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To neighbors and folks who live around Belfast Municipal Airport:

On behalf of the City of Belfast we are enclosing a copy of a Public Notice of our request to secure a modification of the Belfast Municipal Airport's existing Site Location of Development and Natural Resources Protection permit. This modification is being done as part of a potential future project to construct a partial parallel taxiway for the Airport. This is an important project and it would be built along only a portion of the existing runway.

The chief benefit of the partial parallel taxiway will be to improve safety for all users of the Airport. The taxiway will reduce the amount of time an aircraft spends on the Airport's main runway either before departing or after arriving, and will therefore reduce the possibility of a collision between two aircraft and further reduce the possibility of collisions between aircraft and wheeled vehicles using the Airport at the same time.

As you can see from the red lines on the attached graphic, the construction of this project will be taking place completely within property that is already owned, or will soon be owned (in the case of a strip of land to be acquired from the Maine Army National Guard), by the City/Airport. This project will not require the acquisition of additional land or avigation easements from private property owners. Because of funding limitations we can't build it all at once so we presently plan to tackle the long section back from the runway 15 end and a short section off the runway 33 end.

The granting of the modification to the City's permit does not obligate the City to construct the partial parallel taxiway. There are still many more steps before this project can become a reality, which include (dates are approximate):

June-July 2016: City Council makes decisions regarding local match funding for partial parallel taxiway

August-December 2016: complete final design of partial parallel taxiway

January-February 2017: solicit bids for partial parallel taxiway

April 2017: complete and submit application for grant funding to the Federal Aviation Administration

July 2017: receive grant award determination from the Federal Aviation Administration

Fall 2017: conduct majority of construction of partial parallel taxiway

Spring 2018: conduct remainder of construction of partial parallel taxiway

If you have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to bring them to my attention, and we will do our best to response to you with the best information in a timely manner. Please also feel free to contact Thomas Kittredge, who acts as our Airport Manager, at (207) 338 3370 ext.16. Our doors are open if you would like to come in and talk about this.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the Airport.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Slocum
Belfast's City Manager

**PUBLIC NOTICE:
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE**

Please take notice that the City of Belfast, 131 Church Street, Belfast, Maine is intending to file documentation to meet environmental review and permitting requirements for the proposed construction of parallel taxiway components at the Belfast Municipal Airport (Airport), located off of Lower Congress Street at Wright Brothers Drive and at Airport Road, in Waldo County, Belfast, Maine; 44.408531° longitude and -69.011622° latitude. On or about June 16, 2016, the following documents will be submitted for public and agency review: 1) Environmental Assessment (EA) per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and, a joint application to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP)/US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for a modification of the Airport's existing Site Location of Development and Natural Resources Protection Act permit, pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S.A. §§ 480-A thru 480-BB and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

The proposed project involves the construction of an approximately 2,020 foot long and 25 foot wide parallel taxiway to serve the Runway 15 end of the Airport; construction of an approximately 500 foot long and 25 foot wide bypass taxiway approximately that serves the Runway 33 end of the Airport; the construction and/or modification of stormwater management structures; and installation of taxiway safety lighting. The proposed taxiway components are needed because the Airport currently lacks areas for incoming and departing aircraft to safely maneuver between the active runway and Airport building areas before and after landing. The project will facilitate continued safe operations at the Airport's existing operational levels and ensure that the Airport meets current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) guidelines and design recommendations per Airport Code 150/5300-13A. All proposed project activities will take place within the Airport facility on property owned or in easement to the City of Belfast.

The EA and MEDEP permit application will detail the project components and will be filed and available for a 30-day public review period during normal working hours at the MEDEP regional office located at 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333. The documents will also be available for review from 10:00 AM to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, at the Office of the Economic Development Director, top floor, Belfast City Hall, 131 Church Street, Belfast, Maine. This office can be contacted via phone (207-338-3370 extension 16) or via e-mail (economicdevelopment@cityofbelfast.org). The documents will also be available for review and download on the City of Belfast's website at www.cityofbelfast.org/airport.

A request for a public hearing or a request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over the permit application must be received by MEDEP in writing at the regional office in Augusta no later than 20 days after the application is found by MEDEP to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Written public comments on the MEDEP permit application may also be sent to the regional office; public comment on the application will be accepted throughout processing of the application.

Any questions pertaining to the EA should be directed to Mr. Richard Doucette, Environmental Program Manager, FAA New England Region, Airports Division, at richard.doucette@faa.gov or (781) 238-7613 within 30 days of the posting of the EA for public review.



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- 1) Proposed Partial Parallel Taxiway for Runway 15 End of Airport
- 2) Proposed Bypass Taxiway for Runway 33 End of Airport