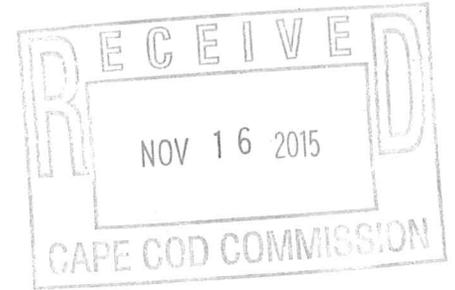




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RE: Provincetown Municipal Airport Capital Improvements Plan Phase 1

Dear Mr. Ribeiro,

On behalf of the Provincetown Planning Department and Town Administration, I would like to submit these comments in regard to the Provincetown Municipal Airport Capital Improvements Plan Application for Development of Regional Impact. These comments were given verbally during the public hearing of November 4, in the Judge Welsh Hearing Room, Provincetown Town Hall.

The Town of Provincetown is very supportive of the proposed improvements to the airport and thankful to the Airport Commission for their diligence in working with the Cape Cod Commission and local, state and federal agencies to minimize environmental impacts and respect the sensitive environment, with its dunes, wetlands and wildlife habitat.

The airport is an important transportation hub for Provincetown and the entire Outer Cape. It is a facility that is critical to the Town's economic development goals, which will be supported by this project since it will increase ease of access to Provincetown for tourists, businesses and residents.

We believe the requested hardship exemption makes sense for this proposed project in this location because it is an existing facility with existing infrastructure and the environmental mitigation proposed is appropriate, including the 3:1 BVW replication and the elimination of invasive species.

That said, local permitting will be required, including the filing of a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission and application for a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeal and possibly from the Planning Board, depending upon the volume of earthmoving.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Gloria McPherson
Town Planner

Cc: Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Airport Commission