

Brown Field Municipal Airport
Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee Meeting #1

Brown Field Municipal Airport – The Landing Strip Cafe
Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 3 – 5 p.m.

Advisory Committee Members Present

Bobby Mordenti, City of San Diego, Planning Department
Brenda Perez, Federal Aviation Administration Los Angeles Airports District Office
Garret Hollarn, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
Larry Rothrock, Brown Field Airport Experimental Aircraft Association
Linda Greenberg, Otay Chamber of Commerce
Lisa Golden, Otay Mesa Planning Group/Airports Advisory Committee
Nici Boon, Metropolitan Airpark
Gerardo Ramirez, Councilmember David Alvarez, Council District 8 (alternate)

Project Team Members Present

Wayne Reiter, City of San Diego
Michael Hotaling, C&S
Carly Shannon, C&S
Kailey Elderidge, C&S
Lewis Michaelson, Katz & Associates
Natalia Hentschel, Katz & Associates
Bree Robertoy, Katz & Associates
Marissa Twite, Katz & Associates
James Duke, Atkins

Welcome and Introductions

Following a welcome by City of San Diego Airports Division Program Manager W. Reiter, M. Hotaling, Project Manager, introduced members of the project team and thanked the Advisory Committee (Committee) for their participation. N. Hentschel then introduced her role as facilitator and reviewed the Committee process and meeting agenda.

Committee members each received a binder containing the Committee Principles of Participation, Public Involvement Plan, member roster, project fact sheet, frequently asked questions document and a meeting agenda. The binders will be updated with new project materials at each meeting.

To view project and meeting materials, including the materials and presentation referenced in this meeting summary, visit the Airport Master Plan website at <http://www.SDAirportPlans.com/documents/>.

Advisory Committee Mission and Principles of Participation

N. Hentschel began the presentation with an overview of the Committee's Mission and Principles of Participation. The Committee will be responsible for understanding and providing advice on technical information and act as liaisons and ambassadors to constituents and stakeholder groups. The Committee has been asked to participate in up to seven meetings throughout the Airport Master Plan process.

Committee members were asked to introduce themselves and state their personal role and objectives for participating in the Committee. Roles and objectives Committee members identified included:

- Providing technical information and guidance to the project team
- Considering how the project will integrate with the balance of the Otay Mesa community
- Ensuring all interests of the airport's tenants are represented in the Airport Master Plan
- Reporting back to constituency and stakeholder groups
- Making sure the Airport Master Plan is consistent with the Otay Mesa Community Plan

Airport Master Plan Overview

M. Hotaling presented on the need, goals, objectives, elements and schedule for an Airport Master Plan. Committee members were then given an opportunity to discuss the Airport Master Plan and provide feedback regarding its objectives. The following are Committee comments and questions concerning the Airport Master Plan:

- L. Rothrock: What authority will this Airport Master Plan have?
 - The most recent Brown Field Municipal Airport Master Plan was not submitted to City Council for approval and did not undergo environmental review. This Airport Master Plan will be submitted to City Council and will undergo California Environmental Quality Act review. After that, the Airport Master Plan will be a policy document and will make the City of San Diego eligible to receive up to 90 percent Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant funding. The last Airport Master Plan that received Council approval is from 1980, but the 2012 Airport Layout Plan (ALP) is current and FAA-approved.
- L. Golden: For how long are the projects included on ALPs and Airport Master Plans eligible for funding?
 - As long as a project is depicted on a current, approved ALP, it is eligible for funding.

Public Involvement Plan

L. Michaelson provided an overview of the Public Involvement Plan for the project. The plan was created as a roadmap for stakeholder and community involvement in the Airport Master Plan process and entails broad public engagement across multiple channels.

The Committee was asked to identify other ways for the project team to engage stakeholders in the Airport Master Plan process. They suggested the following as resources:

- Otay Mesa Community Planning Group meetings
- Pilot user groups (e.g., flying clubs)
- Fixed-base operators
- Experimental Aircraft Association newsletter
- Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce monthly newsletter
- East Otay Mesa Property Owners Association (contact David Wick)
- Other Home Owners Associations in East Otay Mesa

The Committee was asked to send any pertinent contacts and/or additional suggestions to W. Reiter.

Key Considerations

C. Shannon presented the key considerations the project team has identified for the Airport Master Plan to date:

- Water and environmental challenges/constraints including vernal pools and burrowing owls. The Airport Master Plan includes both a baseline environmental inventory and subsequent California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation once proposed projects are identified.
- Economic development opportunities, considering the proposed Metropolitan Airpark. In order to address this in the Airport Master Plan, proposed projects will be tied to planning activity levels rather than strictly to dates so that projects can be implemented based on need.
- Land use compatibility, which will be important to help inform off-airport land use planning.
- Facilities range in condition; the Airport Master Plan will seek to understand current use and potential to accommodate demand.
- Air traffic control tower provides a benefit to the users given the complicated airspace.
- Aircraft departure and approach procedures help to address terrain issues.
- Runway length is unique as the airport provides the longest landing distance available in the County.
- Customs provides a benefit to users but may be facing space constraints.
- Diverse activity and users, currently accommodating military, flight schools, experimental, small aircraft and corporate travel.

Opportunities and Constraints

Committee members were asked to provide feedback regarding opportunities and constraints that were not identified by the project team and should be included in the Airport Master Plan:

- L. Greenberg: Consider existing contiguous land uses. Know what existing industrial businesses do on the east and west end of the airport (e.g., ask for material safety data sheets to ensure compatibility with aircraft operations). Also, 60 acres of nearby land is available for purchase, which poses a concern about what could be built there.
- L. Rothrock: This is an opportunity for a small, private aviation hub. Don't displace individual, private pilots.

Other Advisory Committee Questions and Comments

In addition to the specific feedback requested by the project team, the following questions and comments were given by the Committee:

- L. Rothrock: How is this project being funded?
 - The FAA provided \$500,000 in grant money for each City of San Diego airport. The City is covering the rest of the cost.
- L. Rothrock: Approximately when is the next meeting, and will there eventually be a schedule of meetings?
 - There will not be an advance schedule of meetings as they will be milestone-driven. The project team will give the Committee at least two weeks' notice.

- L. Greenberg: County planners should be part of the Committee to ensure the Airport Master Plan is compatible with the County of San Diego General Plan. When they updated the East Otay Mesa Specific Plan, they put a property in the arrival path that has chemicals and other operations not compatible with aircraft.
- N. Boon: If the County's planning department is not involved, then Supervisor Greg Cox's office should be.

Public Comment

A public comment period was scheduled at the closing of the meeting, but no members of the public were in attendance.

Next Steps

- W. Reiter, City of San Diego, is the single point of contact for questions and comments regarding the project.
- The City of San Diego will review project deliverables first, followed by the Committee, then the public. All deliverables will be electronic and 8.5" x 11" or 11" x 17". If Committee members would like to receive printed materials for review, they should contact W. Reiter. Committee members will have a minimum one-week review period for materials.
- Dates for upcoming meetings and workshops are not set yet, but a two-week notice will be provided for all meetings.
- If any Committee members object to W. Reiter distributing their email addresses to the rest of the Committee, they should inform W. Reiter.