

Teterboro Airport Industry Working Group: A New Paradigm for Creating a Safe, Secure, and Quieter Airport

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The Aviation Industry Steps Forward

If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. That's the thinking behind the Teterboro Airport Industry Working Group - a diverse group of aviation industry professionals who have come together to support and enhance operations at Teterboro Airport (TEB).

The mission of the Teterboro Industry Working Group is to proactively and voluntarily bridge the interests of the aviation community and airport neighbors and to offer practical and workable local solutions that address the unique nature of Teterboro Airport. Comprising experienced aviation experts representing TEB's fixed-base operators, airport users and tenants, and national and local aviation industry associations, the Working Group is the first all-industry group to step forward voluntarily to work with its owner, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and Congressman Steve Rothman to address community concerns.

"The Working Group is a major step in our goal of bringing together airport stakeholders to focus on Teterboro's operations," says Port Authority Chairman Anthony R. Coscia, who has made safety at TEB a high priority for his administration and who, along with Congressman Steve Rothman, was the impetus behind the Working Group's formation. "We now have a team of aviation professionals who are working directly with us on a voluntary basis and who are willing to bring forth new ideas to create a safer airport for users and our neighbors.

"The recommendations of the Working Group are major steps to building a safer Teterboro Airport, while allowing TEB to continue its vital role as a reliever airport and economic engine for the region. The recommendations include measures that voluntarily restrict their own operations, and that's highly productive, as well as commendable."

"The best way to work through issues of safety, security, and noise is to broaden the dialogue to include those directly connected to airport operations - the pilots, operators, and trade professionals," says former Congressman James K. Coyne, co-chair of the Working Group and president of the National Air Transportation Association. "Members of the Working Group have incredible experience and background and understand how the industry can best deliver solutions that respond to this community's concerns.

"Teterboro Airport is a vital link in our nation's aviation system," adds Coyne. "We want to work with the Port Authority and the community's elected representatives to protect this national aviation resource for years to come."

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Building
a Proactive Partnership

Like all airports, Teterboro Airport offers tremendous economic advantages to its host and surrounding communities. Teterboro Airport is very unique. It is a major general aviation airport providing access to New York and its financial centers. However, close proximity of the airport to its neighbors presents unique and complex challenges. Among these are airport safety, security, and noise.

"The Working Group is demonstrating how small airports and communities can co-exist beneficially for all," says Joseph G. Fazio, co-chair of the Working Group and general manager of Atlantic Aviation. "The solution is not 'us and them' but 'all of us together.' We are here to offer recommendations that will make Teterboro a model of safety."

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Working Group Pledges with Its Surrounding Community -

To Make Teterboro Airport a Better, Safer and Quieter Neighbor

The Teterboro Airport Industry Working Group's four subcommittees - Noise & Emissions, Operations, Safety & Security, and Regional Advocacy - have worked together for more than one year and have identified the following five major recommendations that members of the Working Group pledge to implement. And since members of the Working Group include all of TEB's five fixed-base operators, airport users and tenants (including Net Jets, Dassault Falcon, and AIG), and representatives of TEB, the results of their best efforts implementation of these voluntary pledges will be all encompassing and far reaching. Unlike many other groups of this nature that formed and dissipate over time, the TEB Working Group will meet quarterly to monitor progress and modify objectives to address concerns that may arise in order to fulfill its mission to ensure that Teterboro Airport is the safest and most secure general aviation airport in the world.

Pledge #1 - Stage II Aircraft

Working Group operators immediately agree not to operate Stage II aircraft at the airport.

Pledge #2 - Nighttime Curfew

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Group operators will adopt a night time curfew at TEB. This curfew will be in effect at the airport between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. The only exceptions to the curfew will be essential night operations.

Pledge

#3 - Weight Limitation

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Group operators agree not to operate aircraft having an operating weight of more than 100,000 pounds at Teterboro Airport at any time, now or in the future.

Pledge #4 - Safety

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order to make TEB a model for the safest general aviation airport in the nation, a safety culture that makes the maintenance of an ongoing Safety Management System (SMS) the top priority of all users will be developed by members of the Working Group. In partnership with the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) Safety 1st Program, TEB will establish an airport-wide SMS (becoming the first non-commercial airport in the nation to do so). All fixed-base operators have agreed to participate in the NATA SMS for Ground Operations. All charter operators will be strongly encouraged to participate in the NATA SMS for Air Operators.

Pledge

5 - Security

All

Working Group operators pledge to enhance and refine the security procedures already in place at TEB and support the airport in its ultimate goal of becoming the industry's security model for general aviation airports. TEB and its tenants will implement a program of aviation/airport security best practices, including Airport Watch, a partnership program of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and Transportation Security Administration (TSA), which is designed to secure general aviation airports. The members will support and encourage the Port Authority's effort to install a state-of-the-art surveillance and perimeter intrusion alert system at a cost of approximately \$15 million. In addition, the members will provide expertise and develop recommendations for TSA in an effort to continually upgrade security procedures applicable to the general aviation industry and general aviation operators utilizing Teterboro Airport including, but not limited to, security of aircraft, passengers, cargo and crew.

