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PENNSYLVANIA AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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December 14, 2023 MEETING AGENDA

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

RIVERFRONT OFFICE CENTER, (ROC)

1101 South Front Street

Harrisburg, PA 17104 (Room 4409 4th Floor)

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- A. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME – Chairman Robert Shaffer
- B. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS – Mark Murawski, Secretary
- C. SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL – Chairman Shaffer
- D. PENNDOT BUREAU OF AVIATION UPDATE – Anthony McCloskey, BOA Director
- E. ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS (Vice Chair & Secretary) – Chairman Shaffer
- F. STATUS OF AAC VACANT SEATS & RE-APPOINTMENTS – Anthony McCloskey
- G. AVIATION COUNCIL OF PA UPDATE – Gabe Monzo
- H. PENNSYLVANIA TAKES FLIGHT INITIATIVE UPDATE -Mark Murawski
- I. JOINT AAC/ACP SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
 - o Aviation Funding – Chair, Mark Murawski
 - o Aviation Workforce, Economic Impact and Partnerships – Chair, Cory Cree
 - o Air Freight and Commercial Air Service – Interim Chair, Mark Murawski
 - o Aviation Technology – Co-Chairs, Tes Ali & David Heath
 - o Legislative and Policy – Co-Chairs, David Heath & Mark Murawski
- J. OLD BUSINESS – Chairman Shaffer
 - 1. Status of PA AAC Website Enhancements – Mark Murawski
- K. NEW BUSINESS – Chairman Shaffer
- L. ADOPT 2024 MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS – Chairman Shaffer
 - March 14, 2024
 - June 13, 2024
 - September 12, 2024
 - December 12, 2024
- M. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Shaffer

PLEASE NOTE: Tes Ali is arranging for AAC member photos to be taken at the meeting for the website update.

Mark Murawski

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PA AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER (As of 12/7/23)

AAC Voting Member	Representing	Designated Voting Alternate
Robert Shaffer	Chair	Mark Murawski (AAC Vice Chair as per Bylaws)
Mark Murawski	Vice-Chair/Secretary	Richard Howell
VACANT-David Heath (Pending Gov Appt)	Pilots	
Secretary Mike Carroll	PennDOT	Anthony McCloskey, PennDOT BOA Director
Secretary Rick Siger	PA DCED	Jessica Passiment
Senator Wayne Langerholc	Senate Trans. Committee Majority Chair	Nolan Ritchie
Senator Marty Flynn	Senate Trans. Committee Minority Chair	Justin Genismore
Representative Ed Neilson	House Trans. Committee Majority Chair	Blade Kline
Representative Kerry Benninghoff	House Trans. Committee Minority Chair	Josiah Shelly or Laryssa Gaughen
Carl Beardsley	Aviation Council	Not Designated
Tim Edwards	Aviation Council	Not Designated
John Minninger	Aviation Council	
Steve Keefer	Airline Industry	Matthew Kernan
Wade Steel	Airline Industry	Not Designated
Gabe Monzo	PA Airport System	Deb Bowman
Gary Hudson	PA Airport System	Not Designated
BJ Teichman	PA Airport System	Lisa Dooley
Keith Brune	PA Airport System	Shane Doud
VACANT-Dr. Larry Nulton (Pending Gov. Appt)	Fixed Base Operator	
Michael Ruane	Metro. Planning Organization	Michael Boyer
Chuck Brewer	General Public	Not Designated
Brian Phillips	General Public	Not Designated
Andrew Allen	Aviation Manufacturing	Not Designated
Tes Ali	General Public	Kelly Hill
Vacant-David Fiore (Pending Gov. Appt)	Air Cargo	

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SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS & ALTERNATES IN ATTENDANCE: Chair Robert Shaffer, Mark Murawski, Tony McCloskey, David Heath, Tim Edwards, Justin Gensimore, Chuck Brewer, Tes Ali, Nolan Ritchie, Jessica Passiment, John Mininger, Wade Steel, BJ Teichman, Carl Adkins.

GUESTS: Mary Bethea, Emily Stair, Mark Matlock

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Robert Shaffer called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Secretary Mark Murawski performed the roll call of members. A voting quorum was achieved necessary to conduct business in accordance with the bylaws. (Some members and alternates attended remotely.)

