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GREEN LIGHT FOR PORTION OF NEW AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD

Will Carry Traffic to New Passenger Terminal

HYANNIS – The third phase of the improvement program at Barnstable Municipal Airport is cleared for take-off.

Airport commissioners Tuesday approved the award of a \$3.1 million contract to low-bidder Lawrence Lynch Corp. of Falmouth to build a mile-long access road and overflow parking lot. The new road will link Attucks Lane to a new passenger terminal, now under construction, via Airport Road.

The commissioners' action came after the Cape Cod Commission issued a preliminary certificate of compliance for the work, based on the airport's previously-approved development of regional impact. All work under the contract will be undertaken on airport land.

Work is expected to start June 6 on the first of five phases. Phase one includes road work from Airport Road inside the airport fence to a point near the Cape Air hanger.

Airport Manager Roland "Bud" Breault said the contract may be amended later to include the construction of a new traffic intersection at Attucks Lane and Airport Road. "The work does not yet include planned traffic improvements adjacent to the Airport Rotary or on Route 132 that are currently the subject of litigation," he added.

Ninety-five percent of the cost of the airport portion of the access road will be paid for by the Federal Aviation Administration. State highway funds will pay for the intersection work, and the balance will be covered by airport reserves.

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