

**Aviation Advisory Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2017**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Lee Ryan at 1:08 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS:

Board Members: Jim Dodson, Tom George, Lee Ryan, Steve Strait, Frank Neitz, Marilyn Romano, Gideon Garcia, Mike Stedman

Excused: Dennis Parrish, Earl Samuelson, Bob Hajdukovich

DOT&PF: John Binder, Troy LaRue, Linda Bustamante

OTHERS: Ray Gillespie, Jane Dale (AACA)

AGENDA and MINUTES – Steve moved to accept agenda, Mike seconded. Steve moved to adopt minutes at next regular meeting in Juneau, Tom seconded. Motions passed unanimously.

Deputy Commissioner Binder Update:

- The Governor’s budget, if passed as proposed, does not have any additional cuts to DOT&PF’s Highway and Aviation budgets. Over the last couple of years H& A has been cut 22%, representing about \$60M - resulting in impacts to overtime hours and commodities. Additional cuts to DOT’s budget would impact services to Alaskans.
- After-hours service charges – meeting with air carriers tomorrow to further discuss. To implement charges will require a regulation change and public process.
- AIAS governance – DOT is starting to look at options and potential changes to ANC/FAI governance.
- Motor fuel tax – hope the board supports this tax. If the fuel tax does pass there would be no changes to DOT budget funding levels and all revenue from tax would be allocated to a transportation fund. If it doesn’t pass, there would be a shortfall to DOT, as the General Fund budget request was reduced by the amount of revenue anticipated from the tax increase.

Board Discussion

- Board would like a list of the airports subject to after hours charges that are not Part 139 airports. and to list in the Alaska Supplement to add M&O road crew hours for unattended airports that they maintain, e.g. Haines.
- Discussion about DOT organization and what areas are being identified for consolidation. Aviation planners may move to SWA. M&O positions hold a dual role both highway and

aviation so moving is not practical. Reviewing DOT pre-construction engineers and aviation designers to determine what would it look like if some of those positions moved to the private sector. Today approx. 60% of the work is contracted.

- Aniak airport project is proceeding. Board advises there are legislators concerned with amount of funds being spent on a project some feel raises questions.
- Add drug detection dogs to the Juneau meeting agenda.
- Board will discuss legislator and governor meetings at next teleconference and confirm what bills and policies they want to support.

The next teleconference meeting is scheduled for January 17th from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.