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Town of Cohasset
Board of Selectmen
41 Highland Avenue
Cohasset, MA 02025

Dear Board of Selectmen:

This is in response to your letter dated July 7, 2008, regarding the implementation of the Phase 1 alternatives of the Boston Overflight Noise Study (BONS). You expressed concern that the flights crossing the shoreline in Cohasset are not at the altitudes predicted and recommended that additional data be compiled and analyzed to compare the actual shoreline crossings against those predicted in the BONS.

Please note that Task 3.2 of the Phase 2 Scope of Services (SOS) for the noise study dated August 16, 2006, provides for post-implementation assessment of the Phase 1 alternatives (enclosure). As a result, your proposals for monitoring need to be coordinated through the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and their Independent Consultant in accordance with the SOS. This is most important as Task 3.2 applies to all Phase 1 alternatives and not just those that cross the shoreline over Cohasset.

I hope this adequately addresses your concerns. Please contact me at (603) 881-1388 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager, Boston Logan Airport Noise Study

Enclosure

cc:

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Steve Smith, Ricondo and Associates, Inc.
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3.2 Post-Implementation Assessment

The IC, with some PC review, will assist CAC in determining the monitoring metrics and reports required to determine if the early implementation measures are being implemented as planned, and assess actual data to determine if the intended results of the measures are being achieved. Massport has an aircraft operations and noise monitoring system in place that is currently being upgraded and enhanced. This system may be used to monitor implementation of the approved actions. Supplemental measurements conducted by the Independent Consultant are not included in the budget for this element.

After the early implementation measures have been implemented, the PC and IC will review the results of the monitoring and compliance reports generated by Massport and by supplemental monitoring, if any, to determine whether the intended results of the approved actions are being achieved. If the intended results are not being achieved, the IC, with PC review, will analyze the procedures and develop recommendations to BOS/TAC/CAC for possible adjustments to the procedures that would achieve the intended results.

PC Activities:

- Review IC recommendations for metrics and means to evaluate use and pattern of implemented procedures.
- Review results of IC assessments to determine if intended results are being achieved.

IC Activities:

- Assist the CAC in determining the metrics and reports needed to monitor the implementation of approved actions and coordinate with Massport.
- Coordinate with Massport to calculate and review the results of the flight track monitoring data provided from Massport.
- Identify procedures that may require further enhancements and provide recommendations to BOS/TAC/CAC.