

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2010
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)**

In accordance with Act 1999-58 amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes as amended, the following is a report of deliberations and actions of the Commonwealth's Aviation Advisory Committee (ACC) for the year 2010.

The 2010 AAC officers were Mr. Robert W. Shaffer, Chairman, Mark Murawski, Vice Chairman and Richard J. Biery, Secretary. The Advisory Committee held four (4) formal meetings of the Advisory Committee in 2010. It also should be noted that the various Subcommittees communicated by means of informal meetings, telephone, e-mail and internet conference communications which included involvement with PennDOT Bureau of Aviation personnel.

The following Subcommittees have assisted and advised the AAC in performing its' functions through 2010.

The Planning Subcommittee, Mr. Mark Murawski, Chairman:

The major focus of activity for 2010 has been to work with PennDOT Bureau of Aviation to greatly improve municipal compliance with the State Airport Hazard Zoning Act through outreach with airport operators, municipal officials and Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Rural Planning Organizations, PA State Association of Township Officials, PA Association of Boroughs and PA Department of Community and Economic Development. PennDOT BOA held a series of workshops throughout the Commonwealth to explain to municipal officials, solicitors, planning agencies, airport operators and other appropriate stakeholder organizations the proper procedures that should be followed to enact an airport hazard zoning ordinance, review land development proposals and enforce said ordinance to ensure safe and compatible land use patterns surrounding our airports throughout the Commonwealth in compliance with the Act. PennDOT BOA is already reporting positive results with increased municipal compliance with the Act and is encouraged further compliance will occur in 2011.

The Planning Sub-Committee has also been working closely with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations, (MPO's) and Rural Planning Organizations, (RPO's) to strengthen the transportation planning and programming processes by promoting greater awareness and understanding regarding the importance of establishing vital aviation system components to MPO/RPO Long Range Transportation Plans currently being updated in compliance with federal requirements. This effort will also continue in 2011.

The Air Services Subcommittee, Mr. Gabe Monzo, Co-Chairman:

2009 was a very tumultuous year for air service with Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, and several other airports increasing service by a variety of air carriers. Along with that we saw Cape Air chose not to be a part of the Pittsburgh Connector. We are in the beginning stages of establishing Gulfstream International service between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg with additional service to Dubois. Those cities could initiate the start of the Pittsburgh Connector. We are rolling with the punches and taking what we can get. I must say that the group of individuals that are working toward the re-establishment of air service in this State are really being creative in their thought process and I, along with many are looking forward thru 2011 to meet the challenges that face us.

The Aviation Systems/Infrastructure Subcommittee, Mr. Brad Penrod, Chairman:

Given the importance of airport infrastructure and systems to the safety and economic health of the Commonwealth, this past year has been focused on stressing the critical importance of a long term FAA reauthorization and increase in the federally approved level of the passenger facility charge. A long term FAA reauthorization program is vital to the ability of airport sponsors to be able to plan an effective capital program. These two programs alone will allow a long term funding stream for much needed airport infrastructure/systems, while also producing high quality jobs. As the aviation infrastructure continues to age, we can no longer afford temporary funding streams.

The AAC continues to hear reports and offer discussion on numerous topics affecting the Pennsylvania Aviation Industry. Examples include Aviation Industry Taxation, Willow Grove Airstrip Strategic Importance, Statewide Aviation System Plan, Legislative Issues and Updates, PA Aviation Council Updates and Federal & State Funding Levels.

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