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Subject: Re: New Bedford Airport
Date: Fri, May 19, 2017 4:42 pm

Dear Mr. Bongiorno

Thank you for taking the time to submit your comments regarding the resurfacing of runway 14/32 at the New Bedford Regional Airport and the proposal to reduce the runway width during the reconstruction and resurfacing. I concur with your opinion and assessment as to the negative effect this will have on our Airport.

I have submitted your letter / e-mail as part of the official record of the Council and will be sure to reference your comments in any future conversations regarding this project.

Thank you again for your valuable input. Should you wish to discuss this issue further please call or e-mail me. My direct contact information is noted below.

Linda

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From: "Bongiorno, Gregory M." <GBongiorno@bridgew.edu>
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Date: May 18, 2017 at 9:24 PM
Subject: Re: New Bedford Airport

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in regards to the future reconstruction plans at the New Bedford Regional Airport. I am very concerned about runway 14/32 being narrowed to 75ft instead of the industry standard 100ft width that is much safer when accommodating turbine aircraft.

I have been working in and around the NBRA for the past 23 years, flying everything from small single engine aircraft up to multi-million dollar corporate jets. I travel around the U.S. and I have really noticed that airlines and corporate aviation usage is picking up through innovative business models helping to spur regional economic development. NBRA is prime to capitalize on these opportunities but it is imperative that the airport can safely accommodate turbine aircraft with multiple, suitable runways.

My current employer is a Fortune 7 company based out of Rhode Island. When we were in need of additional hangar storage I was able to help secure a one year lease at NBRA for one of our four jets. We purchased jet fuel and conducted many flight in and out of EWB that year generating revenue for the City of New Bedford. Having two runways with proper width for take-off and landing considerations was definitely part of the deciding factor when we came to EWB. We still consider EWB an alternate for storage, fuel and other flight safety considerations when operating in the region.

Having multiple runways with proper width for turbine operators will definitely be consideration for many other operators as well. The variable weather patterns in New England make choosing a suitable airport very challenging for many flight operations and taking away this safety consideration, and revenue generating potential, will definitely have an impact on the airport's usage.

I strongly urge the City of New Bedford to reconsider funding the additional 25ft required to make runway 14/32 the full, proper and safe width of 100ft.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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