

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the MNAA General Aviation/Operations/Planning & Engineering and MPC Engineering & Planning Committees



Date: February 12, 2020 Place: Nashville International Airport Board Room
Nashville, Tennessee

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Bill Freeman, Chair; Nancy Sullivan, Vice Chair; and
Amanda Farnsworth

Committee Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jimmy Granbery; Bobby Joslin; Doug Kreulen; Cindy
Barnett; and Angela Edwards

I. Call to Order

Chair Freeman called the General Aviation/Operations/Planning & Engineering (GAOPE) Committee meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., pursuant to Public Notice dated February 7, 2020.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chair Freeman called for approval of the Minutes of the January 15, 2020 GAOPE Committee meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Farnsworth and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. The motion carried by vote of 3 to 0.

III. Chair's Report

Chair Freeman had no Chair's Report.

IV. Items for Approval

A. Approval of Professional Services Contract for Runway 2L/20R Extension Environmental Assessment

Ms. Traci Holton, AVP, Chief Engineer, briefed the Committee on this item. Staff requested that the General Aviation/Operations/Planning/Engineering (GAOPE) Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it approve the contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) for Runway 2L Extension Environmental Assessment and authorize the Chair and President & CEO to execute the professional services contract.

Task 1 Contract Amount was approximately \$803,427.00 with a total contract cost of not to exceed \$2.5M. Staff provided the GAOPE Committee a staff analysis for the Professional Services Contract for Runway 2L/20R Extension Environmental Assessment prior to the meeting.

The purpose of this project is to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) to help the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) determine whether the proposed project/action to extend Runway 2L/20R has the potential to significantly affect the quality of the human or natural environment under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

The scope of the EA contains two tasks. Task 1, includes the following scope items:

1. Project Definition.
2. Alternatives Evaluation.
3. Environmental Screening.
4. Agency Coordination.
5. Public Outreach Plan.
6. Design Team Coordination.
7. Preliminary EA Sections.

At the conclusion of Task 1, the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority (MNAA) will have determined the alternatives to be carried forward for complete analysis, as well as the nature of the analysis required by involved agencies, including the FAA and Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). A future amendment is anticipated to include scope items for Task 2.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was published August 19 & 22, 2019 and 7 Statements of Qualifications were received September 18, 2019 from AECOM, Wood Environment & Infrastructure, Goodwyn Mills Cawood, Landrum & Brown, Incorporated (L&B), Mead & Hunt, RS&H, Inc. (RS&H), and S&ME, Inc. The selection committee determined AECOM, L&B, Mead & Hunt, and RS&H to be best qualified. On October 25, 2019, the selection committee conducted interviews of the top candidates.

The selection committee determined AECOM to be the most qualified firm for this project. The DBE participation level set by MNAA for this project was 10.94%. AECOM was able to obtain 12.06% for this contract, covering Task 1. AECOM's DBE partners are HMMH, WD Schock, and duGard Communications. DBE Participation is expected to increase to approximately 15% to include services for Task 2.

After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Farnsworth and seconded by Vice Chair Sullivan to approve the contract with AECOM for Runway 2L Extension Environmental Assessment and authorize the Chair and President & CEO to execute the professional services contract. The motion carried by vote of 3 to 0.

V. Information Items

A. John C. Tune Control Tower Design/Construction Update

Mr. Robert Ramsey, SVP, Chief Operating Officer, briefed the Committee on this item. Mr. Ramsey discussed 2 options that had been evaluated by staff for the approved FAA Site (Site 3) in terms of schedule, utilities, roadway access, cost, and future development. Both options eliminate two future hangar development sites. Site 3 requires a new EA which adds 6 to 9 months to the schedule. The construction schedule remains at 12 months. Therefore, it would take approximately 21 months for the Control Tower to be up and running. After questions and discussions, staff recommended to proceed with Site 3 – Option 2. If the EA only takes 6 months instead of 9, the construction completion date would be September 2021.

This item was presented for information purposes only with no action required.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business before the GAOPE Committee, Chair Freeman adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

 Angela Edwards / Staff Secretary
Amanda Farnsworth, Secretary