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**SITE PREPARATION PLANNED FOR NEW AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION;
PHASING PLAN BEING DEVELOPED FOR RELOCATION OF PARKING LOTS**

For Immediate Release

Hyannis – Site preparation for a new passenger terminal and air traffic control tower at Barnstable Municipal Airport is planned for July and August, airport commissioners reported at their monthly meeting Tuesday at the airport. One of the first visible signs of progress will be the relocation of several parking lots to accommodate the site work.

Airport Manager Roland “Bud” Breault reported that Suffolk Construction Co., the general contractor, is developing a phasing plan to change the location of and access to some of the lots. “The goal,” he said, “is to emphasize access, safety and security with minimal disruption to our customers and airline operations.”

Breault added that the work has to be done, unfortunately, during the busy season. “But we will develop a plan to communicate the changes to the traveling public well ahead of time,” he said.

An official groundbreaking ceremony is planned in the summer for the \$26.1 million project that also includes the construction of a new vehicle access road from Attucks Lane. More than 80 percent of the overall cost will be covered by state and federal grants; the balance will be financed with airport reserves.

Design of the new 35,000 sq. ft. terminal is complete; the tower design is about 60 percent finished, Commission Chairman Daniel Santos reported. The new terminal will be built in front of and to the left of the existing one; the tower is to be sited to the right of the current FAA facility.

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