

**Port of Portland
Portland International Airport (PDX) Citizen Noise
Advisory Committee
September 14, 2006**

Meeting Summary

CNAC Members Present:

Maryhelen Kincaid	City of Portland
Gary Kunz	Portland At-Large
Beverly Bruender	Portland At-Large
Christopher Bothwell	Portland At-Large
David Benfield	Clackamas County
Gary Thornton	City of Vancouver
Ken Heuvel	Hayden Island
Steve Kerman	Washington County
Mike Yee	City of Vancouver

TAG Members Present:

Laura Schneider	FAA
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CNAC Members Absent:

David King	Multnomah County
Michele Sturdavant	Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village
Bruce Lindoff	Clark County/Camas/Washougal
Dave Smith	Vancouver At-Large
Erwin Bergman	City of Portland
Vicki Thompson	City of Gresham

Port Staff Present:

Jason Schwartz	Manager, Noise Department
Chris Corich	Manager, Long Range Planning
Peeter Sööt	Noise Management Analyst
Jerry Gerspach	Noise Management Analyst
Chris Blair	Noise Management Planner
Debbie Bishop	Noise Management Adco II
Rachel Wray	Community Affairs Aviation Program Manager

1 **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

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3 The meeting was called to order by chair Maryhelen Kincaid.

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5 **INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADDENDA TO THE AGENDA – MARYHELEN KINCAID/ALL**

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7 CNAC members and Port of Portland personnel introduced themselves for the record.

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9 Additions/Changes to the agenda include:

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11 **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 2006 – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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13 Because there was not a quorum present at the meeting, approval of the July meeting
14 summary could not be voted on. The following correction was identified:

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16 • Reference to Whidbey Island Navel Air Station was misspelled. Change
17 Whidbey Island Naval Air Station to “Whidbey Island Naval Air Station”.

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19 **AUGUST FLIGHT DEVIATIONS – CHRIS CORICH**

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21 Chris Corich and Jerry Gerspach discussed a request the Port received from Royce
22 Pollard, the mayor of Vancouver, to temporarily move flights from over Esther Short Park
23 for the evening of August 17th. Mayor Pollard made the request so that aircraft noise
24 would not impact a free community concert presented by the City and featuring the
25 Vancouver Symphony. The concert was scheduled for two (2) hours.

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27 Nineteen (19) aircraft were moved over the two-hour period. The Port of Portland Noise
28 Management Office received three (3) complaints related to the deviation. Several
29 CNAC members voiced approval of the Port’s actions and thought the deviations were
30 for a good cause.

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32 Corich explained the situation had no precedence, prompting a discussion on a potential
33 policy for handling future requests. All agreed that a more formal policy was appropriate.
34 The committee reviewed a draft policy and made suggestions, including
35 acknowledgement that requests for a deviation must pass a high threshold before being
36 allowed. Staff will bring a revised policy to the October meeting.

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38 **OPERATOR OUTREACH – PEETER SÖÖT**

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40 Peeter Sööt followed up on a request by CNAC member Erwin Bergman to write a letter
41 regarding run-up noise in the evenings by Ameriflight small turbo-prop planes parked on
42 the south side of the airport. The Noise office researched the issue and determined that
43 evening run-ups by Ameriflight were being conducted in accordance with agreed-upon
44 procedures and DEQ requirements. The agreement to allow run-ups on the ramp was
45 put in place at the time of the GRE commissioning.

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47 Additional noise complaints identified that FedEx had flown several straight-out
48 departures rather than following the noise abatement procedures. Staff contacted
49 FedEx advising them of the preferred noise abatement procedures and asking what
50 steps might be taken to correct this in the future. FedEx responded to the noise office
51 explaining that they had recently switched publishers, resulting in changes to their
52 procedure plates (used to help pilots navigate). FedEx contacted the publisher and
53 requested that the noise abatement verbiage appear on the actual departure sheet so

54 that FedEx pilots would be able to see it more easily. Changes were included in the
55 latest publication. The Noise Team will continue to monitor FedEx's use of the noise
56 abatement procedures and follow-up as necessary.

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58 **FLY QUIET PROGRAM – JASON SCHWARTZ**

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60 Noise analyst Jennifer Schiele is currently working with aircraft operators, including the
61 US military, cargo feeders and general aviation to improve participation with PDX's noise
62 abatement. As part of the Fly Quiet Program, the team is evaluating the use of a "report
63 card" and other measures that incorporate all classes of aircraft.

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65 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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67 A member of the public (unidentified) complimented the Port on the handling of the flight
68 deviations over Esther Short Park for the Vancouver Symphony concert in August.

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70 Fred Stovel stated he liked the idea of considering events such as the symphony concert
71 for making exceptions to existing flight tracks, and appreciated the fact the Port
72 accommodated the mayor of Vancouver.

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74 **REPORT - VANCOUVER CARGO FEEDER SUBCOMMITTEE – RACHEL WRAY**

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76 The Vancouver subcommittee was created to analyze cargo feeder issues affecting
77 Vancouver. The subcommittee developed a series of principles and recommendations
78 designed to help guide the FAA when creating or amending operational procedures.
79 The committee requested that the recommendations go before the Vancouver public in a
80 public forum prior to being introduced to CNAC. The public meeting/open house was
81 held on September 18 at Hudson's Bay High School in Vancouver.

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83 **DEBRIEF ON NOISE TRAINING, GENERAL DISCUSSION OF NEW TRENDS AND TOPICS,**
84 **INCLUDING THE AIRPORT NOISE REPORT – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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86 Kincaid recapped the Noise 101 Training hosted by the Port and open to various
87 stakeholders and committee members.. ESA Consultant Steve Alverson led the day-
88 long seminar. Kincaid said it was a valuable class for both new and old members of the
89 committee and public. Copies of the PowerPoint presentation from the training are
90 available upon request. Schwartz invited the committee and audience to request a
91 repeat of this type of training, as well as other presentations on noise-related topics of
92 interest.

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94 **UPDATE ON ALASKA AND HORIZON AIR RNP PROCEDURES – LAURA SCHNEIDER**

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96 Schneider reported that Alaska and Horizon Air sought and received approval to use a
97 new navigational procedure that allows for precise flight paths with a continuous descent
98 approach to Runways 28R and 28L. The RNP approach uses advanced on-board
99 technology to guide planes on pre-determined, precise tracks, while eliminating the need
100 to level off at certain altitudes (leveling off requires pilots to increase the engine throttles,
101 and in turn increases the noise produced).

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103 Alaska Airlines received approval for this procedure in March 2006. As of September
104 21, Horizon Airlines has been awarded approval for this procedure by their Dash 8-Q400
105 aircraft. This marks the first turboprop in the country to receive approval for this
106 procedure.

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108 **NOISE OFFICE REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS – JASON SCHWARTZ**

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110 The Part 150 is in final stages and should be ready to go back to the FAA within the next
111 couple of weeks.. The original document had minor changes that needed to be made.

112 Schwartz assured the committee there have been no content changes.

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114 Staff continue to work on a noise management plan for Hillsboro Airport. Schwartz also
115 reported that the “Charlie Pattern” ground markers are nearly installed.

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117 Chris Blair reported that the Port has ordered server hardware and new software for the
118 new ANOMS. The installation of the new system is expected by June 2006.

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120 **ADJOURNMENT – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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122 There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

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124 *Meeting summaries are posted on our webpage at www.portofportland.com.*

125 *Copies of correspondence or materials referenced in the meeting summary*

126 *may be obtained by contacting Rachel Wray at (503)460-4073*

127 *or (800) 547-8411 ext 4073.*

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