Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for Proposed Future Projects at the Portland International Jetport

Notice is hereby given that the City of Portland, Maine, proposes to seek Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval to implement capital improvements and other safety-related actions listed as high priority (i.e., completion within five to seven years) in its recently approved Sustainable Airport Master Plan. These proposed projects are depicted on the Jetport's Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and will require federal funding and approvals by the FAA. Federal actions are subject to the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) of 1969 (Title 42 United States Code [USC] Sections 4321 et seq.). FAA is the Lead Agency to ensure compliance with NEPA for airport development actions.

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action described below and has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of Section 102(2)(c) of NEPA, as well as in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures* and FAA Order 5050.4B, *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*. The Draft EA includes an analysis of prudent or feasible alternatives, potential impacts, and mitigation measures, as appropriate.

The Proposed Action involves the following safety, efficiency, and sustainability improvements: expansion of a long-term hold/deicing/remain overnight apron; construction of a Runway 11 end taxiway bypass and realignment of a perimeter service road; tree removal to clear the glideslope qualification surface for the Runway 36 end; construction of Phase 2 of an air cargo taxiway; realignment of Taxiway C; relocation of Taxiway A east of Runway 18-36; relocation of a service access road east of the cargo area; and construction of Taxiway B from the Runway 36 end to the Runway 29 end.

Beginning **November 16, 2018**, a copy of the Draft EA will be available for review at: www.thejetport.airportstudy.com, or at the following locations during normal business hours through **December 17, 2018**:

- FAA, New England Region, Airports Division 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA
- Portland International Jetport Administration Office, 1001 Westbrook Street, Portland, ME
- Portland City Hall, 389 Congress Street, Portland, ME
- South Portland Library Memorial Branch, 155 Wescott Road, South Portland, ME

Anyone wishing to comment on the Draft EA may submit written comments by letter or email to the following physical or email addresses:

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The cutoff date for comment submission is not later than <u>5:00 PM – Eastern Standard Time, December</u> <u>17, 2018.</u> Please allow enough time for mailing. All comments must be **received** by the deadline, not simply postmarked by that date.

Before including your name and telephone number, email, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask FAA in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, FAA cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.