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**BARNSTABLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT SEEKS COMMUNITY INPUT ON DEVELOPMENT OF  
20-YEAR MASTER PLAN**

**HYANNIS, MA** (October 7, 2020) – **Barnstable Municipal Airport (HYA)** has embarked on the development of a 20-year master plan to ensure that the facility can continue to safely and efficiently meet the aviation needs of the National Airspace System and the surrounding community. The preparation of an airport master plan is required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in order to plan for the future and highlight airport projects in need of future federal funding, including rehabilitation of existing infrastructure. The master plan will not only consider the needs of aviation (the airfield, local general aviation, corporate aviation, and commercial aviation) over the next 20-years but will also consider the needs of Cape Cod and the local region and economy. The plan will also make recommendations for promoting compatible land use around the airport and maximize opportunities for non-aeronautical revenues to help support the airport’s financial future.

As a publicly funded project at a publicly owned, public use airport, transparency and public engagement is of the utmost importance. To accomplish this, airport management, along with McFarland Johnson, the consultant hired to conduct the master plan has crafted a public engagement plan that includes outreach to not only airport stakeholders, but the general public as well. A project stakeholder group comprised of over 40 representatives of airport tenants, users, Town of Barnstable officials, businesses, chambers of commerce, the Cape Cod Commission, and more will meet four times over the course of the project to provide feedback and insight for the airport and consulting team as the project is developed. The first of four

meetings was held in person, with the second being conducted virtually. The remaining two meetings will be held in person if possible, otherwise they will be held virtually as well.

Traditionally, airport master plans will hold public workshops in the form of an open house once or twice during the course of the project. These workshops act as forums for members of the general public to learn about the airport, the master plan, and proposed improvements and provide feedback in the form of comments to the project team. With the ongoing Covid-19 precautions and because the airport and project team anticipate a high degree of interest from the surrounding community and in the interest of public safety, the content for the first public workshop has been placed online. The airport's YouTube channel (<http://bit.ly/HYAMasterplan>) now features presentations from previous project stakeholder meetings, divided by topic area into short, narrated videos for the public to watch and share. In addition, a dedicated e-mail address [HYAMasterPlan@mjinc.com](mailto:HYAMasterPlan@mjinc.com) has been set up to receive any questions or comments that the public may have regarding the master plan for the airport. Airport Master Plan documents can also be viewed and downloaded via the airport website (<https://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/airport/>).

Comments and questions received by November 2, 2020, will be included in a response to comments and question/answer video that will be added to the channel at a later date. Anyone requesting special accommodations to watch, listen or learn from the YouTube video content can contact the airport at 508-775-2020.

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**About Barnstable Municipal Airport:**

[Barnstable Municipal Airport](#), located in Hyannis, Massachusetts on Cape Cod, provides commercial and general aviation services to Boston, New York and the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. It is owned by the Town of Barnstable and managed by the Barnstable Municipal Airport Commission and its staff. Please check us out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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