Proposal to Pave the Safety Areas at Tweed New Haven Regional Airport

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Purpose of the MOA

1. Develop a plan to provide essential air service for Greater New Haven

2. Address concerns regarding airport utilization including noise control, traffic calming and environmental considerations
• Main leakage from HVN catchment area goes outside of Connecticut
• Improving infrastructure at Tweed keeps more passengers, taxes and dollars in the State of Connecticut versus leaking to other states
• Overwhelming majority of passengers in our catchment area use NYC area airports
• A two-airport strategy with BDL and HVN best positions our State to retain the majority of our own passengers
• Limit the number of commercial flights to 30 per day
• Cap annual enplanements at 180,000 passengers per year
• Restrict active runway length to 5,600 feet with 500 feet unpaved safety zones at both the north and south ends of the main airport runway (2-20) for a total of 1,000 feet of unpaved area
• No restrictions were placed on General Aviation usage
Proposal:
Pave the existing safety areas to the north and south of the main runway to provide 6,600 feet of usable runway to accommodate standard commercial aircraft.

Purpose:
To allow additional commercial air carriers to provide service to more destinations in alignment with business and leisure travel needs.
Paving the Safety Areas

- The land is currently used by airport operations for safety areas.
- The amount of land included in the current safety areas is 1000’ x 150’. This amounts to approximately 3.44 acres of Tweed’s 394 total acres (less than 1%).
- The paving would not expand the current boundaries of the airport as it is simply replacing unpaved safety areas with paved runway areas.
- The paving would not expand into currently unused airport property.
Continued Adherence to the MOA

With the 6,600 Foot Runway Paving Proposal:

- There will not be additional flights beyond the 30 maximum flights per day as agreed upon in the 2009 MOA
- There will not be additional passengers beyond the 180,000 maximum per year as agreed upon in the 2009 MOA*
- The paved area will remain within the existing footprint of the airport

*In 1994, there were 130,000 enplanements
1984-2007

Tweed Airport Air Service Over Time

Annual Enplaned Passengers

- United
- ACA
- Co Express
- US Air
- Mesa
- Delta
- Other

Year Ending
Additional Air Service

- Provides convenient access to high-demand destinations by residents
- Offers a vital asset when attracting businesses, employees and visitors
- Supports the air travel needs of a wide-range of current local businesses