



PHOENIX DEER VALLEY AIRPORT

Function: Phoenix Deer Valley Airport Partnership
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Location: Phoenix Deer Valley Airport Conference Room

Attendees: W.T.'Doc' Brown-COP, Robert Gunther-COP, Ken Cada-DVPA, Mike Quintero-Cutter Aviation, Tim Beckwith-CAP, Bob Wirth-Flights for Life, Dave Tunheim-Honeywell, Dee Grimm-Warbirds, Ed Chauza-DVPA, Arthur Rosen-AOPA, Travis Trexler-TransPac, , Pete Hatchett-Westwind Aeronautics School, Toby Jones-FAA Tower, Mike Smith-Phoenix P.D. Air Support, Mary Schilling, COP-Fire, Gary Mascaro, COP-DVT
Introductions were made.

Topics of discussion:

1. South Ramp Construction/Security Lighting/Signage

- a. Completed after three years and \$16, 500,000. We have approx. \$400,000 left over in funds that we will be using for pavement maintenance on the oldest pavement on the south ramp. Art Rosen - AOPA asked about the North Ramp. Gary Mascaro responded the north ramp is not included in the grant scope.
- b. NW Run-Up Area
 - PSM2 sent out a notice and an exhibit, the northwest run-up area will be implemented on February 1, 2010. This area is controlled by the FAA tower as it is a movement area. Travis Trexler – Transpac, stated he did not receive the email notice. Leslie will provide the email addresses of the DV Partnership attendee to PSM2 so they will receive notices.
 - Toby Jones - Tower stated it will be an educational process for everyone.

2. Runway Safety Area Improvements

- a. **Scope**-Upgrade infield drainage and erosion control. Significant issues on the infields will be addressed in this project. Improvements are for the south runway, north runway and all surrounding taxiways.
- b. **Funding** –Awaiting on Federal funding. The project is estimated to cost \$20 million.
- c. **Schedule**-Design completion should be May 2010. Awaiting construction due to the funding.

3. Airfield Signage Enhancements

- a. **Scope**-Additional signage added per recommendation of RSAT team report. Waiting for the additional signs to be delivered to contractor. All signage will meet with the criteria of the FAA. Example of some of the new signs

including directional signs to the new run-up area, distance remaining signs, etc. Night closures will probably occur month of February. PSM2 will send out notices with all this information.

- b. **Funding**-Received City funds-\$250,000.
- c. **Schedule**-Additional signage work in February 2010.

4. **Enhanced marking, lighting, signage project**

- a. **Scope**-Part 139 type enhancements. Design/construction. Benefit airports and training schools. High profile project that was directed by FAA in Washington D.C.
- b. **Funding**-Received \$2.1 million in Federal grants.
- c. **Schedule**-Contract is awarded and the design has started. Design completed by May 2010. Construction starts July 2010. End of construction by August 2010. Very high priority.

5. **Tower Update-Toby Jones**

- a. Attended a FAA International Runway Seminar in November. Many organizations attended and there were several displays. Compared to other airports, Deer Valley is doing pretty good with meeting the requirements.
- b. Runway Incursions - DVT have had two in the past three months. Both incidents were pilots that were unfamiliar with the airport. Art Rosen – AOPA, stated the flight schools are doing a great job and Toby agreed which speaks well for the schools.
- c. Tower is having staffing issues at the moment, but they continue to train people to allow them to eventually remain open until Midnight daily. They have a total of 20 controllers.
Pete Hatchett - Westwind was wondering what the time frame would be when the Tower is fully staffed and Toby did not know, but is hoping by the summer. They will have 21 on staff at a minimum to implement the time change.
- d. Toby announced that the Tower is staffed to conduct tours of the tower. Just give him a call or send him an email. Bob Wirth – Flights for Life, was under the impression there was a freeze on tours, and Toby advised him that this is only at Sky Harbor's TRACON/TOWER.
- e. The number of operations for Sky Harbor are; 490,000-2009, DVT-409,000, Van Nuys-370,000, Falcon Field-280,000 and Scottsdale-180,000. Ed Chauza – DVPA, commented that there is a high concentration of aircraft for General Aviation.
 - Toby said this is pretty impressive we are about the 14th busiest airport in the United States mostly being general aviation operations.
 - Gary Mascaro mentioned that in 2007 the City of Phoenix adopted the Master Plan. As part of the plan they have forecasted operations for the next 25 years. Even during the economic downturn the operations for 2009 compared to the Master Plan actually just about on target. This is quite unusual compared to other GA type airports in the country.