JUNE 8, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Shaffer declared the meeting minutes approved without objection.

PENNDOT BUREAU OF AVIATION (BOA) UPDATE

Mr. Tony McCloskey, PennDOT BOA Director, began his briefing by referring to the NASAO conference that was just held in Arkansas. BOA staff were well represented at this conference that was attended by aviation leaders from 38 states. It was acknowledged that BJ Teichman's presentation on airport community outreach was outstanding and well received. Tony was involved in the aviation workforce development and education forum. Efforts are being made to build a pipeline of aviation education among the 1,400 high schools in PA as a platform for future aviation careers. Oklahoma is one leader in this respect for establishing a framework for a minimum level of aviation education. Tony also spoke of the need to build an infrastructure supporting emerging aviation technology and try to showcase successes. A public – private partnership approach for aviation education and emerging aviation technology building in PA is essential to progress and achievement. Tony also noted that Tom Tomcyck will be receiving the state distinguished service award which is well deserved for his fine career at BOA and Tony is very pleased to present it to Tom. The next NASAO conference will be held in Pittsburgh on September 7-11, 2024 and PennDOT Secretary Carroll is planning to participate. Close coordination with PennDOT and the Governor's Office is occurring now to ensure a great

conference. Tony concluded that BOA staff will be attending the Aviation Council of PA 2023 Aviation Conference in Bethlehem and E-Grants assistance will be a focus. Chairman Shaffer noted the new flight academy is now operational at the DuBois-Jefferson County Airport and a dormitory is even being constructed at the airport for student housing.

STATUS OF AAC MEMBER VACANCIES

Mark Murawski indicated that numerous members are seeking re-appointments due to expired three-year terms. Also, three seats need filled due to resignations, including Ed Lozano who has just resigned and has served as AAC Vice-Chair. The AAC has recommended David Fiore, Dr. Larry Nulton and David Heath for member appointments by Governor Shapiro as the replacements and Tony is working with the Governor's Office to secure the necessary approvals. In terms of the AAC Vice-Chair vacancy, Tes Ali motioned for Mark Murawski to serve as Interim Vice-Chair to complete the 2023 term that was seconded by Chuck Brewer and unanimously approved. A 2024 election of officers (Vice Chair and Secretary) will be held at the December meeting.

PA AVIATION COUNCIL (ACP) UPDATE

Mary Bethea, ACP, put in a plug for the 43rd PA Aviation Conference to be held on October 9-11, 2023 at the Historic Bethlehem Hotel. The Lehigh Valley Airport is the host sponsor. October 9 will be a scholarship funding event. Mary encouraged strong attendance and indicated that you can still secure a room for the conference as well as sponsor and exhibit. Also, ACP launched a new website this week.

PENNSYLVANIA TAKES FLIGHT INITIATIVE

Mark Murawski provided an overview of the PA Takes Flight Initiative. Essentially, this initiative consists of a legislative framework to implement various recommendations contained in the STC approved TAC Aviation Study completed in December, 2022 and is a follow-up to PA Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Langerholc's public hearing at the Johnstown Airport held in April 2023 regarding the State of PA Aviation. Mark expressed thanks to Nolan Ritchie for working with the AAC to identify those recommendations in the TAC report that would require state legislation to implement. Mark then consolidated these recommendations as part of a white paper that was issued by the PA AAC and PA ACP using the tagline "PA Takes Flight Initiative" which was included with the meeting packet. Mark then reviewed the major elements of this white paper that would address aviation funding, aviation workforce development, commercial air service and air freight, emerging technologies and land use. The white paper suggests formation of a joint PA AAC and ACP Task Force Chaired by Mark and Dr. Larry Nulton, who were also the co-chairs of the TAC Aviation Study Task Force. The Task Force would work closely with the General Assembly and the Shapiro Administration to develop a consensus on those TAC recommendations that could be included as a framework in crafting a comprehensive state aviation bill rather than trying to secure separate legislation on 25 different recommendations. Tim Edwards motioned for approval of the PA Takes Flight Initiative white paper which was seconded by John Mininger and unanimously approved. Chairman Shaffer

indicated that the next steps would be to have a series of exploratory meetings with legislative and administration officials hopefully this fall to further advance this legislative proposal.

