

RTCA Select Committee FFP1 Subgroup

September 14, 1999

Meeting Summary

The Subgroup met at the FFP1 Program Office, 1500 K Street, Washington, D.C., 8:30 a.m. The following people were in attendance:

Margaret Jenny (Co-Chair), US Airways
Bill Jeffers (Co-Chair), ARINC, Inc.
Franklin Black, Air Traffic Conflict Probe Team
Clarence Butcher, FFP1 Program Office
Dave Cherry, FFP1 Program Office
Jeff Griffith, ATO-1
Karl Grundmann, NATCA
Charlie Keegan, FFP1 Program Office
Bob Lamont, NBAA
Clyde Miller, FFP1 Program Office
Pat Nolte, DOD
Rick Piaz, PASS
Roy Reichenbach, NASA
Michael Shanker, FFP1 Program Office
Agam Sinha, Mitre-CAASD
L. Lane Speck, Conwal Inc.
George White, FFP1 Program Office
Ardyth Williams, FFP1 Program Office

Agenda

1. Welcome and Review of Day's Objectives
2. FFP1 Products – ZME and ZFW/DFW Site Visit, Jeff Griffith, ATP-1
3. URET Procedures Update, Frank Black, Co-Lead, Air Traffic Conflict Probe Team
4. NASSI Data Acquisition & Dissemination Plan, George White, FFP1

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ZME and ZFW/DFW Site Visits

Jeff Griffith, ATP-1, discussed his site visits to the Memphis Air Route Traffic Control Center (ZME), Forth Worth Air Route Traffic Control Center (ZFW) and the Dallas/Forth Worth Tracon (DFW). The purpose of the visit was to get a first-hand look at the current User Request Evaluation Tool (URET) and CTAS operations and to emphasize to facility personnel the importance of performance metrics, procedures, customer benefits, and user expectations

Jeff described for the Subgroup the successful operation of pFAST at DFW during a heavy arrival rush that included aircraft mechanical difficulties and missed approaches. Jeff also announced that 3 new MOU's have been signed with NATCA. They establish the following teams: National TMA Charter Team; National pFAST Charter Team, and DFW Tracon Daily Use pFAST Charter Team.

URET Procedures Update

Franklin Black summarized the *Air Traffic Conflict Probe Team Report #2, URET CCLD Procedures, August 31, 1999.**

NASSI Data Acquisition & Dissemination Plan

George White provided the group with a summary of the *NAS Status Information (NASSSI) Data Acquisition & Dissemination Plan (Draft), Version 0.92, August 24, 1999.* (An earlier draft was distributed to Subgroup members at the July meeting.)

Next Meeting

The next Subgroup meeting will be held on November 16, 1999, 8:30 a.m., at the FFP1 Program Office, 1500 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Agenda items will include: (1) Air Traffic Conflict Probe Report #2 discussion; (2) FAA-User Data Exchange Policy* and; (3) URET Restriction Relaxation Update.

***Action Items**

1. Subgroup members are requested to review the *Air Traffic Conflict Probe Report #2* and send written comments to Jeff Griffith (jeff.griffith@faa.gov) by cob October 15, 1999. Please be prepared to discuss the report at the November 16 meeting and to work toward a consensus set of comments to deliver back to the FAA.
2. Subgroup members are requested to send to Bill Jeffers your thoughts and comments about any issues related to FAA-User Data Exchange. It would benefit the FFP1 Program Office if copies of your comments were sent to Clarence Butcher (clarence.butcher@faa.gov). This input will be used to frame the discussion at the November 16th meeting.