- Art Rosen - AOPA announced that the Deer Valley Airport was awarded the Airport Safety Award by the ASAG and FAA. It is located in the terminal lobby. This is quite an honor. He also mentioned that after eight years there will be a change in wording from "Taxing into position and hold to "Line up and wait." Toby said this propose change will become effective July 2010. In addition, Mr. Rosen mentioned that Luke SATR (special airspace) will go into effect in July and was wondering if they could get squawk codes prior to departure from DVT. Toby said the pilots should ask the controllers if Luke was open. They do not have enough staffing to give out squawk codes at this time continuously, however, if the Tower is not busy, they maybe able to accommodate the pilots.

6. Lead Monitoring System

- a. Gary Mascaro gave a brief history of the installation of the lead monitoring system that will be installed at DVT. DVT is being used as a test bed. The E.P.A. has request the County staff to evaluate airports for lead emissions from airplanes. EPA conducted a study on aircraft operations and seen DVT is quite busy, they request DVT to allow them to install this monitor. It is planned to be installed for three years and will be located by Hangar row 8 in the parking area near the C.A.P building. It will be in a "U-Store - It" type building (8' x 10') with a 30' pole. This will calculate lead emission from the airport. Data will be reviewed on an annual basis.

7. Airport Business Development

- a. Business leases and airport development projects- No particular update at this time. The Aviation Department is in process of getting a Broker to market the land opportunities at the Phoenix Airports. In addition, Aviation anticipates six months to a year in developing a marketing brochure to help attract business entities to develop at the airports. Pete Hatchett – Westwind, inquired about the status of Phoenix Hangar One site. Gary advised him that they are no longer working on leasing space at DVT at this time.

8. Miscellaneous

- a. Gary reported there have been several issues recently with tenants painting additional guidelines on the airport pavement in front of their hangars. Painting of additional guidelines, markings, and extension of taxilane lines are not permissible, in violation of the Phoenix City Code. DVT staff is making the appropriate repairs and will bill tenants for the cost as well as issue N.O.V's.
- b. The northeast waste site may have to be closed due to bad 'housekeeping' at this particular site. It has taken staff a significant amount of time to continuously clean up the mess that is being left at that waste site. DVT staff is requesting all tenants spread the word to help maintain the waste sites.

9. Questions (Round Table)

- a. Mike Quintero - Cutter Aviation, announced that the date has changed for the Challenge Air event that was scheduled to be held at Cutter Aviation to April 24, 2010. They are in need of pilot volunteers. Ed Chauza said that the Deer Valley Pilots Association is waiting for someone to contact them to help volunteer for the event.
- b. Tim Beckwith - C.A.P., asked if the 30 foot tower by the C.A.P. building needs a light for aircraft operations. Gary said that during the review, this will be evaluated by the City and FAA of any necessary requirements.
- c. Bob Wirth – Flights for Life, inquired if and when we were going to begin the annual hangar inspections. Gary said we will no longer be conducting annual inspections; however, the City has been doing weekly inspections (two rows of hangars inspections every week.) This has been a successful and less time consuming for staff. In addition, many of the violations have gone down. Bob requested if the DVPA could receive information on what the typical violations are for the hangars that fail inspection. Gary agreed to provide that information.
- d. Dee Grimm – tenant/Warbirds, inquired if we were going to do the fire extinguisher inspections and Gary said we will continue this process. It should begin April/May. Bob Wirth asked if the ‘through the fence’ is still going on at the airport and if there are any concerns? Art Rosen – AOPA, commented that this is an FAA/TSA issue and they dealing with residential airports and not DVT. Bob Wirth wanted to congratulate the airport on the award and asked if this could result in receiving a higher award? Gary stated no this was an ASAG/local FAA award only.
- e. Dave Tunheim –Honeywell, mentioned that they do not have any flight test programs coming up for awhile. They will not be flying a lot. He asked if we would know when the flight schools have their surges during the day. Toby Jones – FAA, said that Trans Pac emails him a schedule every day, but the flight schools does not have any true slower times during a given day.
- f. Art Rosen – AOPA, announced that Aviation Day is Wednesday, January 20th at 1:00 p.m. at the State Capitol.

Adjourned 2:30 p.m.

Minutes Taken By:

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