



## **Aviation Technical Subcommittee Highlights of March 26, 2026, Meeting**

### **Meeting Participants:**

- Scott Denny, Virginia Department of Aviation, (DOAV)
- Stephen Smiley, Virginia Department of Aviation, (DOAV)
- Jeffrey Breeden, Virginia Department of Aviation, (DOAV)
- Victor Henry, Baltimore Metropolitan Council, (BMC)
- Mark Rawlings, District Department of Transportation, (DDOT)
- Azeem Khan, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, (MWAA)

### **TPB Staff:**

- Timothy Canan
- Kenneth Joh
- Olga Perez
- Zhuo Yang
- Ceriann Price

### **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND APPROVAL OF HIGHLIGHTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (JANUARY 22, 2026)**

Mr. Azeem Khan called the meeting to order at 10:34 A.M. The meeting was conducted virtually by Webex and streamlined on YouTube COG's channel. Members were welcomed, including new representatives from the Virginia Department of Aviation. The highlights of the previous meeting, held January 26, 2026, were approved by the Subcommittee, as written.

### **2. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Tim Canan informed the Subcommittee that due to the postponement of the Regional Air Passenger Survey from fall 2025 to spring 2026, COG staff would not submit an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant application this year. He noted that sufficient previously awarded grants remain available to support upcoming data processing and deliverables. This approach was coordinated with FAA, and no issues were identified.

He also informed that Mr. Suraj Vujjini had departed COG to pursue another opportunity.

### **3. 2025 WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE REGIONAL AIR PASSENGER SURVEY**

Ms. Olga Perez provided a technical and operational update on the Regional Air Passenger Survey, noting that the survey had been postponed to spring 2026.

She reported that flight schedule data had been received from the airports and used to finalize the sample of flights. The contractor, ICF, is finalizing staffing schedules. The survey dashboard has also been completed and would support near real-time monitoring of survey progress.

On the operational side, coordination with airport partners was ongoing to secure office space, parking passes, and official communications such as letters and bulletins. Most materials were finalized or nearing completion.

Training activities have been scheduled, including online training for data collectors and on-site airport walkthroughs to familiarize staff with procedures and facilities, to take place from March 30 through April 2. Survey fieldwork is scheduled from Tuesday, April 7 through Monday, April 20 for the main data collection period, followed by a resurvey period from Friday, April 24 through Thursday, April 30.

Ms. Olga Perez reported that the badging process was nearly complete, with most field staff either fully badged or in final processing across all three airports. BWI and IAD each have eight data collectors badged, while DCA has six staff badged.

Staff expressed appreciation to airport partners for their continued coordination and support.

#### **4. GROUND ACCESS TRAVEL TIME (GATT) STUDY**

Dr. Zhuo Yang presented the draft report of the Ground Access Travel Time Study. He noted that the report structure remains consistent with previous editions and includes sections on methodology, findings, and detailed supporting charts and maps.

The draft report includes analysis of 114 routes connecting regional activity centers to the three airports, with updates to reflect recent network changes. The study examines travel time index (TTI), median travel times, congestion patterns, and transit accessibility. He noted that the report also includes comparisons with previous study results.

Dr. Yang highlighted that preliminary findings indicated general improvements in transit travel times, attributed in part to enhancements in bus networks and service changes.

Dr. Yang reported that the draft report would be shared with Subcommittee members following the meeting, with comments requested by the end of April. Following the review period, the report will be finalized incorporating member feedback.

During the discussion, Mr. Tim Canan further emphasized the importance of more frequent updates to capture changing travel patterns and encouraged members to provide feedback on how the study could better support their planning needs.

#### **5. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

Mr. Azeem Khan reported that MWAA had recently undergone an internal restructuring, with planning functions moved under strategy and operations.

Mr. Jeffrey Breeden from the Virginia Department of Aviation reported progress on several statewide initiatives, including the Virginia Aviation System Plan, a statewide economic impact study nearing completion, a navigational aids study, which is finished and available on the website, and a newly initiated pavement management study.

In addition, Virginia Department of Aviation staff member Scott Denny provided an update on advanced air mobility initiatives, including implementation of the Commonwealth's strategic plan and upcoming demonstration activities involving drone operations and integration near general aviation airports. Demonstration events were scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Tim Canan noted that COG staff recently presented the Aviation Technical Subcommittee's work program to the TPB Community Advisory Committee, highlighting connections between aviation planning and regional freight initiatives.

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

## **7. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned. The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2026. It will be held virtually.