

AGENDA



AIRPORT PLANNING & NEPA WORKSHOP DECEMBER 7-9, 2022 THE DUPONT CIRCLE HOTEL • WASHINGTON, DC



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Welcome and Overview of Planning & NEPA Processes Setting the stage for subsequent sessions, we will introduce you many of the critical “whys” and “hows” of airport development planning and NEPA processes as well as the critical linkages between them. Starting with the fundamental question of why airports need development plans, we will move onto the typical steps in both planning and NEPA efforts, and the roles of key stakeholders in these efforts. Moderator: Chris Oswald, Senior Vice President, Safety and Regulatory Affairs, ACI-NA Panelists: Josh Fitzpatrick, Environmental Protection Specialist, FAA Mike Hines, Manager, Planning & Environmental Division, FAA Cameron Modjeski, Director, Ricondo & Associates Autumn Ward, Principal, ESA Airports Gregg Wollard, Manager-Department of Planning, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Morning Break

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>Planning and Environmental Evaluation in a Post-Pandemic Era—What’s Changed and What Hasn’t</p> <p>Many airports put long-term development planning on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the aviation industry has emerged an event unprecedented in the jet age, it is important to assess the elements of planning and environmental review that have been affected by post-pandemic realities and those elements that haven’t. In this session, we will catch up with the current state of airport physical and environmental planning in the 2020s.</p> <p>Moderator: Chris Oswald, Senior Vice President, Safety and Regulatory Affairs, ACI-NA</p> <p>Panelists: Mike Hines, Manager, Planning & Environmental Division, FAA Sandy Lancaster, Assistant Vice President-Environmental Development Programs, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Cameron Modjeski, Director, Ricondo & Associates Jean Wolfers-Lawrence, Airport Environmental Branch Manager, FAA Gregg Wollard, Manager-Department of Planning, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority</p>
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	<p>Lunch</p>
1:15 PM – 2:30 PM	<p>Stakeholders: Productive and Successful Engagement Starts from the Beginning</p> <p>Every airport planning and NEPA process involves an array of stakeholders—those internal to the airport, the surrounding community, and the broader region. Effectively engaging these stakeholders is an essential component to successful planning and is compulsory in many NEPA processes. In this session we will talk about ways to engage stakeholders throughout the life of a project, and the evolving processes and platforms available for engagement.</p> <p>Moderator: Joan Zatopek, Aviation Planning & Development Manager, Oakland International Airport</p> <p>Panelists: Aaron Ray, Senior Manager, Aviation Long-Range Planning, Port of Portland, Portland International Airport Autumn Ward, Principal, ESA Airports Beth White, Senior Strategist for Public and Industry Engagement, FAA Air Traffic Organization</p>
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	<p>Afternoon Break</p>
3:00 PM – 4:15 PM	<p>Project Justification—From a Glimmer in the Eye to a Defensible Purpose & Need</p> <p>In this session, we will focus on the “why?” behind airport capital development projects and the importance of addressing this question consistently and defensibly throughout planning and NEPA efforts.</p> <p>Moderator: Mary Vigilante, President, Synergy Consultants, Inc.</p> <p>Panelists: Greg Albjerg, Vice President, Senior Aviation Consultant, HNTB Corporation Kent Duffy, Operations Research Analyst, FAA Steve Rybolt, Senior Environmental Program Manager, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport</p>

