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Mr. Edward Freni
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Dear Mr. Freni:

The letter serves to officially notify the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) of the FAA's position on the status of the ongoing Boston Logan Airport Noise Study (BLANS).

By the end of 2006, Massport had received a total amount of \$6.7 million in FAA federal grant dollars to conduct the BLANS. The BLANS is one of the mitigation requirements in the August 2, 2002 FAA Record of Decision for the Airside Improvement Planning Project at Logan International Airport (Boston-Logan Airport). FAA, Massport and the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee (CAC) worked with both a project consultant and an independent consulting firm to develop and execute a work plan that considered what could be done to improve the noise environment for communities surrounding Boston-Logan Airport.

Although operational tests were conducted between November 2014 and 2015 to gather and analyze data on potential runway use changes, little progress has been made since then towards finalizing a runway use program. In January 2016, FAA advised Massport and the CAC that the BLANS must advance on a path to completion prior to the end of the fiscal year, or the project would be administratively closed and the remaining budget will be used on other existing noise projects. This is documented in an email from Terry English (BLANS Program Manager) to the BLANS Project Management Team, dated January 27, 2016.

On August 10, 2016 the FAA met to discuss the current status of the BLANS and further define what may constitute a path to completion by the end of FAA's fiscal year (September 30, 2016). The FAA determined that at a minimum the CAC must have a recommendation for a runway use program by September 30, 2016, or we will ask Massport to submit final invoices to close the project by October 1, 2016.

The CAC recommendation must be something that can be supported by Massport and implemented by the Logan airport traffic control tower personnel. We believe this is

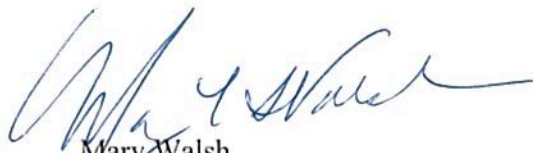
possible, with the assistance of the project and independent consultants using lessons learned from completed operational tests and from the development of a potential third test. The FAA supports this effort and will continue to provide technical assistance to Massport and CAC. We understand that once CAC recommends a runway use program, some follow-up work will be required for noise modeling and possibly some minor adjustments. In addition, a final report will need to be prepared consistent with the BLANS Scope of Work dated March 9, 2016.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Terry English, of my staff at 603-881-1388.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Darryl Pomicter, CAC President