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AIRPORT PROJECT REACHES COMPLETION MILESTONES AT YEAR'S END

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HYANNIS – Construction of the new air traffic control tower at Barnstable Municipal Airport was 40 percent complete, and the new passenger terminal was 15 percent done, as of January 1, 2011.

Airport Manager Roland “Bud” Breault also reported that construction of the large infiltration basin adjacent to the Airport Rotary is finished except for some underground cabling and for landscaping that will be added in the spring. The basin will collect and drain treated runoff from new parking lots.

Bid documents for construction of a new access road from Attucks Lane via Airport Road — the last major piece of the improvement project — are expected to be issued January 19, Breault said.

Much of the exterior work on the 85-foot, \$6.7 million replacement tower is done. Crews from Suffolk Construction Co. are turning their attention now to interior work and to finishing the controllers' cab that was lifted recently onto the tower. By spring, Breault said, the tower should be ready for installation of equipment and FAA certification. Occupancy is planned for late this summer.

Work on the concrete foundation of the new 35,000 sq. ft., \$17.6 million terminal will be completed this week, and the building's steel ribs should be erected soon, Breault reported. A concrete floor will be poured in the spring or as soon as temperatures moderate.

"With the exception of the late December snow storms, it's been a generally hospitable winter," Breault said, "allowing the overall project to stay pretty much on schedule."

The terminal is expected to be dedicated and opened in the fall. Both the existing terminal and the current air traffic control tower will be demolished.

The entire project cost is being financed with federal and state grants, and airport reserve funds.

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