

**Port of Portland  
Portland International Airport (PDX) Citizen Noise  
Advisory Committee  
May 11, 2006 Meeting**

***Meeting Summary***

**CNAC Members Present:**

Maryhelen Kincaid	City of Portland
Bruce Lindoff	Clark County/Camas/Washougal
Ken Heuvel	Hayden Island
Dave Smith	Vancouver At-Large
Gary Kunz	Portland At-Large
Gary Thornton	City of Vancouver
Beverly Bruender	Portland At-Large
Christopher Bothwell	Portland At-Large
Vicki Thompson	City of Gresham
Dave King	Multnomah County

**TAG Members Present:**

Major Jeffrey Hwang	ORANG
Laura Schneider	FAA

**CNAC Members Absent:**

Michele Sturdavant	Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village
Erwin Bergman	City of Portland
Mike Yee	City of Vancouver
Fred Hostetler	Washington County

**Port Staff Present:**

Chris Corich	Long Range Planning Manager
Jason Schwartz	Noise Department Manager
Peeter Sööt	Noise Management Analyst
Jerry Gerspach	Noise Management Analyst
Chris Blair	Noise Management Planner
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 Addition to the agenda:

- 10 • Presentation by Major Jeffrey Hwang of the Oregon Air National Guard  
11 regarding the upcoming Operation Readiness Inspection.

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13 **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 2006 – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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15 There were no corrections or changes to the April 2006 meeting summary. A motion  
16 was made and seconded to accept the summary as written. Motion passed.

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18 **NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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20 Maryhelen reported she had recently attended a neighborhood meeting in her area and  
21 there were questions and discussion regarding the cargo feeder issue. She stated she  
22 has encouraged her neighborhood association members to attend any upcoming CNAC  
23 and/or cargo feeder meeting to hear presentations and participate in discussions on the  
24 cargo feeder issue, as well as other topics.

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26 Bruce Lindoff and Ken Heuvel also gave reports on the meetings they attended in their  
27 neighborhoods. They too invited the members of their neighborhood associations to  
28 attend both CNAC and cargo feeder subcommittee meetings.

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30 **INTRODUCTION OF NEW NOISE MANAGER – CHRIS CORICH**

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32 Chris Corich introduced Jason Schwartz - the new Noise manager for the Port of  
33 Portland. Jason briefly described his background, qualifications and goals for the Noise  
34 Department.

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36 **OPERATIONAL READINESS INSPECTION PRESENTATION – MAJOR JEFFREY HWANG –**  
37 **OREGON AIR NATIONAL GUARD**

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39 Major Hwang gave a presentation on the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection  
40 scheduled for June 11-18, 2006, at the Oregon Air National Guard base. The inspection  
41 has two phases: the first (June 11 – 14) will demonstrate the readiness of the  
42 guardsmen to respond to an incident in a timely manner. The second phase (June 16 –  
43 18) will simulate combat procedures.

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45 Major Hwang informed the committee that during the exercises, there will be a significant  
46 increase in the numbers of takeoffs and landings per day. Information regarding the  
47 training and increased air traffic will be sent to the media for the purpose of informing the  
48 public.

49 **NORTH RUNWAY EXTENSION PRESENTATION – FLETCHER HUNT, PORT OF PORTLAND**

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51 Fletcher Hunt, Development Project manager for the Port of Portland, gave a  
52 presentation on the north runway extension project. He stressed that the runway  
53 extension is not a “done deal.” Other key points of his presentation included:

- 54 • Feasibility Study/Project Update – nearly complete as of May 2006
- 55 • Project Purpose
- 56 • Extension Benefits
- 57 • Extension Need
- 58 • Alternatives – Full Extension or West End Extension
- 59 • Concept – Usable Load vs. Payload
- 60 • Concept – Obstacles May Limit Usable Runway Length
- 61 • Refined Takeoff Length Requirements
- 62 • South Runway Condition Analysis
- 63 • South Runway Rehab Scenarios
- 64 • Decisions the Port is Considering
- 65 • Total Daily Operations
- 66 • Aircraft Parking Locations
- 67 • Estimated Additional North Runway Takeoffs
- 68 • Bridge Studies
- 69 • Schedule

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71 Comments from Vancouver residents in attendance included:

- 72 • Vancouver resident said he’d be happy if the extension could be done  
73 without putting more flights over Vancouver
- 74 • Question asked: Is there pressure from Oregon residents to divert traffic  
75 over Vancouver? The answer was no, this is not the case.
- 76 • Vancouver resident stated he would prefer it if there is a written  
77 agreement between the Port and the FAA that states the north runway  
78 extension will not put more air traffic over Vancouver
- 79 • Vancouver resident states he believes the extension will cause “big and  
80 loud aircraft over downtown Vancouver.” Further “there is historical  
81 evidence that demonstrates increased traffic and noise over Vancouver.”

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83 Fletcher Hunt stated it would be nice to have a CNAC member participate in future north  
84 runway committee meetings. CNAC members could help determine the types of data  
85 collected in Port-sponsored “bridge studies” and provide an avenue for information  
86 sharing with the overall Citizen Noise Advisory Committee. Chris Corich asked Gary  
87 Thornton if he would like to attend meetings as the CNAC representative and Gary  
88 agreed to do so as his schedule allows. CNAC Vice-Chair Dave Smith offered to split the  
89 duties with Thornton; this offer was accepted.