4:15PM - 5:30 PM	<p>Forecasting in an Era of Significant Uncertainty</p> <p>Aviation forecasting has always been a combination of art and data. In the 21st century, aviation has already dealt with a number of shocks to the system (9/11, Great Recession, COVID-19), which add complexity to any forecast. In this session, we will discuss lessons learned from forecasting efforts, and approaches that airports and FAA are using for the forecasts that underpin so much of the planning and NEPA work being addressed in this conference.</p> <p>Moderator: Joan Zatopek, Aviation Planning & Development Manager, Oakland International Airport</p> <p>Panelists: Kane Carpenter, Environmental Services Manager, City of Austin, Department of Aviation Kent Duffy, Operations Research Analyst, FAA Chris DiPrima, Airport Planner, Planning & Environmental Affairs, San Francisco Airport Commission Jeff Stanley, Vice President, Ricondo & Associates</p>
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	<p>Welcome Reception</p>
<p>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8</p>	
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<p>Registration</p>
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<p>Breakfast</p>
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	<p>Interactive Airport Planning Exercise</p> <p>The second day of the Workshop will start with you and your involvement in an interactive airport planning exercise pulled from real world experiences. Working in teams, which will include seasoned professionals, you will be asked to develop an initial planning scope, assessment of critical planning issues, and potential planning pitfalls for a major U.S. airport. Come to plan!</p> <p>Panelists: Dave Full, Vice President, RS&H Cameron Modjeski, Director, Ricondo & Associates Aaron Ray, Senior Manager, Aviation Long-Range Planning, Port of Portland/Portland International Airport Steve Rybolt, Senior Environmental Program Manager, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Mary Vigilante, President, Synergy Consultants, Inc.</p>
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10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>No One Can Do It Alone: Navigating the Roles Airports, Consultants, and the FAA Play in Planning & NEPA</p> <p>In the United States, airport planning and NEPA-driven environmental reviews are almost always collaborative, team-based efforts that involve expert resources from the airport sponsor’s own organization, specialty consultants, and the FAA. Effective coordination among these three entities can make the difference between a successful effort and one that becomes mired in conflict and confusion. In this session, we will explore the roles each of these parties play in planning and environmental review efforts as well as techniques that can be employed to make the coordination and collaboration among them more effective.</p> <p>Moderator: Steve Rybolt, Senior Environmental Program Manager, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport</p> <p>Panelists: Kane Carpenter, Environmental Services Manager, City of Austin, Department of Aviation Kevin Clarke, Director of Planning, Maryland Aviation Administration Josh Fitzpatrick, Environmental Protection Specialist, FAA Lisa Lesperance, Lead Community Planner, FAA Brad Rolf, Vice President, Mead & Hunt, Inc. Gregg Wollard, Manager-Department of Planning, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority</p>	
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch	
1:15 PM – 2:30 PM	<p>The Future of Airport Resiliency</p> <p>Changing climate conditions are vastly accelerating impacts to airport infrastructure and operations and pose unique challenges to near- and long-term planning. This session will explore ways in which airports are working to become more resilient, federal initiatives that seek to address this challenge, and implications for the airport planning process.</p> <p>Moderator: Neal Wolfe, Principal Associate, ESA Airports</p> <p>Panelists: Joseph Gale, Environmental Project Manager, EXP Alan Strasser, Environmental Protection Specialist, FAA Jen Wolchansky, Project Manager, Mead & Hunt</p>	<p>Special Purpose Laws</p> <p>Although for most airport projects, FAA is the lead federal agency responsible for coordinating NEPA efforts, a variety of other federal agencies have jurisdiction over certain categories of environmental impacts through an array of special purpose laws. This session will focus on how to deal with these agencies and these laws.</p> <p>Moderator: Sandy Lancaster, Assistant Vice President-Environmental Development Programs, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport</p> <p>Panelists: Dave Full, Vice President, RS&H Gail Orendorff, Manager-Environmental Law Branch, FAA TJ Roskelley, Partner, Anderson Kreiger</p>
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<p>3:00 PM - 4:15 PM</p>	<p>The Evolution of Environmental Justice and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Considerations in Planning & NEPA</p> <p>Identifying and understanding the Environmental Justice impacts of airport projects is a requirement under NEPA regulations, but the analysis often occurs after the project planning process is well underway and a preferred alternative has been identified. This approach does not always provide communities and stakeholders with an opportunity to engage early in the planning process and develop a productive dialog with the airport. The airport industry has started to recognize the importance of engaging with historically disadvantaged communities earlier in the planning process to develop better outcomes. In addition, the Biden Administration has elevated the importance of equity and Environmental Justice in its policy agenda. Additional funding is directed to historically marginalized, underserved, and overburdened communities through the Justice40 Initiative, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is working on Phase 2 NEPA rules to focus on strengthening environmental justice. In this session, we will hear from the FAA and industry on best practices for considering environmental justice in the airport planning and NEPA processes, how this has evolved over time and regulatory developments.</p> <p>Moderator: Katherine Preston, Director, Aviation Environmental Services, HMMH</p> <p>Panelists: Steve Culberson, Vice President, Ricondo & Associates Colleen Liang, Port Environmental Supervisor, Port of Oakland Michon Washington, Environmental Protection Specialist, FAA</p>
<p>4:15 PM – 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Section 163 and What it Means for Planning & NEPA Processes</p> <p>Section 163—a statutory provision from the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018—substantially changed the roles and responsibilities of airport sponsors and the FAA under certain conditions. In this session we will discuss these changes and how they need to be considered in your airport planning and NEPA efforts.</p> <p>Moderator: Chris Oswald, Senior Vice President-Safety & Regulatory Affairs, ACI-NA</p> <p>Panelists: Dave Full, Vice President, RS&H Michael Lawrance, Airport Planning Specialist, FAA Kelly Moulton, Managing Planner, C&S Companies Aaron Ray, Senior Manager, Aviation Long-Range Planning, Port of Portland/Portland International Airport</p>

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	<p>Interactive Airport NEPA Exercise</p> <p>We will build from where we left off our planning exercise on Thursday. Transitioning to NEPA, we will work together interactively to develop a NEPA strategy for our real-world airport example and address how to effectively utilize prior planning work in the NEPA process.</p> <p>Panelists: Dave Full, Vice President, RS&H Cameron Modjeski, Director, Ricondo & Associates Aaron Ray, Senior Manager, Aviation Long-Range Planning, Port of Portland/Portland International Airport Steve Rybolt, Senior Environmental Program Manager, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Mary Vigilante, President, Synergy Consultants, Inc.</p>
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Morning Break
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>Emerging Trends in Airport Planning & NEPA</p> <p>In this breakout session, airport planning practitioners will explore emerging trends that are impacting both near and long-term airport planning efforts.</p> <p>Moderator: Steve Ryan, Director, Ricondo & Associates</p> <p>Panelists: John Fortune, Program Manager-Science & Technology Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Susan Tam, Senior Airport Planner, San Francisco International Airport John van Woensel, National Aviation Planning Manager & Vice President, WSP USA Jessica Wyatt, Associate Vice President, HNTB</p>
12:00 PM- 1:00 PM	<p>Lunch and Information Sharing</p> <p>Grab a box lunch and come back for our final session where we will address any additional planning and NEPA topics of interest.</p> <p>Facilitators: Chris Oswald, Senior Vice President-Safety & Regulatory Affairs, ACI-NA Melinda Pagliarello, Managing Director-Environmental Affairs, ACI-NA T.J. Schulz, President, ACC</p>