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The Honorable Paul Adams
Massachusetts House of Representatives
State House, Room 39
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Adams:

I am writing to update you on progress that has been made on the Boston Logan Airport Noise Study (BLANS) since the last Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) update letter was issued in October 2009.

Over the past two years, the FAA, Massport and the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee (CAC) have worked diligently to complete the second level screening analysis on 32 proposed noise abatement measures that remained for consideration after completion of the Level 1 safety screening analysis. The primary focus of the Level 2 screening analysis was for the FAA to determine if the CAC's proposed noise abatement measures would significantly compromise FAA's mission and goals. In addition, Massport analyzed those measures related to ground-based aircraft noise to determine if airport related measures were feasible. The CAC used additional information to determine if the measures met its pre-established noise abatement goals and objectives.

Of the 32 measures analyzed, 17 were eliminated, five (5) have been or are in the process of being implemented, and 10 are currently being considered by CAC to recommend for implementation. The analysis related to FAA, Massport and CAC determinations is described in detail for each measure in the Final Level 2 Analysis Report, dated November 2011.

We encourage you to review the report and other related information on the BLANS website at www.bostonoverflightnoisestudy.com to determine whether you may have concerns related to your community or your constituents. As stated in our last letter, communities are offered a voice in the BLANS process through participation on the CAC, who meet on an as needed basis to discuss the analysis of noise abatement measures. As a designated representative of a community, if you are concerned that a remaining measure(s) may potentially impact communities you represent, please encourage them to consider carefully the importance of such participation and contact one of the CAC co-chairs noted below regarding procedures to join the CAC:

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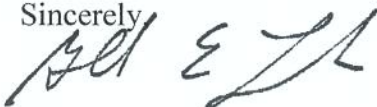
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The next step in the process is for the CAC to consider which of the 10 remaining measures it would like to group together into a single cumulative alternative. This will be based on the noise analysis results of each measure which has been provided to the CAC and whether it is consistent with the CAC's stated noise abatement goals and objectives. The CAC is expected to vote in early 2012. Based on the noise modeling results of the cumulative alternative, the CAC is expected to make a final decision on whether to recommend the cumulative alternative for implementation.

It is important to note that the FAA is not conducting a formal Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment at this time. Such an analysis would occur during a later phase of this study after the CAC makes a recommendation. Input received by CAC and Massport participants during the scoping process for the next phase will, however, be integrated as appropriate into the formal environmental process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. We will continue to keep you updated throughout the process and plan to hold one more briefing of elected officials in the spring prior to the completion of Phase 2 of the study. If you have any questions or need additional information from the FAA, please contact New England Region's Congressional Liaison, at (781) 238-7025 or Barbara.Travers-Wright@faa.gov.

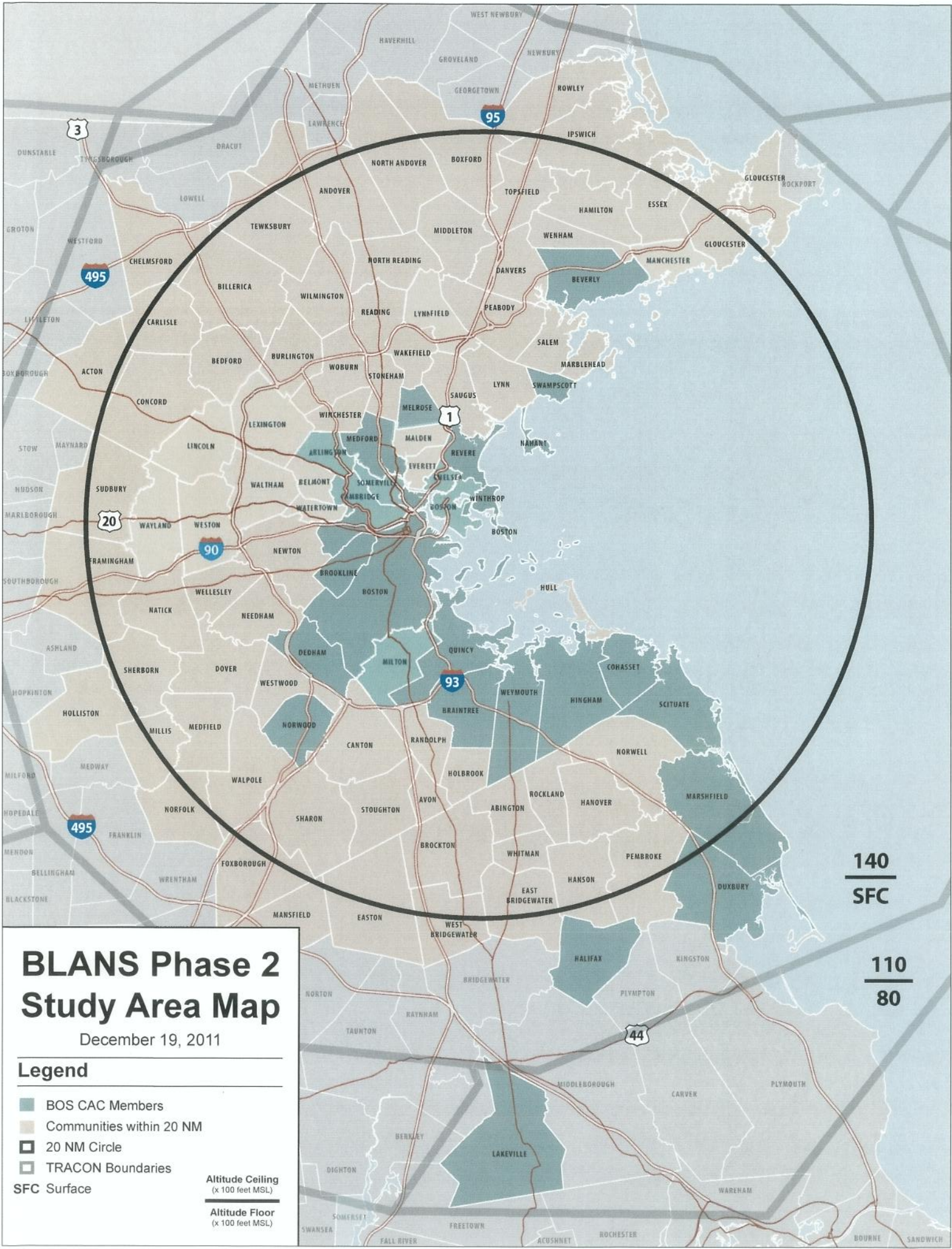
Sincerely



for
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Enclosure
Map of study area depicting CAC participating communities

cc: Ms. Sandra Kunz and Mr. Jerry Falbo, CAC co-chairs
Mr. Flavio Leo, Massport



BLANS Phase 2 Study Area Map

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Legend

- BOS CAC Members
- Communities within 20 NM
- 20 NM Circle
- TRACON Boundaries

SFC Surface

Altitude Ceiling
(x 100 feet MSL)

Altitude Floor
(x 100 feet MSL)

140
SFC

110
80