



OPERATIONS, PLANNING, SAFETY, INFRASTRUCTURE, & DEVELOPMENT (OPSID) COMMITTEE WORKSHOP AGENDA November 6-7, 2021 • Reno-Sparks Convention Center • Reno, Nevada

Saturday, November 6, 2021

7:30am – **Registration**
6:30pm

7:30am – **Networking Breakfast**
8:30am

9:00am – **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
9:15am

Welcome to Reno!

In our opening session, OPSID Committee Chair Roy Fuhrmann will provide an overview of key OPSID Committee activities since we last met in person all the way back in Tampa in September 2019 and discuss critical future committee activities for the coming year.

Speaker: Roy Fuhrmann, Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission and OPSID Committee Chair

9:15am – **Committee Working Group and ACI-NA Staff Updates**
10:00am

In this session, ACI-NA staff will provide must-have updates on U.S. and Canadian regulatory initiatives, advisory guidance, funding, and legislation followed by brief updates from all six OPSID Working Groups—Construction & Project Delivery, Facilities & Maintenance, NextGen, Operations & Safety, Planning & Development, and Young Professionals

Moderator: Joan Zatopek, Oakland International Airport and OPSID Committee Vice Chair (confirmed)

Speakers: Chris Oswald, ACI-NA (confirmed)

Rachel Tristan, ACI-NA (confirmed)

OPSID committee chairs representatives in attendance--Eddie Clayson/Joe Mahaz (FM), Ron Reichel/Heidi Benaman (OS), Shane Harbinson (CPD), Greg Albjerg (PD), Tom Cornell (NG), Jill Geboy (YP)

10:00am – **Morning Break**
10:30am

10:30am – **OPSID Airport/World Business Partner Roundtable**
12:00pm

The pandemic has transformed airports since the Committee last met face-to-face in 2019. In our ever-popular Roundtable session, we're going to focus on how this transformation has manifest itself within airport operations, maintenance, design & engineering, and planning departments as well as within Associate Member/World Business Partner firms.

Facilitators: Paul Eubanks & Chris Oswald, ACI-NA (confirmed)

12:00pm – **Networking Lunch**
1:00pm

1:15pm – **Topics in Planning, Development, Construction & Project Delivery**
2:45pm

In this two-part discussion, first we'll address the recently published *Airport Owners Guide to Project Delivery Systems* and its value to airport owners, third party developers, and design and construction professionals. Next, we'll turn to how airports are approaching planning, design, and construction in a post-COVID environment.

Moderator: Shane Harbinson, City of Austin Department of Aviation (confirmed)

Speakers: Roger Johnson, Jacobs (confirmed)

John Paolin, HKA (confirmed)

Byron Thurber, ARUP (confirmed)

2:45pm – **Afternoon Break**
3:15pm

3:15pm – **Airside Data Communications Issues**
3:30pm

ACI-NA staff and the WiMAX Forum will provide brief updates on the current state of our efforts to get the FCC to approve use of AeroMACS wireless communications technology and reduce restrictions on the use of airside surface vehicle squitters to improve airport safety and improve airside data communications resiliency

Speakers: Declan Byrne, WiMAX Forum

Chris Oswald, ACI-NA

3:30pm – **UAS Small Package Delivery-What it Could Mean for Airports?**
4:30pm

Small package delivery is one of the most fascinating use cases for small and medium sized unmanned aircraft systems. Small package delivery is also one UAS application that may have direct and indirect impacts on airports, dependent on delivery companies' concepts of operation for small package delivery. In this session, we'll discuss some of these implications and how airport operators can be prepared to address small package delivery concepts—whether occurring on airport property or just in the airport vicinity.

Moderator: Tom Cornell, Landrum & Brown (confirmed)

Speakers: Greg Albjerg, HNTB (confirmed)

Danielle Rinsler, Amazon (invited)

4:45pm – **Transition Break**
5:00 pm

5:00 pm – **Operations & Technical Affairs Committee Steering Group Meeting**
6:30 pm

Sunday, November 7, 2021

7:30am – **Registration**
7:00pm

8:00am – **Networking Breakfast**
9:00am

9:00am – **Environmental Affairs/OPSID Joint Session: Is Section 163 Living Up to its Promises?**
10:00am

Section 163 is a provision in the 2018 FAA Reauthorization Act that was intended to provide U.S. airports with both flexibility and relief from federal regulatory oversight for non-aeronautical projects on non-federally obligated land. With its introduction, the FAA has developed new and sometimes onerous oversight and approval processes that have made use of the provision difficult. We'll discuss ways airports and the consulting community have found to address these difficulties as well as ACI-NA efforts to improve Section 163 processes with the FAA.

Those interested in this topic are also encouraged to attend a companion Section 163 session in the Legal Affairs Committee meeting at 1:00 pm.

Moderator: Steve Southers, San Antonio International Airport

Speaker: Peter Kirsch, Kaplan, Kirsch, & Rockwell, LLC
Kelly Moulton, C&S Companies

10:00am – **Morning Break**
10:30am

10:30am – **Environmental Affairs/OPSID Joint Session: Digital Twins and Why they Matter to Airports**
11:45am

"Digital twins" are virtual representations that serve as real-time digital counterparts of actual physical systems and processes. Their proponents note that digital twins can help airports evaluate the performance of complex systems, assess possible operational decisions or systems configurations in near real-time, and enhance airport situational awareness. In this session, we'll discuss how airports are using digital twins in practice as well as how you can determine whether digital twin development is appropriate for your airport.

Moderator: Eddie Clayson, Director of Maintenance, Salt Lake City International Airport (confirmed)

Speakers: Manik Arora, Arora Engineers (confirmed)
Robert Horton, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (confirmed, virtual)
Mark Ricketson, Massport (confirmed, virtual)
Howard Schotz, Parsons (confirmed, virtual)

12:00pm – **Lunch**
1:15pm

1:15pm – **Environmental Affairs/OPSID Joint Session: Striking a Balance Between Resiliency and Environmental Impacts**
2:30pm

As a prelude to session that will take place on Monday, the OPSID and Environmental Affairs Committee will discuss the interplay between resiliency and environmental impacts in airport capital and environmental programs and how airports should consider the tradeoffs and synergies between the two elements in project planning and development.

Moderator: Bridget Rief, Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission (confirmed)

Speakers: Chad Willis, Allegheny County Airport Authority (confirmed)
Neal Wolfe, ESA (confirmed)

2:30pm – **Afternoon Break**
3:00pm

3:00pm – **Environmental Affairs/OPSID Joint Session: FAA Regulatory Updates**
4:15pm

Get the latest from the FAA on current and planned regulatory and advisory initiatives from the FAA. Come prepared with your questions and concerns about current and pending rules, advisory circulars, and policy initiatives for this interactive discussion with FAA Office of Airports leaders.

Moderator: Need new moderator—suggest Roy Furhmann or Ian Redhead

Speakers: Shannetta Griffin, FAA Associate Administrator for Airports (invited)
Winsome Lenfert, FAA Deputy Associate Administrator for Airports (confirmed)

4:15pm – **Closing Remarks**
4:30pm

5:00pm – **Exhibition Hall Grand Opening**
7:00pm

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