

MINUTES OF THE
MAG REGIONAL AVIATION SYSTEM PLAN POLICY COMMITTEE

Maricopa Association of Governments Office
302 North 1st Avenue, Ste. 200, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

June 5, 2000

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Chair, Glendale
*Councilmember Wayne Fischer, Carefree
Councilmember Donna Wallace, Chandler
Councilmember Steve Urie, for Dave Crozier
Gilbert
Councilmember Ken Porter for Mayor Bill
Arnold, Goodyear
Councilmember Keno Hawker, Mesa
*Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
Councilmember George Zraket, Scottsdale
Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise

Councilmember Lon McDermott, Wickenburg
*Supervisor Fulton Brock, Maricopa County
*Councilmember Peggy Bilsten, City of Phoenix
Gary Adams, Arizona Department of
Transportation
Gus Nezer, Federal Aviation Administration
Lt. Colonel Ken Klesner, Arizona Air National
Guard
Terry Hansen, Luke Air Force Base

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Greg Chenoweth, Chandler
Steve Methnin, Glendale
Amy Rudibaugh, Glendale
Jerene Watson, Goodyear
Kelly McMullen, Maricopa County
Phillip Hubbard, Peoria

Paul Gardner, Peoria
John D. Solomon, Phoenix
Bridget Schwartz- Manock, Phoenix
Shannon Wilhelmsen, Tempe
George Williams, G& C Aviation Consulting
Tom Schmidt, Williams & Associates
Harry Wolfe, MAG

1. Call to Order
2. Review of Minutes of April 15, 1999

It was moved by Councilmember Keno Hawker, seconded by Councilmember Joan Shafer and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of April 15, 1999.

3. Recommendation of Consultant to Undertake the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan Update

Harry Wolfe reported that on March 28, 2000, a multiagency consultant review group, made up of volunteers of MAG member agencies, held interviews with two consulting firms who had responded to a Request for Proposals for the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP) Update — GRW Willis and Michael Baker, Inc. He added that the Review Group recommended that GRW Willis be selected to undertake the study subject to the following conditions: providing more detail on how the airspace analysis would be carried out; demonstrating technical proficiency with graphics, and providing more specificity on the tasks outlined in their proposal.

Mr. Wolfe stated that the consultant had incorporated the recommended changes into its scope of work for the study, and the MAG RASP Consultant Review Group has accepted those

changes. He asked the MAG RASP Policy Committee consider recommending the selection of GRW Willis to undertake the MAG RASP Update at a cost not to exceed \$235,000.

Councilmember Hugh Hallman asked how a consultant could be recommended prior to reviewing the contents of the Scope of Work. Mayor Elaine Scruggs responded that a consultant could be recommended, but that the revisions to the Scope of Work would apply to whichever consultant would undertake the MAG RASP Update.

It was moved by Keno Hawker, seconded by Hugh Hallman and unanimously recommended to approve the selection of GRW Willis to undertake the MAG RASP Update at a cost of \$235,000. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Scope of Work for the MAG RASP Update

Harry Wolfe reported that on April 3, 2000, the MAG RASP Policy Committee convened. He stated that although a quorum was not present and no formal action could be taken, it was the consensus of those present that another opportunity be provided to review and comment on the Scope of Work for the MAG RASP Update. Mr. Wolfe said that he included the Scope of Work as an attachment to the Agenda for review and comment. He also noted that he added a summary of the staffing of GRW Willis as requested by the Policy Committee.

Councilmember Hugh Hallman distributed a list of topics that he requested be addressed in the Scope of Work for the MAG RASP Update. He stated that the topics fell within four broad categories:

- a. FAA operations and procedures
- b. Airport operations and procedures
- c. Noise and community issues
- d. Airline rules and regulations and their impact on capacity

Councilmember Hallman said that a thorough understanding of the capacity of Phoenix Sky Harbor and its capability to handle future traffic was crucial to undertaking the MAG RASP Update. He commented that the capacity of Sky Harbor and surrounding airports was impacted by Albuquerque Center; and that the types of things that can effect the capacity of Sky Harbor should be addressed.

Mr. Hallman said that high speed taxiway exits at Sky Harbor needed to be addressed to enhance capacity.

Terry Hansen said that with the limited budget for the study, a detailed airspace analysis could not be undertaken.

Mayor Elaine Scruggs asked Mr. Hansen whether such a study would enable us to reach our goal. She pointed out that her concern was that the military retains its ability to conduct its mission.

Councilmember Hugh Hallman said that the 4 DME Eastbound departure procedure from Sky Harbor does not constrain capacity. He added that all capacity constraints should be examined..

Councilmember Keno Hawker said that not all of the additional tasks could be undertaken. He noted that for example, one of the tasks involved an environmental assessment of Williams

Gateway Airport. He said that the analysis alone could cost \$500,000.

Gus Nezer said that the Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group would be looking at making incremental changes in the airspace system.

Councilmember Hugh Hallman said that the Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group was like the Planning and Zoning Commission who wanted to see certain things changed such as the Dry Heat procedure.

It was recommended by Councilmember Hugh Hallman that staff consider the additional items for the Scope of Work and that these be presented to the consultant to determine the fiscal impacts.

Councilmember Keno Hawker noted that the consultant could respond that the requested additions were outside of its Scope of Work.

In response to a call for the question, the motion carried unanimously with Mayor Elaine Scruggs abstaining.

Harry Wolfe asked whether a consultant recommendation should be taken to the Regional Council given the uncertainty over the Scope of Work. Mayor Scruggs indicated that more work needed to be done on the Scope and another meeting of the Policy Committee held before a recommendation would be forwarded to the Regional Council.

5. Study Assumptions

Mayor Elaine Scruggs said that she wanted to add a study assumption to the list developed by MAG staff. She requested that the 1988 MAG Westside Joint Land Use Study Noise contours for Luke Air Force Base be used in the study. It was moved by Joan Shafer, and seconded by Hugh Hallman that the assumptions be accepted as amended. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Keno Hawker abstaining.

6. Review of MAG RASP Update Alternatives by the Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group

Mr. Gus Nazer, local Federal Aviation Chief of the Phoenix Terminal Radar Approach Control noted that the Airspace Committee would be prioritizing issues to be addressed at its next meeting.

7. Input on the Regional Transportation Plan

Harry Wolfe distributed a slide presentation on the development of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan and asked for input from the Policy Committee by the end of the month.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.