ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2011
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 2011.

The 2011 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 2011. 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 2011.

The Planning Subcommittee, Mr. Mark Murawski, Chairman

The major focus of activity for 2011 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 2012.

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 2012.

The Planning Sub-Committee is beginning to monitor the Marcellus Shale gas exploration impacts on commercial air service and general aviation activity at PA airports and is attempting to improve communication and coordination among airport operators, air carriers, fixed base operators, planning officials, PennDOT BOA and gas industry representatives to address any unmet air service needs in order to realize the full economic development potential for the Commonwealth, PA airports and local

communities. The planning sub-committee will also address unmet aviation needs as part of an overall strategy to target Marcellus Shale Impact fee investments toward aviation improvements where justified and will work closely with airports, counties, local municipalities and other agencies where appropriate to help ensure eligible aviation projects related to Marcellus activity are given careful consideration.

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

2011 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 2012 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 (PFC). Though Congress has approved a long term FAA reauthorization program, they failed to increase or remove the cap on the PFC program. It is vital that airport sponsors are able to plan an effective long term capital program, based on a predictable source of funding. A long term funding stream that keeps pace with inflation and allows us to ensure the improvements and rehabilitation of much needed airport infrastructure/systems, while also producing high quality jobs is in the best interest of the Commonwealth. As our aviation infrastructure continues to age, we can no longer afford temporary funding programs, and all must realize there is a consistent demand for aviation capital programs. The Transportation Infrastructure Task Force recommendation on increased funding for critical aviation systems is vital for the future of the industry and the Commonwealth.

The General Aviation Safety Subcommittee, Mr. Gary Hudson

This past years' focus was on the revised general airport security regulations from the TSA, specifically the Large Aircraft Security Program. The original revision completion date set by the TSA for the Large Aircraft Security Program was March 2011. After further consideration and feedback the TSA plans to revisit the definition and program requirements. The information collected shows that the practical, feasible application of security guidelines proves to be troublesome. The Aviation Security Summit was held on December 12-13, 2011, with Mr. Gary Hudson in attendance.

Congressional hearings will be held to address the technical issues of the Light Squared proposal. This technology has the intent of using high-powered cell phone towers to improve cell phone coverage in the country. The frequency band would be

adjacent to the frequency used by GPS receivers used for navigation of aircraft, maritime vessels, trucks and cars, causing industry concerns.

The Intermodal Systems Committee

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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