



Marana Regional Airport – Airport Master Plan  
 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting No. 2  
 Wednesday, January 27, 2016 – 8:30 AM  
 Town of Marana Municipal Complex, Conference Center

**Meeting Objective:** Present the Airport Master Plan Working Papers No. 1 and 2, to the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) and obtain their feedback pertaining to the content in the working papers.

**Attendance:**

Committee Attendees	
Name	Organization
Steve Miller, C.M., C.A.E.	Town of Marana, Airport Director
Jamsheed Mehta	Town of Marana, Deputy Town Manager
Lisa Shafer	Town of Marana, Director of Community Development
Heath Vescovi-Chiordi	Town of Marana, Management Assistant
Galen Beem	Town of Marana, Airport Operations Coordinator
Toby Parks	Town of Marana, Tourism and Marketing Manager
Scott Driver	ADOT Aeronautics, Airport Grants Manager
Victor Palma	DOWL, Project Manager
Jim Petty	Airport Manager, Pinal Airpark
Don Kriz, P.E.	Engineer
Dr. Allen Aven	Pilot/Airport User
Jaime Brown	Pima Association of Governments, Senior Transportation Planner
Chris Blue	Pima Association of Governments, Transportation Planner

Consultant Staff	
Name	Organization
Charlie McDermott	Armstrong Consultants, Project Manager
Jenny Watts	Armstrong Consultants, Airport Planner
Mary Ortega-Itsell	Genesis Consulting Group, Public Outreach
Rick Crosman	Genesis Consulting Group, Senior Airport Planner

Note: A copy of the meeting sign-in sheet is attached hereto and made a part hereof.



## Meeting Summary:

1. Welcome - Charlie McDermott, Armstrong Consultants
2. Introductions of the Planning Advisory Committee
3. PowerPoint Presentation :  
Charlie McDermott and Jenny Watts, Armstrong Consultants  
Richard Crosman, Genesis Consulting Group
  - A. Topics Discussed
    - ◆ Master Planning Process Overview
    - ◆ Committee Role
    - ◆ Working Paper No. 1 Overview
      - Airport Service Levels
      - Design Standards
      - Runway Wind Coverage
      - Airside and Land Facilities Inventory
      - Environmental Inventory
      - Forecast of Aviation Demand
    - ◆ Working Paper No. 2 Overview
      - Facilitates Requirements (Base year and short, medium, and long term requirements)
    - ◆ Business Plan Update
    - ◆ Public Involvement
    - ◆ Master Plan Elements
    - ◆ Master Plan Timeline
    - ◆ Next Steps
4. Committee Participation and Questions
  - A. Critical aircraft
    - ◆ Based on Master Plan data, the critical aircraft for both runways will not change.
    - ◆ The questions by the committee concerned increases in aircraft operations and types based on future growth potential and then in turn justification to strengthening of pavements
  - B. Waiting list for hangar space
    - ◆ The question was asked, “Is there a waiting list for aircraft owners seeking private hangar space at the airport.” Currently there is a waiting list for hanger space, however, the exact number of type was not known at the point of the meeting. Further clarification was requested and will be provided by the Airport Director.
  - C. Pavement strength
    - ◆ As in the first committee meeting, discussions ensued about the existing pavement strength of the airport’s runways, taxiways, and aprons
    - ◆ It was noted that the existing primary runway pavement is believed to be not strong enough to accommodate the larger business jets on a regular basis in certain areas.
    - ◆ It was also noted that the existing aprons and taxiways are in poor condition (PCI > 50).



- ◆ The future Taxiway Rehabilitation Project does not include any runway reconstruction according to the Airport Director.
  - ◆ It was mentioned that Runway 12-30 has locations where the pavement has significantly deteriorated. A question was asked how these areas would be improved if not on current ACIP.
- D. Contract tower considerations
- ◆ The committee questioned the requirements for a contract tower at Marana Regional Airport and the number of operations required for consideration by the FAA. The committee felt that the higher operations at Pinal Airpark and Marana Regional Airport might move the FAA to consider a Tower at one of the locations.
- E. Aviation Demand Forecasts
- ◆ Forecasts support conservative growth
  - ◆ Current status of waiting list for Hangar space
- F. Working Paper No. 2
- ◆ There were questions from the committee concerning draft Facilities Requirements as shown on Tables 4-11 and 4-6
    - Table 4-11, Runway 12-30, pavement strength not adequate for the long term projected use of the runway. Recommendation that the Town verify PCN report and strengthen where needed.
    - Table 4-11, No need for potential extension on Runway 12-30; the design aircraft will remain the same. Removal of the threshold displacement on Runway 3 will be considered in the Alternatives chapter
    - Table 4-6, Aircraft Apron Requirements. Clarification of the existing apron size will be made in the table to reflect the actual apron space available to park aircraft.
- G. Business Plan Update
- ◆ There was a general discussion on how the business plan and the potential for generating more operations and activity may impact the airport.
5. Additional Discussion/Comments/Questions
- A. Mr. Mehta noted that at some point during the Master Plan and Strategic Business Plan schedule of activities, an update to the Town of Marana, Council will be warranted.
  - B. Suggestion was made to add additional jet fuel storage capabilities located near the East Apron for corporate jet activities
  - C. Next Steps: the consultant team anticipates publishing Working Paper No. 3, in May 2016 with the next PAC meeting planned for some time in June 2016.
6. Meeting Concluded at 9:50 am.