

Community Integration Subcommittee Meeting Summary

Texas Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Advisory Committee

Virtual Meeting // April 17, 2024, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm CST (Meeting No.: 3)

Chair: Jim Perschbach

Vice Chair: Amanda Nelson

Committee Attendance: Amanda Nelson, Angel Newhart, George Kivork, Grant Guillot, Jim Perschbach, Kimberly Williams

Summary:

The meeting began with opening remarks and a recap of the full committee meeting, followed by a discussion on understanding and influence recommendations. The subcommittee engaged in a detailed review and modification of these recommendations.

The recommendation about adding AAM representation in TxDOT Aviation Advisory Committee was agreed upon with the view that it would provide a platform to recognize AAM as a growing and vital sector of the industry. However, the recommendation for a specific AAM position at TxDOT or OOG was removed. The subcommittee acknowledged that while there is currently no specific AAM position at TxDOT, a team of five people has been requested to work in this area. Therefore, this was not included as a recommendation but as a need.

The subcommittee also noted that the recommendation for the OOG to request an AAM IWG workshop in Texas was not a legislative action. Instead, they recommended that TxDOT act on this matter.

The recommendation on AAM research and development in Texas was modified to recommend creating a program for state universities. This program could be used as matching funds for federal grants and would require a minimum percentage of community or industry match.

The subcommittee decided to remove the recommendation about funding an economic impact study for Texas, as this can be done without any legislative funding. They agreed to use existing data from Port San Antonio and to use an acceptable methodology that is acknowledged by the comptroller's office in the state of Texas.

Finally, after a detailed discussion on the recommendation about the statewide AAM plan, the subcommittee agreed to remove it due to its vagueness. The meeting concluded with closing remarks.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2024, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm CST (Virtual)