

**Summary of the Teterboro Airport Manager’s Meeting
Port Authority Conference Room**

90 Moonachie Avenue

June 9, 2021 10:30AM

This meeting took place as a video/audio conference call via Microsoft TEAMS.

Welcome

Maria Sheridan welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

COVID-19 Update:

Maria Sheridan provided the following update:

The airport has had no new coronavirus cases.

Maria reminded everyone that it is important to continue to maintain protocols of social distance, wearing masks and hand washing. FEMA cloth masks can be obtained at the Manager’s Office by contacting Patty Salvato at pasalvato@panynj.gov or 201-807-4020.

Airport Management Report

Maria reported statistics from May 2021 as follows:

	2021	2020	% Change		2019	% Change
Month A/C Ops	11,679	3,229	261.69		16,309	-28.39
Monthly Jet Ops	9,956	2,737	263.76		13,565	-26.61
YTD A/C Ops	46,784	38,970	20.05		69,137	-32.33
Fuel (gallons)	3,689,516	939,986	292.51		5,250,806	-29.73
YTD Fuel	15,917,969	13,807,354	15.29		23,156,763	-31.26
Int’l Arrivals	402	69	482.61		823	-51.15
YTD Int’l Arrivals	1,852	2,015	-8.09		3,571	-48.14

Highest Activity Day: 515 – Monday, May 31st

Day(s) with operations over - 300: 25 Over 400: 13 Over 500: 2

As the result of non-typical changes to operations starting mid-March 2020 due to COVID, the statistical chart has been modified to include 2019 data in order to provide a baseline year of normal operations. This will allow for a better comparison of data reflecting operations for 2021 versus the more typical year of 2019.

The airport had a total of 11,679 operations during the month of May. This was an increase of 261.69% from May 2020, but down 28.39% from May 2019. Year to date operations are up 20.05% from this month last year, but down 32.33% from this month in 2019. The airport pumped 3,689,516 gallons of fuel in May. This was up 292.51% compared to May 2020, but down 29.73% from 2019. Overall year-to-date fuel is up 15.29% compared to 2020 and down 31.71% from 2019. International arrivals are up 482.61% compared to last year and down 51.15% from this month in 2019. Year to date International arrivals are down 8.09% from 2020 and 48.14% from 2019.

The highest day for activity occurred on Monday, April 5th when we had 522 aircraft movements.

Teterboro had 25 days with over 300 operations, 13 days with over 400 operations, and 2 days with over 500 operations.

Airport Operations Report

Scott Marsh provided the following update:

Airfield Construction Projects Update:

- *FAA ILS RWY 06 – GS and LOC Upgrade to ILS 420 System* – Work started on June 7th and will continue through October 6th. The Glide Slope (GS) has been placed out of service. The Localizer (LOC) is currently in service but will be placed out of service just after July 4th at which point both the GS and LOS will be out of service until October 6th.
- *Runway 6/24 Interim Repairs* – Interim repair work for Runway 6/24 is moving forward. Engineering is currently in the process of finalizing design drawings. Work is tentatively scheduled to start in July/August timeframe. The work will take place at night and on weekends and will require some airport closures.

FAA ATCT Control Tower:

- Impacts to minimums from temporary crane for construction between July 2021 and June 2022 as currently scheduled:
 - **VOR RWY 24** – S-24 - Minimums **MDA increase 20 feet** (from 540-1 532 to 560-1 552).
 - **Copter ILS** or **LOC RWY 6-S-ILS** – Minimums **DA/HATH increase 64 feet** (from 206/12 200 to 270/24 265).
 - **ILS** or **LOC RWY 6-S-ILS** – Minimums **DA/HATH increase 64 feet** (from 206/12 200 to 270/24 265).
 - **ILS** or **LOC RWY 19-S-ILS** – Minimums **DA/HATH increase 115 feet** (from 219/ 3/4 213 to 334/1 327).
 - **RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 19 – LPV** – Minimums **DA/HATH increase 117 feet** (from 219/ 3/4 213 to 336/1 329).

Local Airport Update:

- *LaGuardia (LGA) Airport – Taxiway A Rehabilitation* - Nightly closures from midnight to 6:00AM.
- *Newark (EWR) Airport – Runway 4R/22L Rehabilitation* - Weeknight and weekend closures April 15th to May 31st. June 1st to July 2nd work will take place at the intersection of 4R/22L and continuous closure of 11/29 will commence. July 6th to October 1st continuous closure of 4R/22L will commence.
- *Morristown Airport (MMU) – Large Drainage Project* - Starting in July through November RWY 5/23 will experience nightly and weekend closures, displaced threshold and ILS outages.
- *Westchester Airport (HPN) –* Starting around Memorial Day and lasting until Labor Day, Construction at Taxiways A, D, E & L will take place resulting in weeknight and weekend closures from April 15th to May 31st. This will have possible impacts to both of the available runways.

Audit Update – The airport was once again 100% compliant this month. Scott thanked everyone for their continued hard work in keeping the airport safe.

