

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

October 08, 2024 – 10:00 AM Pacific Time

NOTICE REGARDING A RETURN TO IN-PERSON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT MONTEREY PENINSULA AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Due to the expiration of the COVID-19 California State of Emergency, the Monterey Peninsula Airport District will return to holding meetings at the Airport Board Room, with in-person attendance. Members of the public may attend the Committee Meeting in person and request to speak to the Committee Members when the Chair calls for public comment.

Alternatively, members of the public who desire to provide input as to any item can send an email to info@montereyairport.com and include the following subject line: "Public Comment Item # (insert the agenda item number relevant to your comment)." Written comments should be received by 8:00 AM on the day of the meeting. All submitted comments will be provided to the Committee Members for consideration and will be compiled as part of the record.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Air Carrier Service – Marketing – Community Relations Committee was called to order at 10:00 AM. Directors Leffel and Pick, Deputy Executive Directors Morello and Robare, District Counsel Huber, and Acting Board Secretary Adams were in attendance. District Counsel Huber attended by videoconference.

B. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Director Leffel communicated that "San Francisco Fleet Week" is October 7 – 14; it is one of the largest airshows in the country, and there is a possibility that we could see an increase in overhead traffic in noise on the California central coast as they practice for the show.

C. REGULAR AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Discuss 1. Noise Report

Directors discussed the September Noise Report and complimented staff on the thoroughness of the responses to the public comments.

Deputy Executive Director Robare reported that staff, in response to complaints, sent a reminder to the flight school regarding the noise management recommendations for maximum take-off and landings in a row. Deputy Executive Director Morello noted, however, that there are often multiple students and multiple aircraft doing pattern work one after the other.

Uwe Grobecker, a member of the Public, stated student training exercises at night are illegal and asked who enforces that.

Deputy Executive Director Robare stated the airport is required to be open 24 hours a day and student pilots doing touch and goes at night are not doing anything illegal. District Counsel Huber agreed and confirmed the FAA regulations require the airport be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Staff can ask that student pilots run their patterns over unpopulated areas, but the airport is unable to mandate that. In addition, he explained that student pilots must have 10 take-offs and landings at night to get certified.

There was a discussion regarding the noise complaints from the Pasadera neighborhood about landing approaches. Deputy Executive Director Morello noted the airport worked with the FAA to publish a

Raceway Visual approach that uses the Highway 68 corridor, but it requires clear weather and is at pilot discretion when to use that approach.

Uwe Grobecker made a Public Comment saying it was on behalf of Howard Fosler. He stated the neighborhood group would like an airport tower representative to attend this meeting for a question-and-answer session. He added that New Monterey has seen an increase in military aircraft recently and asked what could be done about that and if they are refueling at Monterey Regional Airport (MRY).

Deputy Executive Director Morello responded that the military aircraft that have been in the area are not arriving or departing from MRY, they are simply flying by the airfield. Mr. Grobecker asked if we could ask them to avoid the neighborhoods. There was a discussion about effects of the Salinas Valley Air Show and San Francisco Fleet Week on the local noise complaints. Director Pick noted the nature of the military flights doesn't lend itself to airports asking them anything and communication would be challenging.

Discuss 2. Air Carrier Service & Development Update

Deputy Executive Director Morello reported the JSX service to Burbank and Orange County and one of the American flights to Dallas had stopped for the season. Sun Country flights to Minneapolis will stop for the season on November 3rd. She further reported that United Airlines added another flight to Los Angeles.

Uwe Grobecker, a member of the public, asked why the airport lost the Dallas flight. Deputy Executive Director Morello answered that the airlines look at the potential ridership for the time of year. Typically, the second Dallas flight resumes in March or April. The operator is then able to utilize that equipment and crew for passenger movement in other markets based on their potential for increased ridership this time of year. Director Leffel added that it was the airline who made the decision based on their data; we didn't ask them to do it.

Discuss 3. Local Marketing and Digital Outreach Update

Deputy Executive Director Morello reviewed the Audience Reach and Top Referrals that were detailed in the Digital Outreach Update.

There was a discussion about plans to promote Woody's at the Airport for being awarded the designation of #1 Sit-Down Airport Restaurant in the U.S. for the second year in a row by USA Today's Readers' Choice Poll.

No Public Comment.

Discuss 4. Passenger Comments, Services and Amenities Update

There was a discussion about looking into shuttle service from the relocated long-term parking to the terminal building.

Deputy Executive Director Morello reported staff is looking into ways to highlight to the public that handicap parking in the short-term lot is charged at the long-term lot rate.


There was a discussion about long-term parking capacity. Deputy Executive Director Morello reported there had been 319 spots in long-term parking and this lot has 365 spots; capacity has not been reached so far. There has been an increase in taxi and rideshare activity and there are overflow options should capacity be reached during the Holiday season.

No Public Comment.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM.

Approved at the
Meeting of October 16, 2024



Mary Ann Leffel, Chair

ATTEST



Michael La Pier
District Secretary