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To: All Airport Users and Friends
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Construct Taxiway “B” – AIP 3-25-0047-25-2014 Project Update: The motorized gate and pedestrian gate along with the access control operators at the end of Taxiway B (South Precinct Street) have been installed. The electrical contractor is now installing the gate control unit enclosure.

Airport Administration Building: During the month of March FM Architecture will conduct a Schematic Design Meeting to bring together each airport in Group 2, MassDOT, FMA and other members of the design team to solidify key design decisions (floor plan, parking lot layout, review of exterior materials) and to outline the next steps for moving forward. They will meet with each airport separately at MassDOT headquarters in Boston. As previously reported MassDOT/Aeronautics has informed the TMAC that the Taunton Municipal Airport has been selected to be part of the next group of airports to receive a new building as part of the Statewide Airport Administration Building Program [SAAB]. MassDOT expects to design and bid the project in fiscal year 2016 with construction slated for fiscal year 2017. Although planned, the final go-ahead for the construction phase is dependent on the approval of the project in the annual MassDOT capital budget.

“NA at Night”: On February 24th the FAA sent notification to ASG and TAN indicating that the NOTAM is now in place removing the “NA at Night”. The FAA repeated their indication that any reference to “NA at Night” should be removed permanently in the next publication cycle.

TMLP Fiber Optic Installation: Taunton Municipal Light Plant [TMLP] is willing to install fiber optic cable for high speed internet access to the east side of the airport. They need three additional customers. TMLP also would offer the same deal for the west side of the airport. We would like to let others know of this great opportunity here at the airport. Please contact the TMLP directly at 508-824-3181 and ask for Sonja.

Taunton Municipal Airport Commission Meetings: The TMAC meets at 7:00 p.m. on the last Wednesday of every month in the temporary city hall building, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, Ma. 02780 unless otherwise noted. The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 30, 2016**. The meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend. Individuals with disabilities, who require assistance or special arrangements to attend, please contact the Airport Manager at 508-821-2973. We request that you provide a 48 hour notice so that the proper arrangements may be made.