



CITY OF BELFAST

City Hall
131 Church Street
Maine 04915

August 10th, 2018

Re: Meeting Regarding Parallel Taxiway Extension Project on August 23rd

Dear Neighbor of Belfast Municipal Airport:

The City of Belfast wishes to be transparent with both neighbors of Belfast Municipal Airport as well as with the broader community, when it comes to activities and projects concerning the Airport.

To that end, representatives of the City of Belfast and its aviation consultant McFarland Johnson, will be hosting a public information meeting regarding the Airport's upcoming parallel taxiway extension project, which will take place from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, August 23rd, 2018, in Council Chambers at Belfast City Hall (131 Church Street, Belfast).** Anyone, whether they are a neighbor of the Airport or not, may attend this meeting.

At this meeting we will be able to share a conceptual schedule and outline typical items of work anticipated during construction such as trucking routes, dust mitigation, working hours, and blasting procedures. The public will be invited to ask questions regarding the upcoming project.

The parallel taxiway extension project is a long-planned project for the Airport. The reason for the inclusion and/or extension of a parallel taxiway at an airport, and its major benefit to an airport, is to increase that airport's level of safety, by reducing the opportunity for collisions. The construction of parallel taxiways is currently a very high priority of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). *It is important to note that this taxiway project is to enhance the Airport's existing runway, in no way will this project be extending the length of the Airport's runway, and this project does not require any additional land or aviation easements from private property owners. (The City did previously exchange land with the Maine Army National Guard to facilitate this project.)* The City of Belfast had previously voted to support this project in June of 2018 when it voted to allocate \$235,000 towards this project (as its required 5% share of project costs). The City of Belfast has received bids for this project, has submitted a grant application to the FAA, and has recently received back a grant offer from the FAA.

You may find information regarding this project at www.cityofbelfast.org/airport (under the section entitled "Airport Projects"). If you desire printed versions of any project-related documents, please contact me, and I will see that you get them in a timely manner. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this Airport project, or the Airport in general, please feel free to simply come in person to my office at Belfast City Hall, or you may instead contact me via e-mail at airport@cityofbelfast.org or via phone at (207) 338-3370, extension 600.

I greatly appreciate your time and attention, and my door is always open to you to discuss Belfast Municipal Airport.

Most Sincerely,

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