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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]: MEPA issued a Draft Record of Decision (ROD) on February 11, 2011 to grant the waiver for the reconstruction of the turf crosswind Runway 4-22. This includes: Rehabilitate Runway 4-22 (Turf Runway) and Realign Connector Taxiway (Turf Taxiway). The waiver will enable the runway and taxiway project to progress through final design and Conservation Commission review for the reconstruction when funds become available.

Preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) / Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Airport Improvement Projects - FAA AIP 3-25-0047-20-2010: The remaining proposed projects will require additional environmental review under a future EA/EIR. These projects include: Construct Additional Hangars and Aprons, Grade the Southside Parcel For Future Development, Construct Taxiway Access to the Southside, Develop the Southside Parcel for Hangars. The EA/EIR will study preferred options based on environmental impacts vs. amount of developable hangar space for each area. The need for altering more than 5,000 sqft of wetlands for the connector taxiway will require a Variance from DEP. The DEP requires an overriding need for public safety in order issue a Variance. The prior EA/EIR scope is being re-evaluated based on the Feb. 11 MEPA EENF Certificate and agency comments. Jacobs will coordinate with FAA and MassDOT Aeronautics on the final scope and a new IFE review process to finalize the grant amount in early March.

SOPP Changes/Additions: Because of recent changes in environmental rules and regulations we have updated our Standard Operating Policies and Procedures (SOPPs) to reflect these changes. All leaseholders and tenants should review them to be familiar with them. This information may be found on the City of Taunton website.

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, March 30, 2011. The meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend and participate.