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Lisa Wieland, Massport CEO  
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Re: *KBOS 22L RNAV Study*

Ms. Wieland:

I am reaching out to you as Town Administrator for the Town of Nahant. This is a letter of concern regarding the potential modification to the current design of RNAV 22L. At the moment, RNAV 22L is a straight-in approach tethered to various arrivals by radar vectors. This version of RNAV 22L should have no effect on Nahant, but flights being vectored over Nahant are common occurrences.<sup>1</sup> Making matters worse, the suggested modification to RNAV 22L would create a left dogleg at or about the final approach fix. This would bring the standard flight path much closer to Nahant and will exacerbate our noise impact. Our citizens' issues are as follows:

- 1) Despite the goal of identifying options providing relief to residents impacted by the aircraft noise on the RNAV 22L, the recommended change will result in a substantial *increase* of noise impact to the residents of Nahant due to RNAV 22L.
- 2) Given the proximity to KBOS, Nahant is already bombarded by aircraft on visual approaches to 22L and 22R. For example, Cape Air regularly passes over Nahant and occasionally JetBlue's E190 will cut over Nahant as well. Just three— days ago, a B737 was vectored 1,200' over Nahant ostensibly for sequencing purposes. (See enclosure.)
- 3) We know of no actual test flight for the modified RNAV. Such a flight scheduled would provide an opportunity to actually see/hear the proposed approach.

Nahant supports noise mitigation for dense, highly populated communities. However, we believe there is a better way to accomplish this goal without simply moving the noise to another municipality. To that end, we intend to have residents attend the Zoom information session on September 23, 2021, when MIT will provide its Block 2 recommendations. More importantly, we would like someone from your office to attend a meeting of our Board of Selectmen to respond to concerns directly.

Sincerely,

Antonio Barletta

Enclosure

cc: Dave Carlon, Massport CAC  
Joseph A. Kaigler, Associate Chief Counsel  
Daniel G. Skrip, Town Counsel

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<sup>1</sup> This is also true regarding some departures from 4L and 4R.