

# AIRPORT MEMO

To: Chester County Area Airport Authority (CCAAA) Members

From: Gary L. Hudson, Airport Manager

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Subject: Airport Hot Topics

For your review, below is a listing of issues affecting the Chester County/G.O. Carlson Airport (MQS).

## NEW BUSINESS

\* **Meeting with DVRPC:** On August 9<sup>th</sup>, I met with 3 representatives from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). The purpose of the meeting was: 1) for them to discuss the 2040 Regional Airport System Plan (RASP) update and 2) for me to familiarize them with the airport and the South Apron project.

In the 2040 RASP update, DVRPC will provide a thorough analysis of the following tasks:

1. Compile aviation issues and trends impacting the regional airport system.
2. Inventory and update base data and plan objectives.
3. Create regional aviation capacity assessments and forecasts.
4. Identify airport system needs and deficiencies as well as future aviation development areas.
5. Develop RASP recommendations based on results from Tasks 1-4.

Initial research of the 2040 RASP update began in the spring of 2013 and is expected to be published in the spring of 2014.

\* **National Aviation Day Event:** On August 19<sup>th</sup>, MQS hosted its second National Aviation Day event. The purpose of the event was to provide members of organizations (boy scouts, girl scouts, ROTC, etc.) the opportunity to earn an Aviation Merit Badge, by participating in required events approved by the Boy Scouts of America. At the conclusion of this event, 69 Merit Badges were awarded.

\* **MQS Project Press Release:** On August 19<sup>th</sup>, Rob Betz, from the PENNDOT – BOA, informed me that a press release would be going out shortly, announcing the **Mitigate Obstruction (Phase I) Study, Preliminary Design Project**, for Chester County/G.O. Carlson Airport (MQS). The total project amount is for \$158,334. The federal amount is \$142,500 and the State and Local amount is \$7,917.

\* **Drive-thru Gates Code Changed:** On August 28<sup>th</sup>, the East and West drive-thru gates code was changed. Airport tenants were made aware of the code change, via the Airport Tenants email

distribution list and postings at each gate, explaining the date and time the change would take place.

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\* **Taxiway Repair Project:** The Taxiway Alpha and Foxtrot rehab project is still ongoing.

