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## **BIDS SOUGHT TO BUILD NEW AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD**

For Immediate Release

The third and final leg of Barnstable Municipal Airport's improvement program is about to take flight. The Town of Barnstable is soliciting bids to build a new, two-lane roadway that will carry vehicles to and from the airport via Attucks Lane and relieve traffic congestion near the Airport Rotary.

The project also includes widening of the intersection of Attucks Lane and Airport Road, 210,000 sq. feet of improved airport parking and an extension of the median on Rte. 132 from the Airport Rotary to a point 30 feet past the Hinckley Road intersection. The divider is intended to improve safety and prevent risky left turns.

"It's all about smart traffic management and enhanced public safety," said Airport Manager Roland "Bud" Breault.

Construction is expected to cost about \$4.3 million and take four to six months to complete, once it starts. About 80 percent of the total cost will be covered by the FAA and airport reserves. The balance will be paid for by state highway funds allocated to the town.

The first and second phases of the airport's enhancement project include a new air traffic control tower (now more than 40 percent complete), and a 35,000 sq. ft. replacement passenger terminal, presently 18 percent done. The tower is expected to be occupied by late summer; the terminal will be ready by fall, Breault said.

Roadway construction bids are due February 9; a bidders' conference will be held January 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the first-floor conference room of the present terminal.

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