

The Cape Cod Gateway Airport is an important asset to the Commonwealth's transportation infrastructure. To increase efficiency and improve safety, several improvement projects are proposed based on available funding in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). These projects have been identified and justified during the Airport's Master Plan Update in 2022. Projects that are within FAA's planning horizon (likely to be constructed within the next 5-7 years) have been advanced as part of the current environmental review processes under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Upon completion of MEPA and NEPA reviews, the proposed projects will also be reviewed under the Cape Cod Commission's Development of Regional Impact (DRI) application process and applicable permitting requirements (e.g., wetland impact permits). Since the initiation of environmental review, and based upon the timing for funding and construction, the following projects have been retained for review under NEPA and MEPA:

### **CURRENT PROJECTS (2024 TO 2030)**

- Runway 15-33 Extension
- Taxiway A (including New Taxiway A1 and A4)
- Relocate and Extend Taxiway B
- Reconstruct and Realign Taxiways D and E at Runway 15
- Aviation Development Area (East Ramp)
- Electric Aircraft Charging and Parking Areas

### PROJECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FUTURE PHASES (2030+)

- Runway 6 EMAS
- Terminal Building Space Enhancements/Expansion

### **PROJECT BENEFITS**

- Improves operational safety and efficiency of the Airport
- Provides significant new construction and long-term job opportunities
- Provides new opportunities for commercial growth within an area zoned for commercial/industrial development
- Contributes to the economy of the Cape Region
- · Facilitates Airport's plan for electric aircraft charging for both GA and commercial aircraft
- Includes environmental benefits: electric vehicle charging and solar panels on vehicle awnings and hangars

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW TIMELINE UPDATE**

Permitting (November 2022 through 2024)

## **MEPA:**

- EJ Assessment (Sent October 12, 2022)
- ENF (Filing Goal: November 30, 2022) (Noticed in Environmental Monitor on December 7, 2022) 30-day review period with 20-day comment period,
- Decision on ENF: January 6, 2023
- Draft EIR available December 8th and submitted to MEPA on December 15, 2023
- DEIR (Environmental Monitor 30-day comment period) December 22, 2023 to January 24, 2024
- Final EIR anticipated Summer 2024

### NEPA:

- Draft Environmental Assessment available concurrent with MEPA EIR, notice of availability 12-22-23
- Final EA anticipated Summer 2024
- Federal Decision anticipated late 2024

#### CCC:

- The project will be submitted to the CCC upon completion of the EA/EIR process. Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) DRI public hearing period opens within 60 days of receiving the DRI referral from the Town, and closes within 90 days thereafter.
- A 60-day DRI decision period follows the public hearing period.

### HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE AND WAYS TO LEARN MORE

If you would like to learn more about the environmental review process, please visit the Project website: https://flvhva.com/environmental-assessment

You can also set up a meeting, request accommodations (including oral language interpretation services), ask questions, or share your comments, using the email: <a href="mailto:enviroHYA@epsilonassociates.com">enviroHYA@epsilonassociates.com</a> or by calling 978-897-7100.

### **HOW TO COMMENT**

MEPA: EEA No./Project ID 16640

# https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/MEPA-eMonitor/search

- Dec. 22, 2023 Environmental Monitor Publication Date
- Dec. 22 to Jan 22, 2024 Comment Period
- Jan 29, 2024 MEPA DEIR Decision
- Final EA/EIR (Jul/Aug 2024)
- FAA Determination
- MEPA Certificate Final EIR
- CCC DRI Review and begin permitting phase (after completion of DRI review)

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### **COMMON AIRPORT ACRONYMS**

- NEPA National Environmental Policy Act
- MEPA Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act,
- EA Environmental Assessment
- EIR Environmental Impact Report
- **DEIR** Draft Environmental Impact Report
- DRI Developments of Regional Impact
- CCC Cape Cod Commission
- FAA Federal Aviation Administration
- MassDOT Massachusetts Department of Transportation
- AMPU Airport Master Plan Update
- **RSA** Runway Safety Area
- RPZ Runway Protection Zone
- LDA Landing Distance Available
- TODA Takeoff Distance Available
- ROFA Runway Object Free Area
- TOFA Taxiway Object Free Area
- **EJ** Environmental Justice
- ENF Environmental Notification Form

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