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David Carlon
Chairman
Massport Community Advisory Committee
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Dear Mr. Carlon:

In a letter dated April 7, 2017, the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) requested the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) modify and adopt the existing JetBlue Airways (JBU) Area Navigation (RNAV) visual approach to Boston-Logan International Airport's (Boston-Logan) Runway 33Left (RWY 33L) for public use. Massport indicated modifying the procedure would likely result in increased nighttime use, and subsequently provide greater noise abatement benefits to communities near Boston-Logan.

Based on Massport's formal request, the FAA began developing this new procedure, which is virtually identical to the current JBU Special RNAV Visual Flight Procedure (RVFP) to RWY 33L that has been in use since 2009. Slight variations were made to ensure flyability and adherence to safety criteria for larger jet aircraft. However, representatives from the aircraft operator/pilot community advised the FAA of a potential risk to implementation that will cause the procedure to miss the anticipated July publication date.

We are reviewing flight data, and have requested additional simulation testing. We notified Massport of the issue, and the FAA will continue to cooperate with Massport in analyzing the data fully. The FAA intends to reschedule publication for September 13, 2018, which is the next date in the 56-day charting cycle. However, publication may be delayed further as simulation testing occurs and risks are better understood, or may even be canceled if the risks cannot be mitigated.

We will keep the Massport CAC updated as changes occur. In the interim, if my office can be of further assistance, please contact Julie Seltsam-Wilps of the Regional Administrator's staff at 781-238-7389.

Sincerely,

Kerry B. Long
Acting Regional Administrator