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Mr. Peter Donovan  
Chairman, Chatham Airport Commission  
Chatham Municipal Airport  
549 Main Street  
Chatham, MA 02633-2279

Dear Mr. Donovan:

We have completed our review of the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) for Chatham Municipal Airport, Chatham, Massachusetts. The ALP was reviewed by FAA under airspace study 2020-ANE-548-NRA. This letter acknowledges FAA's approval of the ALP.

This determination does not constitute FAA approval or disapproval of the physical development involved in the proposal. It is a determination with respect to the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace by aircraft and with respect to the safety of persons and property on the ground.

The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, section 163(d), has limited the FAA's review and approval authority for ALPs. The Act limits the FAA's authority to those portions of the ALP that:

- Materially impact the safe and efficient operation of aircraft at, to, or from the airport;
- Adversely affect the safety of people or property on the ground adjacent to the airport as a result of aircraft operations; or
- Adversely affect the value of prior Federal investments to a significant extent.

FAA's approval of this ALP is limited to existing facilities only (or those specific areas that FAA retains approval authority). The FAA has not made a determination on whether or not it retains review and approval authority for any proposed facilities depicted on the ALP associated with this letter (unless otherwise noted). Under Section 49 USC §47107(a)(16) (as revised per section 163(d) of Pub.L. 115-254), FAA must separately determine whether it retains approval authority for each individual proposed facility depicted on an ALP before construction occurs.

Although section 163(d) has limited the FAA's review and approval authority of proposed projects depicted on an ALP, airport sponsors must continue to maintain an up-to-date ALP in accordance with Federal law, 49 U.S.C. §47107(a)(16).

In approving the ALP, the FAA has considered matters such as the effects the proposal would have on existing or planned traffic patterns of neighboring airports, the effects it would have on the existing airspace structure and projected programs of the FAA, the effects it would have on the safety of persons and property on the ground, and the effects that existing or proposed manmade objects (on file with FAA) and known natural objects with the affected area would have on the airport proposal.

The FAA has only limited means to prevent the construction of structures near an airport. The airport sponsor has the primary responsibility to protect the airport environs through such means as local zoning ordinances, property acquisition, aviation easements, letters of agreement and other means.

Notwithstanding, all items of development shall comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policies Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190).

Approval of the plan does not indicate that the United States will participate in the cost of any development proposed. AIP funding requires evidence of eligibility and justification at the time a funding request is ripe for consideration.

When construction of any proposed structure or development indicated on the plan is undertaken, such construction requires normal 45-day advance notification to FAA for review in accordance with applicable Federal Aviation Regulations (i.e., Parts 77, 157, 152, etc.). More notice is generally beneficial to ensure that all statutory, regulatory, technical and operational issues can be addressed in a timely manner.

We are enclosing a copy of the approved ALP drawing set for your records. If you have any questions, please contact me at (781) 238-7616.

In order to financially close the grant (AIP 3-25-0015-023-2018), please submit the final airport master plan document along with the final payment reimbursement and closeout package.

Sincerely,



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Lead Community Planner

Enclosure (1 signed ALP)

Cc: Denise Garcia, MassDOT/Aeronautics Division, with enclosure  
Matt Caron, Gale Associates, Inc., with enclosure  
Tim Howard, Airport Manager, without enclosure