CHECKLIST FOR PA LEGISLATIVE EVENTS AT AIRPORTS

Nolan Ritchie referred to the material contained in the meeting informational packet regarding a checklist for holding legislative events at airports and emphasized this is a DRAFT work in progress where he is looking for feedback prior to its finalization. Nolan then proceeded to go over the nine main areas making up the checklist.

FINALIZE AND LAUNCH JOINT AAC/ACP RESTRUCTURED SUB-COMMITTEES

Mark Murawski outlined the final scope of work for five restructured sub-committees that would be re-aligned to address the TAC Aviation Study recommendations by major focus area as follows:

Aviation Funding Sub-Committee

Aviation Workforce, Economic Impact and Partnerships Sub-committee

Air Freight and Commercial Air Service Sub-committee

Aviation Technology Sub-committee

Legislative and Policy Sub-committee

Each of these sub-committees will be jointly co-chaired by a representative from AAC and ACP. All members are encouraged to sign up for at least one of these sub-committees who will then designate/re-confirm their co-chairs and kick-off each of their sub-committee meetings. Some of these subcommittees need a Chair identified. Mark reviewed the list of members that have signed up for each of the sub-committees and indicated that meetings should begin this fall with a report out issued by the Chairs at the AAC December 14, 2023 meeting. Should the PA Takes Flight Task Force be convened, then it is expected that these five sub-committees will focus more on the non-legislative recommendations contained in the TAC report to avoid duplication of efforts. Mark will reach out to Committee Chairs to begin the work.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark noted that he is working with Susan Heimberger at PennDOT to complete a comprehensive update of the AAC website. One area of assistance needed from AAC members will be the member profile section of the website that could include a photo and brief bio of each member. Tes Ali volunteered to arrange to take the photos at the next AAC meeting in December to make the process more efficient which all agreed was a great idea. While the website is being reconstructed there may be a period of downtime involved. Mark is taking the lead in giving Susan the materials she needs to populate the links and a website mock up is underway.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chairman Shaffer said the next PA AAC meeting date is scheduled for December 14, 2023 at a location to be determined. There was general discussion about a suitable location for future AAC meetings with the ROC, Keystone Building 8th Floor Conference Room, Fish and Boat Headquarters or having it at a Harrisburg airport or even rotating to other PA Airports but no consensus was reached. Main considerations are parking accessibility and convenience and adequate room accommodations. Also, if rotating to other airports, travel considerations that limit attendance must be considered.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Shaffer adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Murawski, Secretary

PA Aviation Advisory Committee

PA AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AVIATION COUNCIL OF PA
JOINT SUB-COMMITTEES
(MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 12/7/23)

The PA Aviation Advisory Committee, (AAC) and Aviation Council of PA, (ACP) have jointly formed the following five sub-committees with the primary purpose of implementing the **PA Aviation Strategic Investment Plan** recommendations approved by the State Transportation Advisory Committee, (TAC) and State Transportation Commission, (STC) in December, 2022. A separate AAC/ACP Joint Legislative Task Force is also been formed to advance the **PA Takes Flight Initiative**, a framework developed by AAC/ACP to advance comprehensive state aviation legislation also recommended by the TAC study.

AVIATION FUNDING

Co-Chairs: Mark Murawski, (AAC)

Members: Dave Heath, Mike Ruane, Sean Collins, Brittany Davies, Tony McCloskey, Gabe Monzo, Tes Ali, Tyler Laughlin, BJ Teichman, Dr. Larry Nulton, Brian Phillips, Shane Doud, Richard Howell, Mike Ginter, Carl Beardsley, Keith Brune, Rene Diehl, Tom Tomczyk

AVIATION WORKFORCE, ECONOMIC IMPACT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Co-Chairs: Cory Cree, (ACP)

Members: Carl Beardsley, BJ Teichman, Dave Heath, Chuck Brewer, Gary Hudson, Tony McCloskey, Anna Ellis, Andrew Allen

AIR FREIGHT AND COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE

Interim Chair: Mark Murawski (AAC)

