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Treasure Coast Florida Region

Aviation System Plan Steering Committee

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Article 1.0
Purpose, Responsibilities and Powers

SECTION 1.1 Purpose

The Treasure Coast Florida Region Aviation System Planning Steering Committee, hereinafter referred to as the “Steering Committee”, shall manage and give policy direction to the Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process (CFASPP) in the geographic area of Florida described under Section 1.4, below. The Steering Committee shall efficiently evaluate needs and appropriate actions to encourage airports to work together to effectively serve Florida’s growing air transportation demands. The Steering Committee shall address State and local issues as determined by the Committee.

SECTION 1.2 Responsibilities

The Steering Committee is responsible for managing the twenty-year regional aviation system plan. This includes directing the activities of aviation consulting teams that are hired by the Florida Department of Transportation for specific regional studies. The Steering Committee shall provide a forum for evaluating aviation related issues, achieving a consensus, and recommending actions, policies and proposed aviation projects to the Federal Aviation Administration, Florida Department of Transportation and the local governmental agencies that the membership represents. At the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State level, Steering Committee Officers will coordinate their activities through the Aviation Office, Aviation System Manager and the CFASPP Administrator. This office shall provide meeting material to include agendas, meeting minutes, aviation office updates, and other relevant items. The Aviation Office will also coordinate technical reviews of study material and work closely with “sub-committees” of the Steering Committee, as appropriate.

The Steering Committee shall produce:

- ➔ Updates to the Florida Aviation System Database that are used by the Florida Department of Transportation district offices to develop the five-year airports work program;
- ➔ Regional components of the Florida Aviation System Plan (FASP) which are used by the Federal Aviation Administration as input to the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems. The National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems establishes eligibility for Florida airports to receive Federal funds;

- Current aviation issues and policy advice to the Federal Aviation Administration and Florida Department of Transportation; and
- Reviews of Florida Transportation Plan, regional policy plans, airport master plans, and Transportation Work Program compatibility.

The Steering Committee shall not:

- Assume any responsibility unrelated to the implementation of the Florida Aviation System Plan. The focus of the Steering Committee is not to serve as a sounding board, or board of appeal, for localized issues and concerns that are more appropriately addressed before the local Airport Advisory Board, Airport Authority, or Governing Body.

SECTION 1.3 Powers

The Steering Committee is not a creature of Federal or State law; however, consensus recommendations carry the authority of member agencies upon acceptance by those agencies. The Steering Committees may invite participation by the Federal Aviation Administration, the Florida Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, national industry groups or consulting firms, but decisions and recommendations to local, State and Federal agencies are made exclusively by the Steering Committee membership. The Steering Committees can request study grants through member agencies.

SECTION 1.4 Regional Boundaries

The Treasure Coast Florida Region Aviation System Plan Steering Committee shall manage the Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process within the geographic area including Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties, and shall coordinate with adjacent Steering Committees in the areas where interests overlap or meet.

Article 2.0

Membership

SECTION 2.1 Eligibility

Specific organizations are recognized as members of the Steering Committee. These are representatives of the more than 100 public airports in the State of Florida. To be eligible for membership in the Steering Committee, individuals must be representatives of an airport or airport authority, representatives of a public agency, business enterprise or special interest group located in the region or be an elected official or from the general public of the region. The Chairperson shall be a recognized representative of an airport or airport authority.

Full voting rights on the Steering Committee shall be limited to the following facility, agency, organizational representatives:

- Managing Director or designee of each airport within the Treasure Coast CFASPP Region recognized in the Florida Aviation Systems Plan;
- Chairperson or designee of the lawfully authorized local governing body exercising regulatory authority over the airports recognized in the Florida Aviation Systems Plan;
- Chairperson or designee of the various Boards of County Commissioners within the Treasure Coast CFASPP Region;
- Administrative head or designated technical staff member of each duly authorized Metropolitan Planning Organization within the Treasure Coast CFASPP Region;

Public-use airports are authorized one vote per airport on Committee decisions. All full member organizations are authorized only one vote on Committee decisions regardless of the number of representatives present.

Ex-Officio Membership (Non-Voting)

- Community Development Directors (Planning Directors) of each local governing body affected by an airport identified in the Florida Aviation system Plan. These Directors may appoint, in writing, alternates to serve in their capacity;

- Executive Director of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council or their designated alternate. This alternate shall be designated in writing;
- Employees of the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration;
- Technical advisors represent the organizations that may not meet all of the eligibility requirements for full membership, but shall be recognized in Steering Committee discussions because of their professional expertise or association with public agencies in the Region. Employees of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Department of Defense (DoD), and Florida private airports shall be recognized as permanent technical advisors. Special interest groups such as the Florida Airports Council (FAC), Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), Florida Aviation Trades Association (FATA), Florida Aviation and Aerospace Alliance (FAAA), Air Transport Association (ATA), National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), flight training providers/academies, fixed base operators (FBOs), aeronautical universities and technical schools, and others are welcomed and encouraged to attend; and
- Participating members represent organizations that may not meet all of the eligibility requirements for full membership or have not been approved by the Steering Committee. These members may regularly attend meetings and may participate in discussion of an issue when recognized by the Chairperson.

SECTION 2.2 Term and Attendance

Membership terms shall be limited as described below. There shall be no limit on the number of terms an individual may hold. Normally, an organization or individual may be deleted from membership and a replacement sought after representation is not provided for three consecutive scheduled meetings.

Named representatives of member organizations or individuals may send alternates (proxies) to satisfy organization meeting attendance requirements. Proxies for voting members will provide notice to the Chairperson in writing prior to the commencement of the regularly scheduled meeting.

