



**LOUISIANA STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS – ROUND TWO
AVIATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY**

*October 1, 2013 • 1:30PM to 4:30PM
Marriott Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA*

Last Name	First Name	Affiliation
Advisory Council Members		
Allen (Chair)	Heath	Lake Charles Regional Airport
Burrows	Michael	Lafayette Regional Airport
Capone	Brian	Baton Rouge Flight Standards District Office (FSDO)
Chenevert	Yvonne	False River Regional Airport
Francis	Bryant	Shreveport Airport Authority
Hadley	Steve	Southwest Regional Program Director of the National Business Aviation Association
Marino	Anthony	Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport
Phillips	Ron	Monroe Regional Airport
Platt	Yasmina	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)
Reed	Bradley	Louisiana Agricultural Aviation Association (LAAA)
Slyter	David	Houma-Terrebonne Airport
Windham	Steve	Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Other Attendees		
Wheeler	Joe	Louisiana Airport Managers Association, South Lafourche-Leonard Miller Jr. Airport
Gaylor	Danielle	LA DOTD (for Brad Brandt)
Summerell	Tonjia	LA DOTD (for Brad Brandt)
Brandt	Bradley	LA DOTD (on phone)
Jones	Phil	LA DOTD
Romeo	Robin	LA DOTD
Laing (Facilitator)	Eric	CDM Smith
Maynard	Mike	CDM Smith (on phone)
Goodin	Krista	CDM Smith

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Second Round of Advisory Council meetings was to brief the Advisory Councils on the status of the Plan update, review previous issues and discuss newly proposed issues regarding each mode, and discuss policy recommendations and rank them according to high, medium or low priority.

Note: This meeting summary is a compilation of the input received from the advisory council members and reflects the views expressed.

HANDOUTS

- Agenda
- Aviation Issues
- Aviation Previous and New Policy Recommendations

MEETING SUMMARY

Opening Session

In the opening session, the Advisory Council members received information about the status of the Plan update. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Plan Status
 - Draft aviation and rail plans are complete. Draft freight plan due Fall 2014
 - Tasks to be completed:
 - Identify preferred revenue scenario
 - Allocate preferred revenue scenario dollar amounts by mode across preservation and expansion needs
 - Finalize supporting policies and implementation strategies
 - Prepare economic impact analysis
 - Hold Round Three Advisory Council Meetings
 - Plan completion scheduled for mid-2014
- Megaprojects
 - 102 projects were presented in August 2013 and sorted into Priorities A through D
 - A total of \$44.5B in projects were submitted including 27 new projects, 10 non-highway projects and 31 interstate projects
- Needs Assessment
 - Needs assessment is being finalized
 - A total of \$42.7M of state system needs were identified for FY 2012-2044 (constant 2010 dollars)
- Financial forecast
 - Scenario 1 (Baseline revenues) will generate \$18.9B by 2044
 - Scenario 2 (Reduction) will generate \$16.4B by 2044
 - Scenario 3 (Modest Increase) will generate \$28.3B by 2044
 - Scenario 4 (Aggressive Increase) will generate \$35.3B by 2044
- Gap and Revenue Scenarios
 - How do we address the funding gap between revenues and needs?
 - Average Annual shortfall per mode:
 - Roadway & Bridge: \$360M
 - Transit: \$164M
 - Freight & Passenger Rail: \$48M
 - Waterways & Ports: \$204M
 - Aviation: \$83.2M

Aviation Advisory Council Meeting

The agenda for the breakout Aviation Advisory Council meeting included:

- Introductions/Opening Remarks
- Technical presentation of Aviation System Plan status
- Recap of Aviation Issues and Needs
- Discussion of Aviation Policy Recommendations and Implementation Strategies
- Ranking of Recommendations

A copy of all materials will be posted on the web along with these meeting notes.

Introductions/Opening Remarks

Eric Laing, CDM Smith facilitator, introduced the Chair, Heath Allen, and then there were self-introductions by all attendees. Mr. Laing reviewed the status of the draft Louisiana Aviation System Plan.

Aviation Issues Discussion

Key points discussed after the presentation included:

- Concerns with closing airports, and it was emphasized that the state does not have the authority to close airports, nor will the system plan make recommendations regarding airport closure. Airport closings are a local decision, not a state decision.
- How do we measure local support? The evaluation varies by airport but first looks at how well the local sponsor has maintained the airport, particularly the runways, taxiways, and ramps and its future plans for maintaining those assets. Local support was also assessed in terms of community and political interest in keeping or expanding the airport.

The following new issues were identified:

- Need to account for military operations at airports, including airports with based military units such as Alexandria International Airpark, as well as those airports that the military frequently uses for training purposes, such as Jennings Airport.

Aviation Policy Recommendations

The members reviewed the policy recommendations and implementation strategies and discussed any changes, deletions or additions to them. The members then ranked the recommendations according to high, medium or low priority. The results of the rankings are included below:

High Priority Recommendations

- A-4: Upgrade General Aviation infrastructure identified in the Louisiana Airport System Plan to minimum standards.
- A-5: Develop aviation marketing program, using General Fund monies, to attract additional air service, air cargo, and aerospace companies.

- A-6: Bring back program of land acquisition/aviation easements for obstruction removal (state funds only).
- A-8: Study challenges/opportunities of rotary wing industry in support of Louisiana business, industry and economic growth.
- A-13: Increase the level of funding to accommodate needs of Louisiana's aviation system.
- A-14: Support an ongoing annual appropriation to support the General Aviation Air Carrier & Maintenance Programs.
- A-15: Support a reauthorization of the Federal Airport Improvement Program that best benefits Louisiana aviation.
- A-16: Provide state support for commercial service airport development in accordance with approved master plans.
- A-19: Recommend limiting state airport funding to state system airports
- A-22: Update LASP 5 to 10 years
- A-24: Support funding of air traffic control towers (both federal and contract)

Medium Priority Recommendations

- A-17: Define strategic roles of Louisiana aviation resources during natural disasters. [e.g., ANG nursing home evacuation plan]
- A-18: Update Statewide Economic Impact of Aviation Study every 3 to 5 years.

Low Priority Recommendations

- A-9: Consider the public/private development of intermodal transportation center(s) in Louisiana.
- A-11: Re-evaluate the need and feasibility of an additional air carrier runway at New Orleans International Airport. [new terminal project has priority]

Deleted Recommendations

- A-7: Update intrastate air service study to reflect current conditions in airline industry.
- A-23: Support new terminal project at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport [likely impact to state highway funds related to access ramps to airport]

Tabled Recommendations

The following recommendations were put on hold for discussion at another time:

- A-20: Consider changing NPIAS airport designations for select airports in LASP
- A-21: Consider changing state system airports designations based on LASP analysis and recommendations

New Recommendations

- Support advancement of NexGen technologies.
- Develop and implement a pavement management system that predicts pavement needs and costs.
- Support statewide aviation education and job promotion.
- Support military operations within the state.

- Support safety and improved lighting at airports.