Members: Steve Keefer, Tim Edwards, Dave Heath, Gabe Monzo, Alexander Burns, Wade Steel, Andrew Allen, Tony McCloskey

AVIATION TECHNOLOGY

Co-Chairs: Tes Ali (AAC) & Dave Heath (ACP)

Members: Matthew Dietz, Steve Keefer, Michael Ruane, Brian Phillips, Kelly Hill, Jacob Willem Langelan, Emily Stair, Mark Matlock, Tony McCloskey, David Pitcarin, John Mininger

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY

Co-Chairs: Mark Murawski (AAC) & Dave Heath (ACP)

Members: Tim Edwards, Keith Brune, Shane Doud, Tony McCloskey

***PA AAC Chairman Robert Shaffer is ex-officio on all above sub-committees.**

AVIATION FUNDING SUB-COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

Address commercial airports and general aviation unmet funding needs and identify and support adequate and sustainable solutions to meet the needs.

SCOPE OF WORK

The TAC report documents a \$ 53.5 million annual state funding gap to support PA Aviation needs. This gap will grow larger in time due to inflation and the eventual elimination of BIL supplemental federal funding. To help address this funding gap, the TAC report recommends a scenario of mixed funding sources that includes imposing a new annual aircraft registration fee, increasing the state jet fuel tax from 2 cents to 4 cents per gallon, increasing the Avgas state tax from 6 cents to 12 cents per gallon, redirecting the 6% state aircraft sales tax from the general aviation fund to aviation, redirecting the 0.02 % of the 6% states sales tax from the general fund to aviation and directing 5% of revenue generated from a new Package Delivery Fee to aviation. The sub-committee will identify champions for each of these six funding measures, further build the case for this overall funding mix and work with the Shapiro Administration and PA General Assembly to enact required policies and legislation to secure these funds dedicated for aviation purposes. The subcommittee is encouraged to identify additional creative funding sources as appropriate at the federal, state, local levels and private sector. The sub-committee will also work to find ways to lower local match requirements that have often times served as a barrier to project development. The sub-committee will work closely with the PennDOT Bureau of Aviation in the review of state aviation capital improvement unmet needs and provide advice and technical assistance as needed. The sub-committee will coordinate outreach with public and private partners and stakeholders to advance funding priorities and will also work to help streamline the project development process where appropriate. The sub-committee should review member composition and consider new recruitment as appropriate (including adding members other than AAC/ACP) to ensure leadership and expertise in this subject area. The sub-committee should identify other areas of focus and prioritize all work activities (given limited available resources) upon its re-organization. A sub-committee report shall be provided by the Committee Chair(s) as a standing agenda item at each PA AAC quarterly public meeting to ensure accountability and demonstrate progress in carrying out the Sub-committee purpose and mission.

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AAC Chairman Bob Shaffer (Ex-Officio)

AVIATION WORKFORCE, ECONOMIC IMPACT AND PARTNERHIPS

SUB-COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

Address need to maintain a strong aviation workforce in light of substantial aviation industry retirements and lack of sufficient numbers of individuals interested in aviation careers to fill the large void. Improve the messaging that aviation plays a positive role by contributing nearly \$ 4 billion annually to the Commonwealth's economy. Identify and advance intergovernmental partnerships in support of aviation, including strong interface with PA communities and foster public-private partnerships to accelerate aviation investments to improve aviation infrastructure and services. Ensure general aviation plays a vibrant role in the overall PA aviation system, including coordination and input with Fixed Base Operators, (FBO's).

SCOPE OF WORK

The TAC report provides major recommendations for consideration by this sub-committee. Therefore, the sub-committee work should include but not be limited to the following activities:

- Work closely with AERIUM and other support organizations to develop and implement a comprehensive aviation training and recruitment strategy.
- Support legislative efforts to raise the federal mandatory retirement age for pilots.
- Equip airport managers and authority boards with the tools necessary to proactively preserve and enhance PA's airports by improving the quality and efficiency of airport operations and transferring knowledge.
- Market the value of PA airports as an industry and economic asset.
- Support existing programs (such as ALDZ) and develop new incentive programs to encourage economic development at and surrounding PA's airports.
- Assist in the implementation and usage of the PA Airport Economic Impact Report Update as an aviation investment tool and marketing/public awareness effort and coordinate with Chambers of Commerce.
- Increase compliance with Airport Hazard Zoning.
- Continually monitor land use changes prompted by airports and work with our Legislative and Policy sub-committee to advance legislative and regulatory changes as required.
- Expand airport manager knowledge on how to effectively work with communities.
- Improve coordination among airports and MPO's and LDD's.
- Improve statewide aviation industry partnerships and collaboration.
- Enhance services to improve an airport's ability to develop effective partnerships, especially at rural commercial service and general aviation airports

- Identify, develop and advance a candidate P3 aviation related initiative such as a hangar bundling program to address the mounting backlog of hangar projects in PA as documented in the AAC White Paper and coordinate with the PennDOT P3 Office as appropriate.

The sub-committee should determine member composition and consider including members (not just AAC/ACP) to ensure leadership and expertise in this subject area, such as PA DCED, the new PA Office of Transformation and Opportunity, Department of Education, AERIUM, high schools and colleges, PennDOT Office of P3, PA Labor and Industry etc.. The sub-committee should identify other areas of focus and prioritize all work activities (given limited available resources) upon its re-organization. A sub-committee report shall be provided by the Committee Chair(s) as a standing agenda item at each PA AAC quarterly public meeting to ensure accountability and demonstrate progress in carrying out the Sub-committee purpose and mission.

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AIR FREIGHT AND COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE

SUB-COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

Address air cargo growing demand to ensure Pennsylvania will be economically competitive in transporting air freight. Provide a better understanding of air cargo trends, issues and needs and develop an action plan. Coordinate with airports that are expanding or needing to expand air freight capabilities and determine appropriate level of cargo investment that should be supported by all levels of government and the private sector to meet these emerging demands. Address commercial air service uncertainties facing PA's 14 commercial service airports, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on business and leisure travel patterns and recommend measures that will improve access to affordable and reliable air service with particular focus on rural areas of the Commonwealth that are losing or have lost air service or where Essential Air Service is inadequate.

SCOPE OF WORK

The TAC report provides major recommendations for consideration by this sub-committee. Therefore, the sub-committee work should include but not be limited to the following activities:

- Assess the local / regional business needs for air cargo services to align businesses with future air cargo opportunities.
- Explore the development of a guide for air cargo analysis and integration with planning application at the state and regional levels.
- Engage aviation stakeholders in the updates of state and regional freight plans and studies to encourage new, collaborative approaches to intermodal connectivity and to foster stronger linkages among cargo, land use and economic development.
- Examine and assist in the development of "Fly Local" programs and marketing campaigns state-wide, as appropriate.
- Further examine the need and methods to catalogue and share airport flight schedules.
- Explore ways to include Commonwealth and local government officials in the Essential Air Service bidding process to strengthen EAS state-wide and articulate and advocate for needed reforms at the federal level where appropriate.
- Explore ways to ensure participation of state agencies, community leaders and legislators in the pursuit of Small Community Air Service Development Program funding.
- Evaluate the need to form a special AAC Rural Aviation Task Force as a voice for airports that serve rural regions, especially those that have faced or are facing service loss.
- Coordinate and support airports in attracting and retaining commercial air service.
- Consider ways to articulate the benefits of incorporating alternative fuels into future funding and marketing strategies as airlines begin to convert to alternative fueled aircraft.

- Develop a scope of work to conduct an O & D state-wide passenger leakage study to identify areas that may need additional marketing /retention assistance from state government and define a program whereby state airports function as a system to best support the results of this study with state/local financial inducement packages for airlines that can best provide the desired services. (Similar to industrial recruitment efforts done by the Governor's Action Team, only specific to aviation.)

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AVIATION TECHNOLOGY

SUB-COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

Explore, identify, evaluate and recommend specific ways to employ emerging aviation technologies in order for PA to take full advantage of the benefits of technological advances in aviation by being proactive and prepared to address the policy and operational challenges that may come with this technology.

