

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
For October 20, 2021
Stinson Municipal Airport

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Marco Barros
2. Vaugh Caudill
3. Frank Cruz
4. Mark Fessler, Chairman
5. Marsha Hendler, Secretary
6. Earl Jackson, Jr., Vice Chairman
7. Deborah Omowale Jamon
8. Maureen McCann
9. Valerie Peak
10. Aurelina Prado
11. Diane Ruth

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

1. Marco Barros
2. Charnelle Chin
3. John Grisell
4. Ed Onwe

CITY STAFF

- Jesus H. Saenz, Jr. IAP, Director of Airports
- Nicole Fowles, Sr. Special Projects Manager/Board Liaison
- Katinka Howell, City Attorney
- Mark Triesch, City Attorney

Chairman Mark Fessler called the meeting to order at 3:48 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was determined to be present. Mr. Fessler asked the Board Liaison if there were any Public Comments to share with the Commission. It was noted that no comments were received. The chairman asked if there were any changes to the posted minutes from the August 19, 2021 meeting and a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.

Mr. Fessler asked if there were any announcements from the Commissioners; there were none made.

Recognizing that the Commission members had received updates on the Strategic Development Plan at earlier meetings, Aviation Director Jesus Saenz briefed the Commissioners on the final recommendations with a modified version of the Public Open House presentation given the night before. Mr. Saenz noted the age of both terminals (1984 for Terminal A and 2010 for Terminal B) and the rapid increase in passengers. He noted that even in post-pandemic calendar year 2021, the international passengers for San Antonio International Airport had already exceeded 2019's levels with more than two months remaining. Mr. Saenz went on to note that the airport anticipates 7 million passengers for 2021 and forecasts a return to 10 million annual passengers in 2022 and 15 million by 2040.

Mr. Saenz continued with an overview of several program and projects that had already started to help address the needs of the community, including an upcoming project to install three new gates to help support expanded and new air service. He also reminded the Commission members of the Transportation

Security Administration's (TSA) canine units that were coming to San Antonio International Airport, which will help with security at the checkpoints. He also spoke about Checkpoint Passenger Security Screening System, an upcoming pilot program with TSA to provide advanced security procedures at the checkpoints. He also spoke of the Baggage Handling System which requires expansion to meet the current and forecasted needs of the airport.

Mr. Saenz then went through the proposed implementation plan describing the major components of each. He noted that the phasing of the plans and timing would be tied with passenger levels and funding availability.

Phase 1 (Now through 2026)

- Construction of three new gates and expansion of the baggage handling system (already approved by City Council)
- Advanced planning and environmental services for projects in current and future phases such as new terminal, parking/intermodal center and airfield expansion
- Air cargo expansion
- Expansion of the electrical capacity

Phase 2 (2027-2030):

- Phased construction for a new terminal and parking/intermodal center
- Terminal roadway realignment to reduce congestion
- Planning and design for Terminal A improvements and parking garage expansion
- Construction of the consolidated receiving/distribution facility

Phase 3 (2031-2035)

- Terminal A renovation and reconstruction of south concourse
- Design of centralized checkpoint and Terminal A north concourse
- Relocation of Air Traffic Control Tower
- Construction of parking garage expansion

Phase 4 (Beyond 2035)

- Construction of centralized checkpoint and reconstruction of Terminal A north concourse
- Construction of new airport entrance from Loop 410

Mr. Saenz then provided the Commission with a review of the final airfield, terminal and roadway recommendations. He also provided the cost range of the Phase 1 Terminal Development Plan -- \$880 to \$950 million and described the various funding sources which include federal grants, airport bonds, passenger facility charges and user fees.

He provided an overview on the public outreach efforts, including the upcoming community meetings. He noted that while the City Council would receive the briefing on the final recommendations on November 10 and vote on the plan on November 18, the Department would continue to brief organizations and community groups and hear their comments. He asked members to please let staff know if they had other organizations that would like to receive this briefing.

Mr. Saenz ended his presentation by encouraging Commission members to continue to ask question and share the information with their co-workers, neighbors and others.

Commission members offered the following comments or questions:

- Do we have service to South America?
 - No. We are having conversations with airlines on service to Central and South America.
- On the topic of population growth, did the consultant look at the entire region or just Bexar County?
 - We used zip codes [regardless of the county] to track where passengers were coming from.
- Counties to the south of Bexar really have to use San Antonio International Airport.
 - Between 2015 to 2019, we saw an increase of passengers in the amount of 2 million.
- What does the approval of the plan on November 18 mean?
 - The City Council will vote to accept the recommendations and authorize the City to submit the plan to the Federal Aviation Administration. The submittal of the plan will allow the Department to seek funding from federal agencies.
- Can you add another Terminal (a Terminal D)?
 - Yes. We will have to make changes and relocate facilities.
- How does this plan impact the military activities at Randolph Air Force Base. We don't want to lose those missions.
 - We have a good relationship with our military partners and support their activities.
- Have you presented this plan to communities outside of Bexar County or the City?
 - Our stakeholder advisory group has representation from various cities and counties. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with any group or community organization on this plan.
- What is the "fudge" factor?
 - It is about 6%.
- When will the Highway 281 Flyover be lowered?
 - The programming will need to be coordinated with various entities including Texas Department of Transportation.
- I believe this project would fall under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. I would encourage you to start the discussions with them now while they are considering their call for projects.
- How is the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise accountability for construction projects tracked?
 - Many of these projects will be federally funded and require meeting the DBE goal. Other projects which are not federally funded or eligible for reimbursement from federal funds will be solicited under the City's Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) program.
- Do local firms receive extra points?
 - For any project receiving or eligible for receiving federal funds, geographic preference is not allowed. For projects solicited under the SBEDA program, and pending the type of contract and contract amount, there are generally points added for local firms.
 - We have had a public outreach event to allow local and national firms to learn more about upcoming projects and introduce themselves to each other for team forming (for both DBE and SBEDA projects).
 - We would be happy to add anyone to our Small Business Team's outreach efforts to you know about upcoming events.

This meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.