

MELBOURNE AIRPORT COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUP
Minutes – Tuesday 22 November 2011, 6:00-8:00pm
Diggers Rest Community Hall, Plumpton Road

Present:	Darrell Treloar	Independent Chair
	Susan Jennison	Community
	David O'Connor	Community
	Kevin Sheahan	Community
	Brian Boyd	Victorian Trades Hall Council
	Stephen Palombo	Board of Airline Representatives Australia
	Catherine Hunichen	Noise Abatement Committee
	David Kirkland	Department of Planning & Community (Representing David Hodge)
	Joseph Wheeler	Department of Transport & Infrastructure (Representing Jeremy Parkinson & Katie Conn)
Apologies:	Domenic Isola	Australian Mayoral Aviation Council
	David Hodge	Department of Planning and Community Development
	Jeremy Parkinson	Department of Infrastructure
	Andrew MacLeod	Committee for Melbourne
	Kent Quigley	Airservices Australia
	Adem Atmaca	Australian Mayoral Aviation Council
	Katie Conn	Department of Transport & Infrastructure
	Chris Woodruff	Melbourne Airport

Also in attendance were:

Matt Francis	Melbourne Airport
Jo Powell	Melbourne Airport
Sarah Jenkins	Melbourne Airport
Bryan Thompson	Melbourne Airport
Jon Broadhead	Melbourne Airport
Trent Kneebush	Melbourne Airport
Mark Cenin	Airservices Australia

Number of public in attendance: 10

1. Introductions – Darrell Treloar, Chair

The Chair thanked all for attending and made special welcome to David Kirkland representing David Hodge, Department Planning and Community Development; Matt Francis, Melbourne Airport; Jon Broadhead, Melbourne Airport; Bryan Thompson, Melbourne Airport and John Stewart, TTF for their attendance and support. The Chair congratulated Catherine Hunichen on her appointment to the CACG as a representative of the Noise Abatement Committee.

The Chair asked if there are any additions to the agenda.

- Jo Powell: Issue of CACG membership covered by report 7.1
- Susan Jennison: 1) Insulation program 2) Aircraft noise measurement 3) Airport curfew
- Mark Cenin: Update on the Environmental Monitoring Units (EMU) review

2. Confirmation of minutes of meeting held 16 August 2011 – Darrell Treloar, Chair

It was **AGREED** that minutes of the meeting held on 16 August 2011 be confirmed as an accurate representation of the meeting.

3. Public questions / submissions

Members of the public were offered the opportunity to ask questions to the CACG. Matters raised included the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay in regard to Diggers Rest, the EMU review and community consultation. There was a clear emphasis on the long term growth projections for Melbourne Airport in line with the Master Plan.

- 1. Question: Colin Gaskin – Displayed an extract from the Melton Shire Council Planning Scheme depicting the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay. Mr Gaskin raised concern that the overlay covers the southern corner of the township and asked if it had changed.*

Trent Kneebush and the Chair confirmed that the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay was amended by the Victorian Government in 2007 and is based on the ANEFs shown in the 2003 Master Plan. The ANEFs are reviewed every five years when new Master Plans are prepared.

- 2. John Jennison – Raised two questions in the previous meeting, have they been resolved?*

The Chair responded stating that the questions had been answered in the previous meeting and no further information is available at this time.

4. Southern Precinct Program – Jon Broadhead, Southern Precinct Project Leader

Mr Broadhead provided an overview of the planned Southern Precinct development which represents the 'cornerstone' for the future growth of Melbourne Airport. The development supports the airport's domestic growth in particular with regard to low cost carriers (LCC). Terminal 1 cannot accommodate demand beyond 2014, development of the Southern Precinct would relieve this significantly and essentially halve ground transport congestion. The project is valued at over \$250 million and consists of kerbside access, car-parks and the potential of offices and hotels. The project is consistent with the airport's Master Plan. Melbourne Airport is open to feedback on the rapidly moving project.

- 1. Question: Susan Jennison – Will the project increase traffic?*

Melbourne Airport responded stating that the airport recognises the existing strain on ground transportation and all current and future works have been planned very carefully to reduce congestion. All modes of ground transportation will be taken into consideration. It was noted that the Skybus service accommodates a large proportion of low cost carrier passengers. David O'Connor and Brian Boyd both commented on the impact of construction works on passengers and traffic but are satisfied with Melbourne Airports approach.

The presentation is attached.

