



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

February 14, 2023

Secretary Rebecca Tepper  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs  
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900  
Boston, MA 02114

ATTN: Alex Strysky, MEPA Office

RE: L.G. Hanscom Field North Airfield Development, 154 Hartwell Road, Bedford, MA;  
MHC# RC.72722, EEA# 16654

Dear Secretary Tepper:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have received the Environmental Notification Form (ENF) submitted for the above referenced project. Staff of the MHC have the following comments.

The proposed project consists of the construction of 27 purpose-built hangars for aircraft parking and storage on-airport. The proposed project also consists of the renovation of the existing Navy Hangar building.

The information provided indicates that the project will involve a land transfer between the proponent and Massport.

The project area is located to the north of the Minute Man National Historical Park, which is a National Historic Landmark and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The ENF does not identify on a map or a list the historic resources within the vicinity of the proposed project site. The scope of the Environmental Impact Report should include a historic resources assessment of historic properties within a ¼ mile of the project site.

MHC is concerned with potential visual, atmospheric, and audible elements that may impact historic resources. The ENF submitted does not contain an analysis or specific flight trip counts to support the claim that there will be a reduced number of flights in and out of Hanscom Airfield due to a decrease in "ferry flights." The MHC requests information on the number of flights in and out of Hanscom currently and the projected number of flights in and out of Hanscom based on the preferred alternative.

In addition, the project area is considered to be archaeologically sensitive due to the proximity of known historic period and ancient Native American archaeological sites. The MHC requests that an intensive (locational) archaeological survey (950 CMR 70) be conducted for the project. The archaeological survey should identify and locate significant historical or archaeological resources that may be affected by the proposed project. The results of the survey will provide information to assist in consultation to avoid or mitigate any adverse effects to significant historic and archaeological resources. The

archaeological survey must be conducted under a State Archaeologist's permit in compliance with the State Archaeologist's permit regulations (950 CMR 70).

Please note that these comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800), M.G.L. Chapter 9, sections 26-27C, (950 CMR 71.00) and MEPA (301 CMR 11), and do not serve as comments or approval regarding submissions for State or Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits. MHC's comments regarding the historic rehabilitation tax credit applications are submitted separately under those program regulations. Please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Sherva of my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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