- Airport Managers shall serve a two-year term. Membership renewal is automatic;
- Elected officials shall serve a one-year term or the length to which they hold the

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position of Chairperson of the Local airport Advisory Committee. The new Chairperson of the Airport Authority automatically fills the slot being vacated;

- The Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Director or designated technical staff member shall serve a two-year term with automatic renewal;

Article 3.0 Officers

SECTION 3.1 Posts and Responsibilities

The Steering Committee shall have two officers: Chairperson and Vice-chairperson. FDOT shall provide a CFASPP Administrator for record keeping and other purposes.

The Chairperson shall preside at Steering Committee meetings. Additionally, the Chairperson is the Committee's primary representative to the Statewide Steering Committee and is expected to attend. The Chairperson shall be a recognized representative of an airport or airport authority.

The Vice-chairperson shall preside at Steering Committee meetings and shall represent the membership of the Steering Committee at Statewide Steering Committee meetings as a proxy in the absence of the Chairperson. The proxy will be presented to the Statewide Chairperson, in writing, prior to commencement of normally scheduled Statewide meetings.

The FDOT Aviation Office shall provide an Administrator for the CFASPP and support of the Regional and Statewide Steering Committees. The CFASPP Administrator shall keep meeting records that accurately present the consensus position of the Steering Committee on all issues and policies discussed at meetings. Steering Committee approved records will be used to develop the annual update to the Florida Aviation System Plan. The CFASPP Administrator will also maintain the Bylaws in an electronic format, and update as appropriate, however no more than once a year. Steering committee members shall contact one of the officers to place items on the meeting agenda. The CFASPP Program Manager or Administrator will coordinate with Committee Chairpersons or Vice-chairpersons approximately 30 days prior to each meeting concerning items for the Regional agendas.

SECTION 3.2 Election

All Officers shall be elected by a two-thirds majority of the full Steering Committee members present.

SECTION 3.3 Term of Office

The term of office shall be for two years with one exception. If the Regional Chairperson is also holding a Statewide CFASPP Office, their Regional term of office will coincide with the duration of their term of Statewide Office. Despite this exception, successive terms as Regional Chairperson will be at the discretion of the full Steering Committee membership present. Election for any post may be called by simple majority of the full Steering Committee membership present. Should a vacancy occur, an election to fill the vacancy shall be conducted at the next meeting. Nominations for officers shall be from the floor.

Article 4.0 Meetings and Reports

SECTION 4.1 Meeting Schedule and Topics

The Steering Committee shall meet three times annually. In addition to specific issues placed on the meeting agenda by members, one meeting per year will address revisions to the Florida Aviation Systems Plan (FASP), and one meeting per year will address coordination of airport development, regional planning and State planning issues. The CFASPP Administrator will coordinate with the Chairperson regarding these agenda items and timing.

SECTION 4.2 Meeting Notice and Materials

The meeting notice and meeting materials shall be mailed to the Chairperson and Vice-chairperson and e-mailed to all other members a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting date by the CFASPP Administrator. The FDOT will also provide meeting location, dates, and times via the Internet.

SECTION 4.3 Meeting Location

All regular meetings will be held at a location determined by a rotation among the member airports within the Region.

SECTION 4.4 Meeting Quorum

Attendance by representatives of a majority of named, participating members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4.5 Meeting Records

Meeting records shall be clear and brief. They shall contain, at minimum, a Statement of:

- The meeting date, time and location;
- A list of attendees;

- A list of organizations not represented;
- Summary narrative of issues discussed, decisions and resulting recommendations and action items

All meeting records shall be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the full Steering Committee membership present.

SECTION 4.6 Special Meetings

Special meetings in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings may be called at the discretion of the Chairperson upon request of any full member.

SECTION 4.7 Reconsideration of Action Items.

Should any item be approved by a majority of full members present, but not a majority of the full members of the Steering Committee, dissenting members may request that the item be tabled to the next regular meeting.

SECTION 4.8 Consensus Recommendations

Only consensus Steering Committee recommendations shall be made to local, State and Federal agencies. The Steering Committee, by two-thirds majority vote of member organizations present can establish an item of significant importance. To be declared a consensus recommendation, a recommendation shall be drafted to:

- Be agreeable to all interested member organizations;
- Be in compliance with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, guidelines, policies and procedures; and
- Be in compliance with professional planning and engineering practice.

**Article 5.0
Bylaw Changes**

SECTION 5.1 Adoption

These Bylaws shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the full Steering Committee members present.

SECTION 5.2 Amendment

These Bylaws may be amended at any official Steering Committee meeting by agreement of a two-thirds majority of the full Steering Committee membership present. At a minimum, the Bylaws will be reviewed every two years and voted on by the membership present.

APPROVED:



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Chairperson

Date

Diana Lewis

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Vice-chairperson

Date

Appendix

Creation

The nine Regional and one Statewide aviation planning steering Committees were created to manage and give policy direction to development of the Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process (CFASPP). The CFASPP was created jointly by the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration to:

- Develop and maintain a Florida Aviation System Plan and supporting information (Chap. 332.006(1), FS);
- Provide coordination among local, State and Federal governments for Florida aviation system planning (Sec. 502(b), 49 U.S.C. App. 2201 et seq.; Chap. 334.044(1), (12) and (21), FS; Chap. 187.201(20)(b)3 and 13, FS); and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) Chap. 339.175 FS;
- Support development of the aviation component of the Florida Transportation Plan (Chap. 339.155, FS); and
- Develop recommendations for the State of Florida input to the Federal Aviation Administration's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (Sec. 504(c), 49 U.S.C. App. 2201 et seq.).