

Telephone Conversation/Meeting Summary

Boston Logan Airport Noise Study Logan International Airport

DATE: 12/04/07
TIME: 4:30 p.m. EST

Telephone Conversation
 Meeting
 Other

SUBJECT: Phase 2 Bi-Weekly Project Management Call

SUMMARY PREPARED BY: Rick Peloquin

DATE PREPARED: 12/05/07

ATTENDEES (include affiliation):

Name	Affiliation
Steve Smith	PC
Jon Woodward	IC
Terry English	FAA
Richard Doucette	FAA
Jerry Falbo	CAC (Winthrop)
Sandra Kunz	CAC (Braintree)
Flavio Leo	Massport

OBSERVERS (include affiliation):

Name	Affiliation
John Stewart	CAC (Boston)
Marianne McCabe	CAC (Marshfield)
Buddy Borgioli	CAC (Swampscott)
Maura Zlody	City of Boston

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Attendance:

Steve Smith took attendance.

Approval of 11/13/07 Meeting Notes:

The notes were approved without any changes.

Action Item Status:

S. Smith provided updates on the action items from the prior meeting. All action items were addressed as follows:

2005 vs 2006 Comparison Memorandum

S. Smith stated that PC is still waiting to receive the 2005 and 2006 EDR contours from Massport. In regard to the Noise Modeling Protocol, S. Smith said that he is going through the responses that PC has received from Wyle. He also said that he will need the help of IC during this process to provide responses to noise measurement comments.

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S. Smith reiterated that the comment period for the Noise Protocol closed at the end of November.

PC received a last minute email from S. Lathrop which stated that he felt that the Noise Modeling Protocol is inaccurate. J. Falbo asked S. Smith to respond to S. Lathrop's comments. S. Smith explained that there is no way to achieve 100% accurate and perfect modeling, as this system is based on averages. However, the attempt is to make it as accurate as possible. When S. Smith asked J. Woodward about his opinion on this topic, he responded by voicing his objection to the listing of authors in the Noise Protocol, but said that he is comfortable with the way that it has been designed. He also stated that PC is going above and beyond any other modeling that has ever been done. S. Smith also added that PC is confident that IC can provide feedback to CAC questions regarding the protocol because IC is a co-author and extensively reviewed the proposed protocol. Therefore, the request for PC to present the protocol at a CAC meeting seems to be a duplicate of effort. However, if the CAC as a group feels strongly about PC attendance, PC would consider attending. CAC chairs did not indicate the need for PC to attend a CAC meeting.

Action Item: (1) F. Leo to talk to F. Iavocino about getting requested data.

PC Budget Status of Each Task

S. Smith provided a BLANS Project Schedule Update and a BLANS Project Consultant Budget Status. These items were used to see where the project is at in real time and to show the preliminary/estimated timeline. S. Smith addressed a concern in relation to the contract end date (6/2009) and the forecasted completion date (3Q 2010). The focus must be to address this issue and to figure out how to pick up the pace and condense certain aspects to speed up the progression of this project. S. Smith also mentioned that there are certain tasks that will not be funded past the contract end date such as project management. These task are budgeted based on contract duration. J. Falbo asked about Change Orders, but S. Smith said that Change Orders would not be issued at this time. It is too early in the process to make such a request, instead, we need to identify opportunities to condense the schedule. IC also provided its budget and billing status report through the end of October 2007.

T. English and F. Leo stated their appreciation for this information and advised that they will be done on a monthly basis.

There was a discussion about the upcoming BOSTAC meeting in January '08. S. Kunz asked what would happen if the CAC isn't prepared with their list of Alternatives by the meeting date. There were a couple suggestions as to what can be done which will be listed under the PRAS discussion later in these notes.

Critical Path Items

Critical path items were discussed. The first one was the identification of noise abatement concepts. Based on the baseline timeline, identification of concepts would be available by the end of the 2nd Quarter of 2007. As discussed previously, CAC may not be prepared to present concepts at the January 24th, 2008 BOS/TAC meeting. PMT agreed to wait until after the upcoming December CAC meeting to determine if CAC will be prepared to present. If not, PMT will discuss alternative meeting dates.

The next item discussed was that the noise measurement process has been completed. However, IC has not analyzed the data.

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The final item talked about was the need for a general consensus from BOS/TAC and CAC on the Noise Modeling Protocol. F. Leo voiced his concern as to why it has taken so long to reach a consensus, considering that there weren't many comments that were submitted regarding the protocol. He is frustrated with this because it is causing a delay. S. Smith added that there weren't any major issues with the protocol, but PC committed to provide responses to those comments received. As reported, PC is in the process of drafting responses and is working hard to complete the next version and accompanying responses. A consensus from CAC is preferable, but ultimately the decision to accept lies with the FAA because this is a federally-funded project. During the next CAC meeting, S. Kunz said that CAC would call for a motion to obtain a consensus regarding this matter. J. Falbo was in agreement.

PRAS Discussion:

Task Scope

There was a discussion about PRAS and if PMT felt that conducting the scoped task should be started sooner than later. As part of the SOW, there will be two meetings scheduled regarding this topic. S. Smith emphasized that it is crucial to start the discussion on PRAS prior to or at the beginning of concept discussions, and would like to schedule a meeting as soon as possible. J. Woodward noted that PRAS is a complex issue and concurred with S. Smith's recommendation of starting discussion on this topic soon. There was talk about possibly having this meeting in place of the January 2008 BOSTAC meeting in the event that CAC does not have their Concepts ready to present. If this occurs, the BOSTAC meeting would be rescheduled in February 2008. The other option is to have the PRAS discussion meeting a day before the 1/24/08 BOSTAC meeting. The CAC will hold discussions to determine who will attend the PRAS meeting. F. Leo suggested that CAC form a PRAS subcommittee.

BOS/TAC Meeting:

Meeting Agenda

The agenda consists of CAC presenting their concepts and general consensus on the Noise Modeling Protocol to BOSTAC.

Meeting Time and Duration

Since there was not enough time to discuss this topic, it will be discussed on the next PMT Call.

Organization Chart Update

The FAA is almost finished with the organization chart and was looking for any comments from the CAC or Massport. However, during this call, it was determined that there weren't any comments.

S. Smith asked about the CAC advisors. S. Kunz raised a question about keeping Fred Salvucci in the CAC advisory box. She mentioned that he is very busy lecturing and wants to try to get him to attend the next CAC meeting. Both Rod Hobson and Fred Salvucci will remain on the organization chart under CAC Advisors.

Fanning Departures Information:

During the last PMT call, CAC requested that someone from FAA – particularly TRACON – attend the next CAC meeting to explain Fanning departures. Instead of having someone attend, FAA has answered specific CAC questions in writing. J. Woodward advised PMT that there is not a real need to have an FAA employee attend the CAC meeting, since there are several

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members of the IC who know about this procedure and can address questions related to noise abatement and operational efficiency.

Forum Update:

PC is working with Dick Morrison, a CAC member, to distribute a survey developed by PC to capture comments regarding the web forum. The goal is to use the information from the survey to answer questions (e.g. rules, usability, etc) and to make adjustments as necessary. The survey needs further modification prior to being sent out. It was also noted that the discussion side of the forum will remain offline until after the next BOS/TAC meeting in January 2008.

Miscellaneous:

No miscellaneous items were discussed since the allotted call time had expired.