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To: All Airport Users and Friends

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Design and Permitting for the Rehabilitation of Runway 4-22 and Connector Taxiway [FAA AIP No. 3-25-0047-19-2009]: Upon receiving direction from the FAA and MassDOT, Jacobs has revised the ENF to demonstrate all alternatives for the proposed projects including areas on the airport that could accommodate hangar development and different routes for the Southside Taxiway. The projects will be revised to show Short-Term and Long Term Projects. It is still anticipated that the ENF will include a Phase One Waiver for the Rehabilitation of Runway 4-22 and Realignment of Connector Taxiway A. The waiver, if granted on February 11, 2011, will allow the runway and taxiway project to progress through final design and construction when funds become available. The remaining proposed projects would require additional environmental review under the EA/EIR.

Preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) / Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Airport Improvement Projects - FAA AIP 3-25-0047-20-2010: The EA/EIR will study the remaining Short and Long Term development alternatives from the ALP. Preferred options will be selected based on environmental impacts vs. amount of developable hangar space for each area. The need for altering more than 5,000SF of wetlands would require a Variance from DEP. The DEP requires an overriding need for public safety as the determinant in issuing a Variance. The prior EA/EIR scope will be re-evaluated based on the Feb. 11 MEPA ENF decision and agency comments. Jacobs will coordinate with FAA and MassDOT Aeronautics on the final scope and IFE review process to finalize the grant amount in early March.

Airport Community Awareness and Participation: As always, the users of the airport are the best eyes and ears that we have. We depend on your input; please bring to our attention any items or issues that may arise between now and the next meeting.

Taunton Municipal Airport Commission Meetings: The TMAC meets on the last Wednesday of every month in the Leonard F. Rose SRE building unless otherwise noted. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. The meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend and participate.