
Minutes
Seventh Meeting of the DOT ACCESS Committee
November 2, 2016
Hilton Arlington Hotel, Arlington, VA

The Department of Transportation's Advisory Committee on Accessible Air Transportation (ACCESS) met on November, 2016 in Arlington, Virginia. In accordance with the Negotiated Rulemaking Act, 5 U.S.C. §561-570, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2, the meeting was open to the public. Richard Parker, Facilitator, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. The list of individuals attending the meeting is provided by **Attachment 1**. The agenda for the meeting is attached hereto as **Attachment 2**.

Committee Action

The ACCESS Committee convened at 10:30 am after the advocacy and airline groups were given time to caucus and form unified positions. After opening remarks and introductions the committee began its group discussion of the consolidated facilitator's draft proposal.

In-Flight Entertainment and In-Flight Communications Subcommittee.

Discussions began with the timeline for the rollout of a portable electronic device (PED) program. The airline representatives began the discussion with their initial take on the timeline for rolling out a PED program. The airline proposal stated that seatback IFE systems that do not offer at least bitmap captioning on or after 3 years after the Department's final rule, carriers would offer the option of a carrier-supplied PED program or a passenger supplied PED via streaming from an onboard server or wifi. The plenary session broke for the advocates to discuss their reply to the proposed timeline.

The advocates came back to the table with their counterproposal presented by Geoff Freed of the National Center for Accessible Media. The advocates agreed to the 3-year timeline, but proposed a timeline of no longer than 6 months for making updates to the schedule for updating the wifi user interface to make it more accessible to passengers during the transition period. This sparked a lengthy discussion within the Committee as to how long the process of introducing a software update throughout an entire aircraft fleet should take.

After lunch the group separated to caucus and refine their positions on the proposals. The Committee reconvened at 7:15pm to review the progress that had been made on the group proposal. The committee worked together to refine and the wording on the proposal until about 8:30pm when the group was dismissed. A vote on the issues will be taken over a teleconference meeting within the next several weeks.

ATTACHMENT 1

ACCESS Committee Seventh Plenary Meeting
Attendance List

Committee Members	DOT and Other Governmental Representatives
Michelle Albert, Boeing	Anne Hammond, USDOT
Zainab Alkebsi, National Association of the Deaf	Jill Laptosky, USDOT
Mary Barnicle, United Airlines	Vinh Nguyen, USDOT
Kelly Buckland, National Council on Independent Living	Catherine Burnett, Federal Aviation Administration
Michael Childers, Airline Passenger Experience	Andres Castillo, USDOT
Curt Decker, National Disability Rights Network	
Paul Doell, National Air Carrier Association	
Geoff Freed, National Center for Accessible Media	Other Attendees
Brian Friedman, JetBlue Airways	Heather Ainsley, Paralyzed Veterans of America
Katherine Hunter-Zamorski, Oregon State University	Tristan Atwood, Holland & Knight LLP
Candice Kolander, Association of Flight Attendants	Tara Bamburg, Southwest Airlines
Doug Lavin, International Air Transport Association	Jerome Davis, Econometrica
Russ Lemieux, Airline Passenger Experience	Neil Fried, Motion Picture Association of America
Lorne Mackenzie, WestJet Airlines	Lise Hamlin, Hearing Loss Association of America
David Martin, Delta Airlines	Kristen Jenkins, Omni Air International
Doug Mullen, Airlines for America	John Kloosterman, United Airlines
Larry Mullins, Lufthansa	Alicia Leahy, MPAA
Lee Page, Paralyzed Veterans of America	David Nelson, Amtrak
Richard Parker, Facilitator	Michael Planey, HM Planey Consultants
Anthony Stevens, American Council of the Blind	Stephen Prettyman, Airbus
Jennifer Sunderman, Regional Airline Association	Kenneth Shiatoni, National Disability Rights Network
Blane Workie, USDOT	Mark Smith, American Airlines
	Jim Thumpston, Zuckert Scoutt Rasenberger
	Chris Walker, Delta Airlines
	Scott Marston, Boeing
	Peter Lemme, Satcom.guru
	Ken Brady, Thales

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ATTACHMENT 2

Wednesday November 2, 2016

Hilton Hotel
950 N. Stafford Street
Arlington, VA 22203
Business Casual

Wednesday, Nov. 2 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM

08:30 – 10:30 AM Interest Group Meetings (Industry/Advocates)
Industry Breakout Room: Ballston Room (Lobby Level)
Advocate Breakout Room: Renoir Room (Mezzanine Level)

Plenary Room – Gallery 1 & 2 (Mezzanine Level)

10:30 – 12:30 PM Call to Order, Introductions, General Announcements
Richard Parker, Facilitator, ACCESS Committee
Blane Workie, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), ACCESS Committee

Regulatory Negotiation – IFE (Hardware/Software Issues)
Supporting Document: Consolidated Facilitator’s Draft

Cabin Announcements Task Force reps meet in parallel in breakout room

12:30 – 02:00 PM Lunch
■ Interest group/leadership caucuses to be scheduled as needed

02:00 – 04:00 PM Regulatory Negotiation – Content Issues

04:00 – 04:15 PM Break

04:15– 06:00 PM Regulatory Negotiation – Cabin Announcement issues

06:00 – 07:30 PM Break for supper/final document preparation

07:30 -- 08:35 PM Review of draft proposal

08:35 PM Adjourn