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BARNSTABLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT RECEIVES SUPPLEMENTAL FAA FUNDING TO RELOCATE AND RECONSTRUCT TAXIWAY “CHARLIE”

HYANNIS, MA (September 3, 2015) – Today, Barnstable Municipal Airport announces it will receive nearly \$750,000 from the Federal Aviation Administration in supplemental funding to improve the safety and performance criteria of Taxiway “Charlie” on the northwest side of the airport, adjacent to runway 6/24.

The funds were originally earmarked for the Provincetown Municipal Airport through an airport safety entitlement grant slated to expire. The Town of Provincetown and the FAA subsequently transferred the entitlement funds, totaling \$749,787 for the project at Barnstable Municipal Airport, allowing the money to remain on Cape Cod.

The Provincetown Municipal Airport proper is located in the Cape Cod National Seashore and operates as an airport through contract with the National Park Service. The airport has been unable to use these federal funds needed for critical safety and necessary capacity improvements because of delays in receiving local, state and federal permits.

The taxiway project at Barnstable Municipal Airport serves to correct major operational aircraft ground and runway safety area (RSA) deficiencies associated with Taxiway Charlie and a portion of Taxiway Delta, and its aircraft run-up area. These airport areas must be completely reconstructed in order to comply with current FAA safety design standards.

This is being conducted as part of the FAA’s overall goals to improve and correct airport layout deficiencies, enhance aircraft safety, and ensure compliance with regulatory guidance. New FAA guidance has mandated the required changes take place.

In June 2013, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division (MDOT) completed a statewide pavement management report, which disclosed Taxiways Charlie (C) and Delta (D) as having a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 60 to 65 depending upon location, with zero being the worst condition and 100 being the best. A PCI of 55 to 70 requires complete rehabilitation.

Last year, Barnstable Municipal Airport completed a similar project for the reconstruction of Taxiway Alpha to provide FAA-required minimum safety design standards that include clearances between aircraft landing on runway 15/33 while aircraft also taxi on adjacent Taxiway Alpha.

In May 2014, Barnstable Town Council approved the permitting and design for the reconstruction of the Taxiway Charlie project. After the project was put out to bid in April 2015, the town received two construction bids with the lower bid coming from Falmouth, Mass.-based Lawrence Lynch Corporation. The bid exceeded the initial projection of doing the work by \$785,000. This increase is attributed to paving construction price increases over the last year as well as three beneficial adjustments in the scope of the initial bid. The total construction project cost is \$4,750,000.00.

The entitlement funding for both Barnstable and Provincetown, along with discretionary grant money from the FAA, and airport improvement program funding from the MDOT, will allow the construction at the Barnstable Municipal Airport to move forward.

“The Provincetown Airport Commission is thrilled to be able to assist not just another Airport but an Airport in our region with their upcoming taxiway project,” says Arthur “Butch” Lisenby, Provincetown Municipal Airport Manager.

“With our thanks to the Town of Provincetown, we are excited to be able to work with the Federal Aviation Administration on this project, to improve safety, and save the airport money,” says Barnstable Municipal Airport Manager Bud Breault “The FAA worked with us thoroughly to make sure that entitlement funding initially granted to Provincetown was able to remain on Cape Cod for the overall benefit of this airport.”

“We are pleased to see these funds utilized for the safety and well-being of all travelers flying into and out of Barnstable Municipal Airport,” said Mary Walsh, Manager, FAA Airports Division for New England.

Construction on Taxiway Charlie and a portion of Taxiway Delta will begin next week. The timing was chosen to both be conducive to construction but also to mitigate any potential traffic issues on the airport because of the strong influx of summer visitors frequenting the Airport.

About Barnstable Municipal Airport:

[Barnstable Municipal Airport](#), located in Hyannis, Massachusetts on Cape Cod, provides commercial and general aviation services to Boston, New York and the islands of Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket. It is owned by the Town of Barnstable and managed by the Barnstable Municipal Airport Commission and its staff. Please check them out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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