5. Master Plan Process – Trent Kneebush, Planning Consultant

Master Plans are reviewed every five years. Melbourne Airport's next Master Plan will be published in 2013. This plan will now include the Environment Strategy and Ground Transportation Plan in accordance with the Aviation Act. The Plan will also include development objectives, aviation activity forecasts, planning criteria, airport Land Use Plan, airport development, economic and social impacts and an implementation plan. Key issues detailed in the Master Plan are airport safeguarding, ground transport, runway capacity and non-aviation development.

1. *Question: Susan Jennison – Will the community be involved in the consultation process throughout, not just in the delegated draft review period?*

Melbourne Airport responded stating that the Master Plan is a long-term project and is committed to engaging with the CACG and the community. The aim of the presentation was to highlight that the project had begun and is currently in its infancy. A detailed communications plan, incorporating consultation, would be developed. Melbourne Airport would welcome input into the communications plan. Comment was made on capacity planning and the need to consider all four runways as proposed in previous Master Plans.

ACTION: Melbourne Airport to develop a communications plan and seek input from the CACG. The Master Plan will also be discussed in depth at the CACG Strategy Day 8 February 2012.

The presentation is attached.

6. Reports

6.1. Work Plan: Status of actions – Jo Powell

Jo Powell presented a status update on the work plan including:

- *APAC On-ramp project:* Work is currently underway. Freeway closures will occur during specified times between 26 November and 4 December. Melbourne Airport has worked closely with VicRoads, who will also be undertaking construction work on their M80 Ring Road Upgrade project during this time, to minimise the number of freeway closures. An advertisement was placed in this week's Sunbury Leader. Further information is available at <http://www.melbourneairport.com.au/News-Events/Listing/Overview/Scheduled-freeway-closures.html>
- *The Forecourt Development:* Work is currently underway. Stage 1 will be completed by mid October.
- *The Essendon Football Club:* MDP approved by Minister Albanese on Friday 25 October.

6.2. Strategy Day – Darrell Treloar

The Chair referred to the proposed CACG Strategy Day. No objections were made to the date of 8 February 2012 at Melbourne Airport. Member availability would need to be sought closer to the day.

It was **AGREED** that agenda for the Strategy Day be adopted.

6.3. Ground-based noise – Jo Powell

Jo Powell presented the report on ground-based noise addressing concerns raised at previous CACG meetings.

ACTION: The issue of ground-based noise to be further discussed at the CACG Strategy day.

7. Other business – Darrell Treloar

Susan Jennison highlighted that in Sydney and Brisbane an insulation program operates for homes within ANEFs. This program does not exist in Melbourne even though a number of houses in the area were built prior to the construction of the airport and do not have protection from aircraft noise. Ms Jennison has made inquiries to Airservices Australia about whether this program could be adopted in Melbourne. It was unclear as to what organisation would oversee this.

It was **AGREED** that Mark Cenin would contact the Department of Transport and Infrastructure to determine what organisation would be responsible for an insulation program.

ACTION: Mark Cenin to contact Department of Transport and Infrastructure.

ACTION: CACG secretariat to provide a written report.

Susan Jennison raised the issue of aircraft noise measurement and regulation. Keilor residents are often woken at night by significant aircraft noise. Ms Jennison asked why standards are not enforced. Airservices Australia explained that their role is to monitor levels, rather than enforcement. Ms Jennison then asked why a curfew could not be introduced at Melbourne Airport. Brian Boyd explained that in over 20 years, both governments have actively supported the curfew free status of Melbourne Airport, recognising the economic contribution of the airport to the State and local region.

Mark Cenin provided an update on the EMU Review. The final report is expected in the coming weeks. Following further assessment and consideration of the public comments, the Keilor monitor unit will be retained. There would also be an additional monitor to verify the results of the existing EMUs and to provide further coverage.

David O'Connor enquired about the Diggers Rest EMU. Mr Cenin outlined that the Diggers Rest EMU has been de-commissioned and the data collected will undergo extensive analysis.

It was **AGREED** that Airservices Australia would present an update on the status of the EMU process at the following CACG meeting.

ACTION: Airservices Australia to present on the EMU Review at the next meeting.

Catherine Hunichen shared that the GAA had released its Precinct Structure Plans (PSP's) today, Tuesday 22 November. Approximately 4,000 extra dwellings were indicated for Diggers Rest. This is consistent with the 2009 Urban Growth Boundary Review. The PSPs are open for comment until 20 December.

8. Next Meeting

The Chair advised that the next meeting will be held 21 February 2012.
The Strategy Planning Day will be held on 8 February 2012 at Melbourne Airport.

9. Close

The meeting closed at 7:45 pm.