

TETERBORO AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TANAAC)
MEETING
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
Virtual Meeting
April 28, 2021

ATTENDANCE

Maria Sheridan, TANAAC Co-Chair	Port Authority of NY & NJ
Paul Griffo, TANAAC Co-Chair	Borough of Rutherford
Scott Marsh, Manager Operations and Security	Port Authority of NY & NJ
Rick Vander Wende, Manager Contract Services	Port Authority of NY & NJ
Ralph Tamburro, Program Manager	Port Authority of NY & NJ
Tina Lado, Director of Government & Commercial Affairs	Port Authority of NY & NJ
John Kastens, Manager Airport Services	Teterboro Airport/Avports
Gabe Andino, Manager Noise Abatement	Teterboro Airport/Avports
Michael Fiscus, Asst. Manager Noise Abatement	Teterboro Airport/Avports
Zachary Miller, Noise Abatement & Compliance	Teterboro Airport/Avports
David Belastock, TUG	Teterboro Users Group
Veda L Simmons	FAA
Arlene Salac	FAA
Michael K Lynch	FAA
Luisa Peralta-Surla	FAA
Vanessa Shinnars	FAA
Steve Chandoha, President, FBO Operations	Meridian Teterboro
Lauren Gonnelli, Representative	Congressman Josh Gottheimer
Kathy Canestrino, Deputy Mayor	City of Hackensack
Peter Kortright III, Principal Planner	Bergen County Dept Parks & Recreation
Councilwoman Karen Surak	Borough of Moonachie
Gina Affuso, Borough Clerk	Borough of Woodridge
Roy Luyster, Representative	Township of Rochelle Park
Dave Kingma, Representative	Township of Rochelle Park
George Muller, Representative	Borough of Little Ferry
William Mckeever, Representative	Township of Secaucus
Alex P uk, Guest	Township of Westwood
Diana Frankel, Guest	Borough of Saddle River
Warren Feldman, Guest	Township of Woodcliff Lake
Stavros Sidiropoulos, Guest	Vianair Inc.

**TANAAC
Teterboro Airport
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Minutes Summary**

Maria Sheridan, TANAAC Co-Chair welcomed the committee members.

Scott Marsh reported on current construction projects at the airport.

- New FAA Air Traffic Control Tower – Construction on the new ATCT is in progress and is on schedule. This project has an anticipated completion date of July 2023.
- Runway 6/24 Repairs – Work is anticipated to start this Summer on repairs to Runway 6/24. This work will require runway closures. To avoid disruption to airport operations and to the community work is scheduled to take place at night and on weekends.

Vita Simmons provided additional detail on the FAA ATCT Construction project at the airport.

- New FAA Air Traffic Control Tower – Contractor is continuing with site civil activities, installing underground infrastructure for future utilities, and importing fill. They have completed the installation of the majority of the piles, they are currently placing form work and installing rebar for the tower foundation. The contractor has to drive 40 more piles, which will take place in early June and last approximately 3 to 4 days. At the mitigation site, the fill is complete, and they are spreading temporary seed to protect the area and inhibit invasive species growth. The FAA will continue to provide updates on the ATCT construction on the Delay Reduction Plan (DRP) site.

The link to the DRP site is as follows:

https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/arc/programs/nyapio/delay_reduction_plan/

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gabe Andino welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared a slide presentation of the statistical report for the 1st quarter of 2021.

Overall aircraft movements have been down this year compared to the 1st quarter last year. Total operations for the first few months of this year reflected approximately 10,000 less aircraft movements, a decrease of 29% over the 1st quarter of 2020. So far in 2021, we have had an average of 271 daily movement. This is way down from what we have had in prior years. In 2019 we averaged 465 daily movements with most weekdays above 500 per day.

Nighttime operations (between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am) accounted for 7% of total aircraft operations, which is actually an increase over operations from this time last year when we were closer to 5%. The majority of this increase in nighttime operations is attributed to the increase in critical cargo flights during those hours, specifically in support of COVID testing. Quest Diagnostics operates a lab in Teterboro, and we have seen an increase in samples being flown in for Quest during the nighttime hours.

Runway usage showed a predominantly northern flow. Basically, aircraft are taking off and landing in a northern direction. Runway 6 was the most used runway for arrivals 46% of the time, and for departures Runway 1 was the most used runway 50% of the time. Normally, during the year we see a more southerly flow.

We had 7 first time noise violations and 1 second violation issued so far this year.