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TEB:
Vital To the Community's Economic Prosperity

Owned

and operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Teterboro Airport (TEB) is a vital component of its southern Bergen County community and a vital link in the nation's aviation network. As a busy reliever airport, TEB does not accommodate commercial flights but instead is the facility of choice for charter flights, private aircraft, small package cargo shipments, humanitarian causes, and emergency medical flights. As a thriving partner of its community, TEB generates more than 15,000 jobs, \$670 million in wages, and \$1.8 billion in annual economic activity in the New York-New Jersey region.

- Jobs

and Wages: TEB itself is a major employer for the airport-services industry, with at least 1,200 local men and women coming to work directly at the airport. Among these 1,700, 94 percent are neighbors and live within 15 miles of the airport. Secondary jobs that the airport helps to support in Bergen County include almost 3,000 employees at Quest Diagnostics, a leading national medical testing enterprise in Teterboro; 300 employees of Dassault Falcon Jet Corp. in Little Ferry; and 600 neighborhood residents who work in major hotels in Bergen County that depend on year-round business from the airport. Hotel occupancy taxes represent revenues from out-of-state residents that directly benefit the local municipalities in supplementary funding to support local police, fire, and other essential services.

- Local

Businesses: There are also many other local businesses that depend on TEB for income, including local limousine services, dry cleaners, restaurants, delis, and gas stations. Another important business partner is the New Jersey Air Service Department Office, which identifies and matches the purchasing needs of the airport with the expertise of local businesses within the TEB community. This has resulted in the awarding of \$56 million in contracts to local area vendors.

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Property Values: Because property values are closely related to gross economic activity, estimates are that Bergen County property values would lower by \$500 million without TEB.

- Spending by Visitors: Because

TEB serves a large number of business executives, celebrities, dignitaries, and wealthy patrons who fly here charter or via private aircraft for business and leisure in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area, the airport generates a considerable amount of spending from these individuals in local stores, restaurants, cultural and sports activities, and at large meetings and conventions. Business travelers spend nearly 400,000 hotel nights in the region each year. Nearly one-third of these hotel nights are occupied by professional flight crews that stay almost exclusively at Bergen County lodging establishments.

- Investment in the Airport:

Direct investment in the airport provides additional economic benefits to the local community through construction jobs and the purchase of equipment and materials from local suppliers.

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Playing
a Critical Role in the Nation's Aviation Network

As a "general reliever" airport, Teterboro Airport does not accommodate commercial operations but services chartered flights, private aircraft, small package cargo shipments, and medical flights. Because it is a reliever airport and hosts independent aircraft, TEB prevents flight congestion at the major New York-New Jersey airports of John F. Kennedy International, LaGuardia, and Newark Liberty International - where these flights would have to land if Teterboro were not here. TEB's humanitarian services and emergency flights - such as Angel Flights America and Earth Angels - bring patients and donated organs to the region for expert medical care and transplantation at Hackensack University Medical Center and New York City hospitals.

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Working
to Enhance Our Community's Quality of Life

Teterboro Airport is a proud member of the south Bergen County community and contributes to its neighbors' quality of life in a number of ways:

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Safety and Security: Comprehensive reviews of security have been completed, and long-range plans put into place, including investments in physical protections, new technologies, and new operational procedures. Already completed are improved taxiway exits, new state-of-the-art technology system for landings, and landscaping and beautification projects. Taxiway relocations and construction of a taxiway extension are expected to reduce engine run time and the number of aircraft crossing runways. Within the past several years, TEB's tenant population has made substantial investments in the facility,

including Jet Aviation's new office/terminal building, storage hangar, and paved infield; Signature Flight Support's new terminal building; and Atlantic Aviation's hangar 2.

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Noise Reduction: TEB

imposes a ban on Stage 1 aircraft (the noisiest) and restricts aircraft in excess of 100,000 pounds. Older aircraft are being replaced by newer, quieter, more fuel-efficient aircraft. The Port Authority and the Teterboro Noise Abatement Advisory Committee monitor noise 24/7 and provide stiff penalties for aircraft that violate these stringent standards. If an aircraft receives three noise violations within a two-year period, it is banned from using TEB. The airport is one of only a few in the nation to impose this "three strikes" rule. Neighbors may use a 24-hour hotline staffed by TEB to voice any noise complaints they may have.

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The New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum at TEB: The first state aviation hall of fame in the nation, the museum has served as a tourist attraction, educational center, and cultural landmark for more than 30 years. Approximately 30,000 adults and schoolchildren visit every year.

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Humanitarian Flights: Pilots, aircraft owners, and the airport operator regularly volunteer their services to support Angel Flights America and Earth Angels, which provide free flights for medical patients who need medical care available elsewhere or those who come to this region for medical care. They also mobilize pilots to provide community assistance in times of national emergencies, such as in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. TEB also services emergency medical flights that bring blood, organs, and patients from all over the country to Hackensack University Medical Center's Trauma Center and Cancer Center for testing, treatment, and organ transplantation.

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Soundproofing Schools:

TEB has spent in excess of \$35 million to soundproof schools in the Bergen County towns of Teterboro, Hackensack, South Hackensack, and Rutherford. The money comes primarily from the Federal Aviation Administration Improvement Program and the Port Authority, which in 23 years have given \$356.3 million to 77 schools in New York and New Jersey.

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Community Contributions: TEB supports local fundraising events, baseball and softball leagues, Big Brother & Big Sister, the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts of America, and the Rutherford Community Band. TEB's annual 5K "Runway" benefits the local United Way, and the airport's annual golf tournament provides scholarships to local high school students.

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