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The Honorable Steven A. Tolman
Massachusetts State Senate
State House, Room 312C
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Tolman:

On February 26, 2008, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) sent a letter to your office with an update of the Boston Logan Airport Noise Study (BLANS). We are writing again to inform you of the progress that has been made since then.

As you may recall, on May 30, 2008, the FAA met with federal, state, and local elected representatives at the Volpe Transportation Center in Cambridge. The purpose of the meeting was to provide those representatives with an update on the project, an opportunity to comment on proposed noise abatement measures and to propose additional measures. The Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee (CAC) had formally presented 33 noise abatement measures. This meeting resulted in the identification of 10 additional noise abatement measures.

By June 30, 2008, a total of 53 noise abatement measures were identified for further study by the FAA and the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport). These consisted of the 33 CAC measures mentioned above, the 10 additional measures proposed by the elected officials and 10 measures carried over from Phase 1 of the noise study. In accordance with the study process, the FAA and Massport screened the proposed measures to eliminate from further study those that would diminish safety or present substantial operational hurdles.

Over the last year, FAA, Massport and the CAC worked diligently to complete this first level of screening. Although the primary focus of the screening was related to safety, some measures were eliminated because they:

- Did not meet CAC noise abatement goals and objectives,
- Were duplicates of other measures,
- Were combined by CAC to a single multi-purpose measure, or
- Had already been evaluated.

This analysis reduced the number of abatement measures to 22. This work was documented in the BLANS Level 1 Screening Report, finalized in October 2009.

We encourage you to review the report and other related information on the BLANS website at www.bostonoverflightnoisestudy.com to determine whether or not you may have concerns related to your community or your constituents. As stated in our last letter, communities are offered a voice in the BLANS process through participation on the CAC, which regularly meets to discuss the analysis of noise abatement measures. As a designated representative of a community, if you are concerned that a remaining measure(s) may potentially impact communities you represent, please encourage them to consider carefully the importance of such participation and contact one of the CAC co-chairs noted below regarding procedures to join the CAC:

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The next step in the process is for the FAA and Massport to conduct a second level of screening for the 22 noise abatement measures to eliminate any that would significantly compromise the FAA's mission and goals or would not provide noise reduction.

It is important to note that the FAA is not conducting a formal Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment at this time. Such an analysis would occur during a later phase of this study. Input received by CAC and Massport participants will, however, be integrated into the formal environmental process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. We will continue to keep you updated throughout the process and plan to hold one more briefing of elected officials prior to the completion of Phase 2 of the study. If you have any questions or need additional information from the FAA, please contact Barbara Travers-Wright, our New England Region Congressional Liaison, at (781) 238-7025.

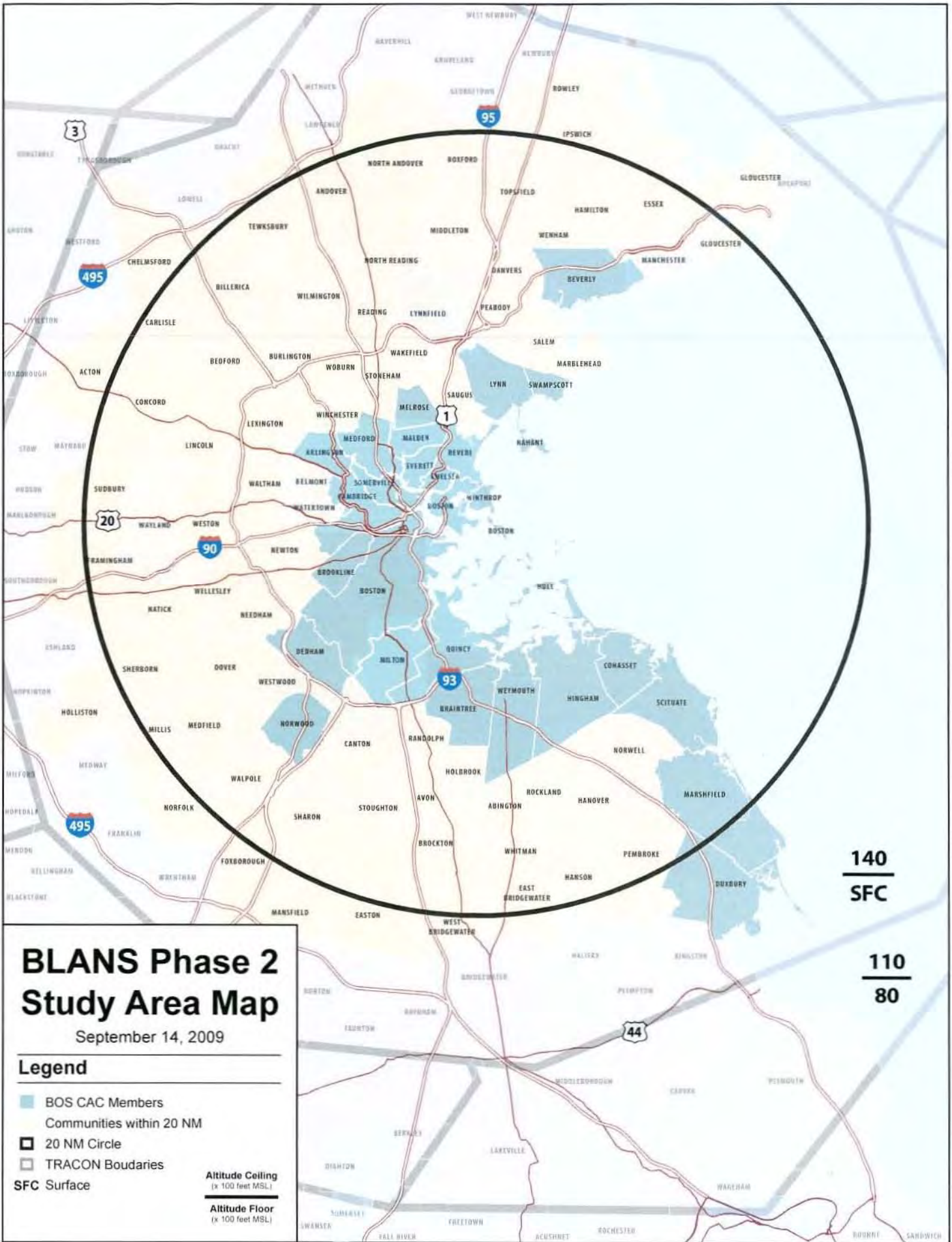
Sincerely,



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Enclosure
Map of study area depicting CAC participating communities

cc: Ms. Sandra Kunz and Mr. Jerry Falbo, CAC co-chairs
Mr. Flavio Leo, Massport



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SFC

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BLANS Phase 2 Study Area Map

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Legend

- BOS CAC Members
- Communities within 20 NM
- 20 NM Circle
- TRACON Boudaries
- SFC Surface**

Altitude Ceiling
(x 100 feet MSL)

Altitude Floor
(x 100 feet MSL)