining their concerns and requests could be forwarded to FAA Tracon officials with a supporting email asking for some assistance and suggestions.

After some continued discussion it was agreed that Mr. Ottenweller, on behalf of the Pasadera community, would write a letter to Executive Director La Pier outlining the community concerns and support for greater utilization of more noise friendly approaches whenever possible. Mr. La Pier agreed to send the letter to Tracon contacts in order to refresh their memories and to restart discussions.

Discussion 2. Air Service Update

Executive Director La Pier provided the Committee with an update on air service passenger activities for the previous month and a comparison of MRY market performance to TSA throughput numbers nationally. The comparison indicated passenger traffic recovery at MRY continues to track closely to the national metric.

Executive Director La Pier informed the committee that on December 2, 2020 American would start a second roundtrip daily to Dallas–Fort Worth. The flight will operate for the balance of the holiday season and would end on January 4, 2021.

He also informed the committee that on December 2, 2020 United Airlines will begin operating a second daily roundtrip between MRY and Denver, Colorado. He indicated that at this time the flight is shown in the reservation system as continuing operation at least through the end of the summer months of 2021.

Director Sawhney asked about Alaska Seattle service. La Pier replied that the February start date was still on the reservations system and that Alaska representatives had recently reached out to discuss the marketing support package from the airport that would be launched once the formal announcement was made. Although circumstances can change, La Pier indicated he thought that was a good sign.

A question by the general public was asked about the split of business versus leisure travelers currently using the airport today. Executive Director La Pier responded that while during normal times the split of traffic typically runs 60% leisure versus 40% business, current numbers seem to be more heavily skewed toward leisure travel. He indicated that seemed to be the trend nationally and that MRY seemed to be following that trend.

Review 3. Passenger Comment Cards

The passenger comment card report was reviewed by the committee.

Review 4. Noise Complaint Report

The noise complaint report was reviewed by the committee. Director Sabo asked several questions and made several observations related to his continued concern regarding aircraft operations and noise concerns around the airport.

Discussion 5. Schedule Next Meeting

Scheduling of the next meeting was deferred.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.

Minutes Approved at the
Meeting of November 18, 2020



Mary Ann Leffel, Chair

ATTEST



Michael La Pier, AAE
District Secretary