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\$13.1 Million State Grant Clears the Way for New Passenger Terminal

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BOSTON – The Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation gave unanimous approval Tuesday to a \$13.1 million grant, completing the financing for the construction of a new main passenger terminal at Barnstable Municipal Airport in Hyannis.

The state grant represents nearly 90 percent of the overall cost of designing and building the \$15.1 million facility that will replace today's half-century-old structure. The balance of funds will come from airport reserves.

"This is the last major pre-construction milestone for the terminal," said Airport Commission Chairman Daniel W. Santos. "We now have the green light from all of our state and local partners." He thanked Sen. Robert O'Leary and other members of the mid-Cape state legislative delegation for their advocacy with the board.

MassDOT Secretary and CEO Jeffrey Mullan said, "We are excited about the opportunity to assist in building a new passenger terminal building at Barnstable Municipal Airport. The \$13.1 million MassDOT grant is an important component of the overall airport capital infrastructure program which highlights the strong partnership on a federal, state and local level at Barnstable Municipal Airport."

Airport officials agreed to the board's stipulation to condition reimbursement of construction expenses on the resolution of a legal claim brought by an airport abutter over

unrelated traffic issues. Santos said the prerequisite will not affect the terminal construction schedule. "It's time to get it built," he concluded.

Preliminary construction on the terminal started August 30 and is expected to take about a year. Relocation of rental car parking facilities to a section of the airport's deicing ramp has been completed, and extensive site and utility work have begun

Santos addressed the state board before the vote, citing broad community support for the terminal from the towns of Barnstable and Yarmouth, the Cape Cod Commission, local and regional chambers of commerce and the Federal Aviation Administration.

At 35,000 square feet, the new two-story terminal will be half again as large as the current facility. Designed by AECOM of Boston, it will house ticketing and baggage counters and carousels for scheduled airlines, auto rental desks, a restaurant, gift shop, passenger waiting areas, security facilities and office space.

The new terminal will be located in front of and to the left of the current terminal at the edge of what is now the airport's main parking lot. Paved and overflow parking will be relocated to accommodate the building. Landscaping will be added.

In mid-July, the airport commission signed a \$19.4 million contract with Suffolk Construction of Boston to build the terminal and a new air traffic control tower.

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