Airport Construction Report

Tony Adamo provided the following update

Tenant Alteration (TAA) Update:

- *T-03555.03 – FAA – New Air Traffic Control Tower* - Completion is expected in July 2023. Work has commenced on the tower foundation. Prefabricated structures for the new bridge arrived and were being installed.

FAA Report

Gary Palm provided an update.

They are currently back to normal pre-COVID staffing levels and all training programs are back in place.

The new Air Traffic Control Tower project is on track and progress continues. They have completed most of the pile driving. Pouring of the concrete pad for the foundation has been completed and they will begin to erect the prefabricated walls for the tower structure in early July.

Gary Palm announced that he will be retiring at the end of the year and that Anthony Barrett will be replacing him in his current position at that time.

Dave Belastock thanked Gary for all his years of service and wished him well in his retirement and welcomed AJ Barrett. He also inquired about the details regarding the disabled aircraft from over the weekend. Gary responded that two events took place. The first was an aircraft that had a hydraulic issue that was not able to vacate the runway. The runway shut down for less than one hour and Jet Aviation assisted in removing the aircraft off of the runway. Delays to airport traffic were minimal. The second event was an aircraft which had a flat tire upon landing and was disabled on the runway. This aircraft took a little over one hour to remove from the runway. Delays to airport traffic were minimal.

Maria Sheridan wished Gary well in his retirement and congratulated AJ Barrett on his new role.

Dave Belastock mentioned that the TUG meeting would be held on Wednesday, June 16th and reminded everyone that information was on the TUG website. He also confirmed that both Gary and AJ would be available at this meeting.

Wildlife Management Report

Terri Riotto provided an update.

Deer Spotting– A deer was detected on trail-cameras about two weeks ago and is currently wandering in the vicinity of the southwest corner of the airfield. The USDA biologist is actively monitoring this situation. FBOs are requested to report any sightings of this deer to Operations.

Average Number of Birds per Survey – May had 108 birds sighted per survey. This was a little above historic average.

Birds per Survey by Guild - The great majority of the observations consisted of Blackbirds followed to a lesser degree by small perching birds. Some Waterfowl, Shorebirds, Doves/Pigeons, Raptors, Gulls and Wading birds were also observed. The number of blackbirds sighted was slightly above historic average.

On-Airport Observations by Guild:

- Blackbirds – 74%
- Small Perching Birds – 16%
- Waterfowl & Waterbirds – 2%
- Wading Birds – 2%
- Shorebirds & Marsh Birds – 2%
- Raptors – 2%
- Doves & Pigeons – 2%
- Gulls & Terns – 1%

Raptor Relocation Program:

- 4 American Kestrel were trapped and relocated this month. Year to date 100 raptors have been relocated under this program so far. This is above historic averages.

May Wildlife Strikes:

We had 7 wildlife strikes at the airport this month. These were all none damaging strikes. These strikes included 1 Black-billed cuckoo, 1 European Starling, 1 Least sandpiper, 1 Savannah sparrow (which was identified through a snarge sample), 1 Striped skunk, 1 Swamp sparrow and 1 Woodchuck. The number of strikes are average for this time of year.

Noise Office Report

Gabriel Andino provided an update.

Noise Complaints – The airport had 3,760 noise complaints in May from 53 callers. 2,724 of these complaints came from 4 callers using a third-party application software to register noise complaints. Year to date we had 12,704 complaints from 108 callers; of this total 9,939 complaints were from 5 people using a third-party application software to register these complaints. The number of complaints were up this month compared to last month.

The majority of complaints from within a 5-mile radius of the airport this month came from Maywood (mainly from one individual using the third-party application), followed by Hackensack, Rutherford, Carlstadt, and South Hackensack. Most of the complaints for May centered on arrivals to the airport.

Complaints from the surrounding area outside the 5-mile radius of the airport mostly centered on arrival traffic and came from areas to the far north of the airport.

Violations - We had 3 first time noise violations, 1 third violation (which resulted in an aircraft banning which is currently under appeal) and 2 warnings in May. Year to date violations are up compared to last year at this time.

Maria Sheridan commented that FAA air traffic controller training has begun on the **Runway 1/19 Offset Approach** and that it is anticipated that the route should be on-line and operational in July. Gary Palm will follow up with Maria and confirm this date.

CBP Report

Jorge Erraez provided an update:

No changes to CBP regulations have taken place since last month. The number of arrivals continues to increase. Any questions related to US Customs for Teterboro Airport should be directed to US Customs and Border Patrol at 201-288-8799.

Open Discussion:

Dave Belastock questioned if any information was available on when meeting would commence on an in-person basis. Maria Sheridan responded that limited return to work was taking place for Port Authority staff but that no plans had been made yet for return to in-person use of conference room facilities on anything other than the current limited basis.

Final remarks – Maria thanked everyone for attending this month’s meeting. She reminded everyone to continue to wear masks, follow social distancing protocol and adhere to all safety measures. She will keep everyone advised should this situation change.

Upcoming Events:

- TUG Meeting – June 16, 2021 – 10:00AM - To be held virtually
- Manager’s Meeting – July 14, 2021 – 10:30AM – To be held virtually
- TANAAC Meeting – July 28, 2021 – 6:00PM – To be held virtually