

CHAPTER 5

Public Involvement

5.1 Summary of Public Outreach and Coordination

As outlined in FAA Order 1050.1F, information about the EA must be coordinated with various stakeholders including various government agencies, tribal communities, and the public. The Proposed Action will likely be familiar to many members of the Airport community as the Proposed Action was introduced to the public in two well attended meetings in 2015, and the environmental impacts were initially evaluated in March 2016 and this Environmental Assessment was prepared in response to public input received from the public, local, state, and federal officials as part of outreach summarizing that initial 2016 environmental review. The FAA has been providing updates to both Massport and the Massport Community Advisory Committee on the status of the Proposed Action and FAA's environmental review.

Coordination with the Massachusetts Historical Commission was initiated on June 18, 2020. This letter included a request for additional historical commissions or organizations that may provide additional historic properties that should be considered. A response to this initial letter dated July 24, 2020 was received by the FAA and consultation with the MHC is continuing based on the response. Both of these letters can be found in Appendix G.

On September 21, 2020, the Draft EA was published and its Notice of Availability was published in the Boston Globe, the Boston Herald the Patriot Ledger. The notice of the Draft EA availability was provided to key local stakeholders and these notices and publications can be found in Appendix G of this document. The full list of these notified stakeholders can be found in Appendix H. The Draft EA was made available on the project website starting on September 21, 2020 and was also available at the following libraries:

- Boston Public Library, Central Library, 700 Boylston St, Boston, MA
- Boston Public Library, Codman Square, 690 Washington St, Boston, MA
- Boston Public Library, Fields Corner, 1520 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA
- Boston Public Library, Grove Hall, 41 Geneva Avenue, Boston, MA
- Boston Public Library, Lower Mills, 27 Richmond St, Boston, MA
- Boston Public Library, Mattapan, 1350 Blue Hill Avenue, Boston, MA
- Boston Public Library, Roxbury, 149 Dudley St, Roxbury, MA
- Boston Public Library, South Boston, 646 E Broadway, South Boston, MA
- Boston Public Library, South End, 685 Tremont St, Boston, MA
- Milton Public Library, 476 Canton Avenue, Milton, MA
- Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St, Quincy, MA

The Notice of Availability includes the project website address (FAABostonWorkshops.com), instructions as to how to comment on the Proposed Action via the project website, information about the Virtual Public Workshops and the complete details about the comment period. The project website allowed interested members of the public the opportunity to review the Draft EA, information about the public comment period, and information about the upcoming public meeting.

Two Public Workshops will be held in a “virtual” format on October 23, 2020 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm and October 28, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. During each Public Workshop an informational presentation will be followed by a question and answer period during which members of the public can share concerns with members of the FAA and its consultant staff. Furthermore, comments may be submitted online before during and after the Public Workshops. All comments will be considered equally by FAA and its consultant in the development of the Final EA. Comments can be made at the Virtual Workshop, on the project website, by emailing FAABostonWorkshops@esassoc.com or mailing the address below.

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