The LDN(A) (day/night average aircraft noise levels) on the six permanent noise monitors for the 1st quarter 2021 compared to 2020 are as follows:

- RMS 1 in Carlstadt showed a 1.6 decibel (dB) decrease.
- RMS 2 in Hasbrouck Heights showed an increase of 2.4 (dB).
- RMS 3 at the Hackensack University Medical Center (HUMC) showed a decrease of 2.1 (dB).
- RMS 4 in Hackensack showed a 0.9 (dB) increase.
- RMS 5 in Bogota showed a decrease of 1.2 (dB).
- RMS 6 in Moonachie showed an increase of 1.6 (dB).

There were 6,056 noise complaints related to Teterboro Airport traffic received from 59 residents for the 1st quarter of 2021. This includes 4,783 complaints from 3 people who utilized Third Party Applications.

Complaints from TANAAC towns showed Maywood with 5,319 from 3 residents (4,780 complaints were received from 1 resident using a third-party application), Rutherford with 221 complaints from 10 residents, Hackensack with 161 complaints from 7 residents, and South Hackensack with 162 from 5 residents. The remaining TANAAC towns totaled 50 complaints from 11 residents.

Complaints from 18 non-TANAAC towns showed Lyndhurst with 67 complaints from 1 resident, Saddle River with 21 complaints from 2 residents, Warwick with 12 complaints from 1 resident (2 complaints from residents using a third-party application), South Plainfield with 10 complaints from 1 resident and Fort Lee with 7 complaints from 1 resident. The remaining non-TANAAC towns totaled 26 complaints from 19 residents.

Most of the complaints were “too loud and low” (4931); “excessive vibration” (402); “too early or late” (351); “too loud” (174); and “too frequent” (132).

Regional complaints are coming from areas located predominately to the north of the airport with a lesser amount of complains coming from the south.

COMMENTS

Kathy Canestrino had a question regarding noise monitoring reports that were to be sent to her. Gabe Andino replied that he had sent the reports to her earlier today.

Paul Griffo questioned the reason for the increase in nighttime traffic. Gabe Andino explained that this was due to an increase in cargo flights containing COVID tests for Quest Diagnostics and other labs in the area.

Paul Griffo questioned the large number of complaints in Maywood. Gabe Andino explained that the majority of these complains were from 1 person utilizing a third-party application to automatically register complaints.

OLD BUSINESS

Veda Simmons reported on the FAAA RNAV GPS Runway 19 Offset Approach Procedure.

The FAA is actively working with the project. Training for Air Traffic Control personnel is slowly resuming at most New York facilities. Training will be prioritized according to FAA and CDC guidelines. There is no date yet on when training on this new procedure will take place. The FAA will continue to keep everyone updated via their website.

COMMENTS:

Alex Puk questioned the height, volume, and frequency of flights over Westwood. Gabe Andino explained that the FAA and the airport monitors complaints and try to identify areas that are noise sensitive. The airport does not dictate flight paths. The new procedure, when implemented, should help reduce traffic in the area of Westwood as this path would bring traffic closer to over Route 17. Training on this new procedure was delayed due to COVID. Once training is completed, this new procedure will be implemented.

Alex Puk questioned when the new procedure would be used. In addition, he questioned the directions and use of runways at the airport. Gabe Andino said that the new flight path would be used as a supplement to the current path. It would be used as an alternative route. He further explained that we have four runways at the airport, and they are used at various times depending on traffic and weather conditions.

Kathy Canestrino expressed her disappointment that the FAA has not initiated training on this new procedure more quickly and she requested that the FAA look into providing to the committee some dates on when training on the alternate flight path will take place. Veda Simmons responded that she would pass along Ms. Canestrino's concerns and that she would provide any updates to Maria Sheridan as soon as they were available.

CO-CHAIRPERSON NOMINATIONS

Maria Sheridan explained that current co-chairperson, Paul Griffo, has completed his two-year term. According to the TANAAC bylaws he can be renominated to another two-year term during tonight's meeting, in addition, all other nominations brought before the committee will be considered as well. The vote will take place during the next TANAAC meeting to be held on July 28, 2021 at 6PM.

A nomination was brought before the committee to renominate Paul Griffo to a second term by Roy Luster of Rochelle Park.

This nomination was seconded by William McKeever of Secaucus.

No other nominations were brought before the committee.

Maria Sheridan accepted the nomination of Paul Griffo for a second term as co-chairperson of the TANAAC committee. The vote will take place during the July meeting.

Paul Griffo thanked the committee for his nomination.

OPEN DISCUSSION

With no other business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

The next TANAAC meeting is scheduled for **July 28, 2021 at 6 PM (To be held virtually)**