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PSRC AIRPORT COMPATIBLE LAND USE PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

June 16, 2009, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Project: Puget Sound Regional Council Airport Compatible Land Use Study

Location: PSRC Offices, Seattle, Washington

The attached report represents this writer's interpretation of items discussed during the meeting. Any corrections or additional information should be brought to our attention for clarifications.

Attendees:

Ryan Zulauf, Heather Connolly, Corbitt Loch, Ellie Chambus-Grady, David Johanson, Deepa Parashar, Dan Cardwell, Geoffrey Thomas, Carter Timmerman, Mike Scarey, Gloria Hirashima, Craig Ladiser, Gary Molyneaux, Stephen Kiehl, Stephanie Ward, Kevin Mulcaster, Zachary Puchacz

Items:

- All in attendance were welcomed to the meeting by Stephen Kiehl. Members were presented a notebook containing compatible land use concerns, current Washington State guidance, current planning documents, and land use assessments. Included were land use drawings, assessments, and FAR Part 77 surface drawings for three sample airports: Snohomish County Airport (Paine Field), Bremerton National Airport, and Pierce County Airport – Thun Field.
- Stephen Kiehl (PSRC) provided an introduction to the project and information on previous PSRC airport land use compatibility initiatives. A recent history of the involvement of PSRC in airport land use compatibility was discussed.
- Kiehl lead a discussion with the advisory committee members about the scope and intentions of the project. Clarification was requested by committee members whether the findings of the project would be regulatory or advisory in nature or if it would be provided as a source of reference. Kiehl indicated the current PSRC airport compatible land use program is advisory, and is implemented through PSRC's plan review and certification process. He said this project was designed as a review of the current guidance, which would likely result in updated advisory materials.
- Types of compatible and incompatible land uses were presented by Stephanie Ward (Mead & Hunt). This includes:
 - Compatible land use concerns such as noise, overflight of aircraft, safety, and airspace protection.
 - Incompatible land uses resulting in growth and economic implications and impacts to quality of life.
- Zachary Puchacz (Mead & Hunt) briefly explained the impacts of airport incompatible land uses on both airport operations and community activities.

- Stephanie Ward explained the roles that federal, state, regional, and local jurisdictions and agencies have in addressing incompatible land uses near airports, referencing the Washington Growth Management Act and Planning Enabling Act and guidance documents prepared by PSRC, WSDOT, CalTrans, FAA, and others.

- Discussion arose between advisory committee members on several topics:
 - It was requested that clarification be provided on how the documentation will be used by PSRC.
 - The content of the notebook will be used to document this project. It was requested that comments on the materials in the notebooks be submitted to PSRC by July 10.
 - Carter Timmerman of WSDOT advised committee members of a downloadable program on the WSDOT website that can be used to assist airports in performing an airspace analysis.
 - The challenge of maintaining compatible land uses around airports while dense urban growth occurs was discussed among several committee members. The group discussed how in many areas infill development and increased density within the urban growth area is encouraged by local plans, which are responding to guidance in the Growth Management Act as well as regional and local policy. Committee members recommended documentation of these issues in a final report to address this issue, should a report be developed.
 - A suggestion was made that examples be presented to the committee of success stories from other agencies and jurisdictions that have conducted an airport land use compatibility program.

- Kevin Mulcaster (Mead & Hunt) reviewed FAR Part 77 Surfaces and existing and future land use drawings for three sample airports (Paine Field, Bremerton National, and Thun Field). Mulcaster used the drawings to illustrate situations of compatible and incompatible land uses both in existing and future scenarios.

- Stephen Kiehl discussed the next steps of the project which include discussing how the findings of the project would be presented, how the PSRC plans to use the findings of the project, and discussion of the next meeting date. **The next meeting date** was tentatively planned for **September 2009**.

Respectfully submitted,
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