SCOPE OF WORK

The TAC report provides major recommendations for consideration by this sub-committee. In addition, the AAC existing sub-committee related to Advanced Air Mobility, (AAM) has already developed an initial White Paper that succinctly outlines the major issues demanding attention. Therefore, the sub-committee should build upon its White Paper and also consider the TAC Study recommendations that should include but not be limited to the following activities:

- Plan and prepare for developing the infrastructure needed to deploy alternative fuels such as hybrid-electric and electric powered aircraft.
- Partner with the PUC and local utilities to develop the electric power capacity to construct charging facilities at airports through coordinated formulation of a facilities deployment plan.
- Monitor and assess developments related to hydrogen-powered aircraft.
- Prepare for Urban Air Mobility, (UAM) and plan for vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) aircraft.
- Establish or gain licensing for a UAS information and data exchange program to foster public – private sector collaboration, research, testing and deployment perhaps as an aviation P3 initiative.
- Develop policy guidance to assist PA airports in preparing for new and existing commercial/ private-use UAS activity.
- Support an appropriate level of staffing within the PennDOT Bureau of Aviation to facilitate AAM state-wide including drone/ VTOL initiatives and impacts, especially those with public safety implications.
- Consider establishing a PA Interagency Group to evaluate existing agency-specific drone programs and uses.
- Explore and develop a framework for safe, efficient use of drones and other unmanned aircraft technologies in PA.

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LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY

SUB-COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

Develop forward thinking policy related to advancement of PA aviation in close consultation with the other AAC sub-committees. Advocate for legislation that may be needed at the federal and/or state levels and define legislative content needed. Coordinate as needed with legislators and the Shapiro Administration on aviation related legislative and policy initiatives. Review and develop comments on proposed policies or legislation related to aviation for action by the full AAC. Work closely with the AAC/ACP Joint Task Force to advance proposed comprehensive state aviation legislation referred to as the **Pennsylvania Takes Flight Initiative**.

SCOPE OF WORK

The TAC report provides major recommendations for consideration by this sub-committee. Therefore, the sub-committee should consider the TAC Study recommendations that should include but not be limited to the following activities:

- Facilitate passage of state legislation and accompanying policies required to implement the funding strategies and other recommendations contained in the **TAC PA Aviation System Strategic Investment Plan** where appropriate referred to as the **Pennsylvania Takes Flight Initiative**. Coordinate with the four other AAC/ACP Joint sub-committees where policy development and/or legislation is needed to advance their work.
- Support federal legislative efforts to raise the federal pilot retirement age from 65 to 67.
- Monitor the outcomes of aviation programs and funding to identify future legislative and policy improvements.
- Monitor REAL ID mandates and continue to assess impacts on PA airports and work with PennDOT to mitigate concerns to ensure orderly implementation of REAL ID at airports in accordance with the REAL ID latest deadlines.
- Review and recommend comments as appropriate on important proposed legislation related to aviation for consideration by the full AAC.
- Continue to articulate the positive economic benefits of PA Act 53 to avoid any repeals of this important legislation.

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New AAC Website Mock-Up

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Aviation Advisory Committee

The purpose of the Pennsylvania Aviation Advisory Committee, (AAC) is to provide guidance to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Secretary of Transportation, and the State Transportation Commission on aviation matters. It is also the desire of the AAC to provide guidance to the Secretary of Community and Economic Development as the aviation industry and related interests can have a significant impact on Pennsylvania's overall economy. The AAC aims to further the public interest and enhance aeronautical development within the Commonwealth.

Meeting Schedule

2023 Meeting Schedule

- December 14, 2023 | 10:00-12:00 | Location TBD
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Pennsylvania Take Flight Initiative

Pennsylvania Aviation System Strategic Investment Plan Study

This December 2022 [study](#) conducted a comprehensive needs assessment and developed a strategic action plan focused exclusively on Pennsylvania's aviation system. The report examines the collective needs of the state's aviation industry, including infrastructure investment needs, financing, technological advancements, and legislative reforms necessary to advance Pennsylvania aviation as a major mode of transportation in support of the state's economy and mobility. The TAC developed the report in close collaboration with PennDOT's Bureau of Aviation, the Pennsylvania Aviation Advisory Committee, and the Pennsylvania Aviation Council.

Senate Transportation Committee Hearing – April 20, 2023

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