



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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RE: Logan Airport RNAV (GPS) RWY 4L Approach Procedures, Boston, MA; MHC# RC.68314

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the information you submitted, received at this office on August 11, 2021, for the project referenced above.

The FAA's June 21, 2021 submission indicated that at that time the FAA was reaching out to historical commissions, regional planning commission, and other organizations that MHC identified as possible consulting parties. MHC staff had requested that all comments from these groups be submitted to our office for review. The MHC reiterates this request. The MHC received an email request from the FAA on June 14, 2021 for an email address of Air, Inc., one of the potential consulting parties that MHC had recommended be notified. Please confirm that the FAA sent correspondence inviting each party that MHC recommended. Staff would also like to note that many Local Historical Commissions have reduced meetings during the summer months and the notifications may have taken longer to be received by the Local Historical Commissions.

MHC staff understand that there is also a public information session to be hosted by Massport and the FAA scheduled for September 23, 2021 at 5:30pm. The session is regarding the Boston Logan RNAV Study and current Block 2 recommendations. The Study was in response to community concerns related to the FAA's implementation of NextGen procedures including RNAV. Block 2 was identified as a block within the Runway 4L path. Public comments from this information session should be provided to the MHC.

The MHC cannot concur with FAA's finding of "no adverse effect" to historic properties.

The proposed RNAV (GPS) Runway 4L approach procedures will concentrate flights in a more precise vertical and horizontal track. As indicated in the draft Environmental Assessment (EA), the number of overflights will increase and result in an increased number of events when air traffic noise will be heard over historic resources (see 36 CFR 800.5(2)(v)).

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (36 CFR 800). Please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Sherva of my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brona Simon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brona" and the last name "Simon" clearly legible.

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