

SUMMARY
AIRPORT NOISE WORK GROUP
Wednesday, February 3, 2010
3030 25TH Street SE, Salem, OR
6:00 PM

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Stacey Cochran	Patrick Hall	None
Jim Graham		
Cindy Ford		
Ken Hetsel		
Steve Larsen	Staff Present	
Mary Ann Lebold	Alan Alexander	
Lt. Colonel Mark Ulvin		

Alan Alexander, Airport Administrator, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Copies of the summary of the Wednesday, January 6, 2010 Airport Noise Work Group meeting were distributed. Mr. Alexander will be making a report to the Salem City Council. Work group members will be asked to review his report before it is submitted.

Mr. Alexander distributed copies of the January 2010 operations report. Mr. Alexander believes the drop in VFR operations was due to frequent weather below minimums for VFR operations. Since aircraft attached to the National Guard unit are expected to return beginning in March, National Guard operations are expected to increase over the next six months. There were no bird strikes, accidents or incidents during January 2010.

2009 construction projects are finished.

There were two noise complaints during January. One was related to a National Guard flight and the other to a fixed wing aircraft flight. There was not enough specific information in the later complaint to tie the complaint to specific activity.

Stacey Cochran, Ken Hetsel and Mary Ann Lebold had nothing to bring to the work group from the neighborhoods they represent.

Jim Graham of Graham Aviation Services LLC said that plans for the project scheduled for February 2010 have not been finalized. He expects to have one or two night flight during February. Steve Larsen of Salem Flight Training expects to

have the usual number of monthly flights during February with nights flights being done earlier in the evening than they will be done during summer months.

Cindy Ford reported the FAA awarded the contract to operate the tower to SERCO. Mr. Alexander commented that the performance of tower personnel is exemplary and that the aircraft control tower is operated effectively and safely.

Phase I of a new airport master plan is being finalized prior to presentation to the FAA. Once it has been accepted work will begin on Phase 2 of the master plan and will require citizen participation.

An application has been submitted for a Connect Oregon III grant. If the grant is funded, scheduled air service would return to Salem, and service to Klamath Falls and Coos Bay will be sustained. Service will include four daily flights out of Salem. Approval of the grant would be announced in August. If the application is approved, air service could return to Salem as soon as November 2010.

Bids will be solicited for work to expand the terminal at the end of February with the terminal improvements and expansion to be complete prior to the anticipated date of the resumption of scheduled air service.

Major Mark Ulvin reported that the National Guard will return to doing night flight training for one week each month

The next meeting, which will be Wednesday, March 3, 2010, will be held in the main terminal building at 2990 25th Street SE., Salem, OR.