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Mr. Mark A. Paolillo, Chair
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455 Concord Avenue
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Dear Mr. Paolillo:

Thank you for your letter of December 26, 2013, requesting that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) consider community comments and resident feedback as a part of their 6- and 12-month post-implementation reviews of the Runway 33L Area Navigation (RNAV) program at Boston Logan International Airport (BOS). In your letter, you stated the only opportunity that the FAA provided your community and its residents to share their feedback was based on a written Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that made claims there would be minimal impact on Belmont. You requested the FAA provide an opportunity for the impacted residents to share their feedback based on their actual experience with the changes after they have been implemented. You also stated the residents have been informed by Terry English that the post implementation period does not accept or review resident noise complaints and there is no comment period. You requested a meeting with the FAA to discuss the issues.

As we have previously stated, the FAA post-implementation review is a standard part of the Performance Based Navigation (PBN) procedure development process, and following that process has ensured that once developed procedures are published, they can be utilized successfully by our industry partners. In addition, the final results of the post-implementation reviews will allow the FAA to determine, in a separate analysis, if the aircraft are generally flying the procedure as predicted and noise modeled in the final EA.

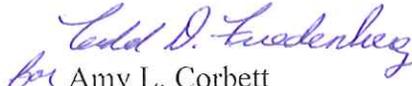
Although FAA will not accept comments during the PBN post-implementation review, we have agreed to share the results with the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport). We will consider any requests from Massport or the CAC President to further explain the results of the post-implementation review to the entire CAC that includes representatives from over 30 communities surrounding BOS. At the same time, we can also discuss the process to address noise complaints or concerns regarding the Runway 33L RNAV Standard Instrument Departure procedure.

The FAA works with Massport, the Airport Sponsor, on BOS noise issues through the CAC, and we regularly meet with the CAC. We do not meet individually with communities that are members of the CAC or could be members of the CAC.

The FAA's mission is to ensure that air traffic flows safely and efficiently from their departure points to their destinations. Despite our best attempts, we acknowledge it is difficult to reduce noise levels in every area. Nevertheless, the FAA is committed to minimizing noise and other negative impacts to the extent possible while ensuring the safety and efficiency of air travel.

If you require further information, please contact Allan Goldsher of my staff at 781-238-7025.

Sincerely,


for Amy L. Corbett
Regional Administrator