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91 Maryhelen Kincaid stated she has asked Jason Schwartz to take a look at other airports  
92 in the United States that have runways that are similar in length to PDX and determine  
93 how those airports handle air traffic during times of runway repairs. For example, do  
94 they shut down runways completely during repairs? Jason has agreed to look into this  
95 and report back at the next meeting.

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97 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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99 Questions asked during public comment period:

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101 Q.: Does the FAA want to minimize taxi distance and time and  
102 maximize the ability to have planes turn on course?

103 A.: Yes, that is a goal of the FAA(per Laura Schneider).

104 Q.: When you have a choice between the two issues above, is it the  
105 FAA's preference that there be less time in actual flight or less time  
106 taxing on the taxi-way?

107 A.: The time in the air is what is preferred to shorten. However, in  
108 Portland it is the opposite due to single departure stream.

109 Q.: It seems likely that given the ratio of north vs. south planes, the  
110 majority of planes turn to the north. Is that accurate?

111 A.: It is the opinion of Laura Schneider that the demand for planes  
112 going to the north has decreased over the past few years. It used to  
113 be travelers had to go to Seattle and then to their final destinations.

114 Now they can go directly to their final destination from Portland.

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116 NE Portland resident Fred Stovall asked if the bridge study will focus on both daytime  
117 and nighttime operations on a single runway. Fletcher Hunt replied "essentially, yes."  
118 Fred continued by saying in terms of modeling, he believes CNAC ought to be heavily  
119 involved in any discussion about and assumptions reached that involve the INM. He  
120 also asked depending on air traffic in the future, how will PDX handle the number of  
121 aircraft coming and going safely?

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123 Sean Loughran – City of Vancouver and manager of Pearson Airfield – welcomed the  
124 committee to Vancouver saying he thinks it is great the Port is showing concern for the  
125 citizens of Vancouver by holding public meetings in that city. He also said it appears the  
126 questions and comments made from citizens at the meetings are pertinent and he  
127 appreciates committee response to them.

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129 **CARGO FEEDER ISSUE UPDATE – RACHEL WRAY**

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131 Rachel Wray presented a summary of recent public meetings held on the Regional  
132 Cargo Feeder project. Two public meetings were held in Portland in late April 2006, with  
133 approximately 30 people attending each meeting. Attendees were from neighborhoods  
134 across Portland and included a handful of people from Vancouver. Wray's presentation  
135 focused on the public comments received at the meetings; the comments were  
136 summarized for CNAC members, and hard copies of individual comments are available  
137 upon request to interested CNAC members. People who included their name and  
138 telephone number on the comment form will receive a return phone call from Noise  
139 Management Office staff.

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141 Wray also discussed the proposed work plan for a CNAC subcommittee focused on  
142 Cargo Feeder flights over Vancouver. A subcommittee of CNAC and Ad Hoc Committee  
143 members will meet with representatives of Vancouver neighborhoods and cargo feeder  
144 companies to evaluate how the principles and recommendations developed by the  
145 Regional Cargo Feeder Ad Hoc Committee will benefit Vancouver and Clark County; the  
146 subcommittee will also explore if additional recommendations are necessary.

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148 **AIRPORT NOISE REPORT – CHRIS CORICH**

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150 Dave King reported that the April 28<sup>th</sup> issue of the Airport Noise Report (ANR) has an  
151 article regarding a recently released book on European environmental noise research.  
152 He believes this would be a good reference for CNAC and is going to try to obtain a  
153 copy.

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155 Maryhelen reported reading that the FAA funding is coming up for review (in 2007).  
156 Under consideration is a proposal that operators, as opposed to passengers, pay  
157 increased taxes for airport improvement grants.

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159 **NOISE OFFICE REPORT – JERRY GERSPACH**

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161 Jerry passed out the contact summary for the month and invited members to ask  
162 questions or make comments.

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164 **ANOMS REPORT – CHRIS BLAIR**

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166 Chris reported PDX had received two proposals for the ANOMS system and has seen  
167 presentations from both companies. The Port has chosen Lochard Corporation for the  
168 vendor of the NOMS-8 monitoring system. The Port is currently in contract negotiations  
169 for the purchasing of the system. The goal is to have a signed contract by June 1, 2006.

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171 **FINAL COMMENT – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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173 Fred Hostetler was unable to attend the meeting; however, this would have been his  
174 final meeting on the CNAC. He will participate on the newly formed Hillsboro Airport  
175 Issues Roundtable committee. Washington County is in the process of finding a  
176 replacement for him on CNAC.

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178 **MEETING EVALUATION – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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180 Vicki Thompson requested that presentation documents be provided prior to upcoming  
181 meetings so members can come prepared with questions.

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183 The question was asked regarding the past CNAC meeting summaries and why there  
184 are some months missing on the Port web site. Rachel Wray informed the committee  
185 that there had been an issue with the site and that I.T. has corrected the problem. Past  
186 issues are now available on the main web site page in the Noise management section.

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188 **ADJOURNMENT – MARYHELEN KINCAID**

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190 There being no further discussion, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The  
191 motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned.

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193 *Meeting summaries are posted on our webpage at [www.portofportland.com](http://www.portofportland.com).*

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

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

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

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