

TOWN OF HULL

Logan Airport Committee

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The Logan Airport Committee continues to advocate on behalf of Hullonians for quieter skies over the vicinity of the Town of Hull. The Massport and FAA flight path (e.g. RNAV) study being conducted by MIT is ongoing with preliminary findings presented on May 5, 2017 (see attached presentation). The goal of the initial findings was to identify opportunities for further analysis. Some of the ideas brought forward are notional and may not be practical.

There are two opportunities being studied that have the potential to benefit the Town of Hull. Departure flights off Runway 22R may be able to turn farther out over Boston Harbor reducing the noise impact. Also, some of the arrivals on Runway 33L, weather depending, may be able to fly over Boston Light reducing the noise impact especially during overnight flights.

There is one idea being evaluated that would have a negative impact to the Town of Hull. Arrivals on Runway 4R, used during north and northeasterly winds, would fly over the Town of Hull on a circular path to the arrival runway. This arrival approach would reduce the burden on communities south of Boston to the detriment of the Town of Hull and other South Shore communities

The next report from MIT is expected in the Fall 2017 with findings and recommendations for over the harbor flight paths. Analysis and recommendations for more complex alternatives such as shifting the noise burden by using alternative arrival paths are not expected until the Spring of 2018.

The Logan Airport Committee will continue to work with the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, State and Federal elected officials to advocate for solutions that benefit the town and do not increase our already significant burden.

Additional information regarding Logan Airport noise and pollution impacts can be found at HullNeighbors.org and MassportCAC.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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