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RE: Update to the Bowman Field Airport Area Safety Program

Dear Bowman Field Neighbor:

We would like to update you on the most recent developments regarding the Bowman Field Airport Area Safety Program. As you may recall, the Louisville Regional Airport Authority Board unanimously passed a resolution at its April 2016 meeting that approved a contingency plan for moving forward with the safety program if the FAA could not meet its most recent schedule for federal participation. This resolution stemmed from a series of delays in the process to obtain federal funding for the program, which began more than four years ago. These delays impede the Board's ability to preserve and enhance safety for the airport's users and neighbors and delay the ability to plant the trees in our mitigation program.

Based upon extensive environmental and historical research and review, as well as public participation, the FAA, the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office and most recently the U.S. EPA have determined this safety program will have no significant or adverse effects on the environment or historic resources in the vicinity of Bowman Field. Yet, it was determined a prolonged amount of time would still be required before this program could begin, while trees continue to grow further into the protected airspace.

Bowman Field is essential to the safe and efficient operation of the region's air traffic system. It's a critical reliever airport to the larger and faster cargo, military and commercial operations at Louisville International, and we must ensure this vital role is maintained.

Following careful consideration, on July 13, 2016, Board Chair Jim Welch, on behalf of the Airport Authority Board, notified the FAA that the Airport Authority would be enacting this contingency plan after it became clear that the FAA could not meet its current schedule. By localizing this project, it is estimated that the safety and mitigation improvements could be expedited by as much as 24 months, with potential completion in spring 2017. The Airport Authority Board fully approved this decision and the absorption of all associated costs of approximately \$3 to \$4 million related to this project.

As you know, there has been a lot of public participation and many of you may have directly participated in this. Your input was helpful, and as a result, we will be pursuing additional tree planting in the immediate area of the airport. This will be in addition to upholding the generous mitigation and landscape components of the program, which are far in excess of what the FAA requires. These components include:

- Purchasing aviation easements over necessary properties to gain airspace protection. Offers will be based on market value appraisals conducted by licensed and certified property appraisers.

- Consultation with a certified arborist to determine if a tree should be trimmed or removed at the homeowner's choice, and follow-up tree trimming or removal and yard restoration.
- Providing two low to mid-canopy replacement trees for any one tree removed. The property owner selects their own replacement trees from a comprehensive palette compiled by a certified arborist.
- Consultation with a landscape architect and a landscape allowance of up to \$2,500 that is over and above the cost of replacement trees.
- Providing a one-year warranty on new landscaping and a two-year warranty for replacement trees.

We appreciate your continued patience as we move forward with this safety program. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Brian Sinnwell at (502) 363-8512.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Skip", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Skip Miller, A.A.E.
Executive Director
Louisville Regional Airport Authority