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**City of Taunton Receives \$6.9 million for New Airport Administration Building**

Taunton, MA... Today Mayor Shaunna O’Connell announced the Taunton Municipal Airport has been granted a \$6.9 million grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to build a new commercial Airport Administration Building.

“Massachusetts airports serve as gateways for business and tourism and stimulate the economy in their respective communities. Bringing our airport into the 21<sup>st</sup> century will create new job opportunities within the community, generate additional revenue, and attract new clientele to this area. I’m proud to work with the Airport Commission and MassDOT to bring this project to life,” O’Connell said.

The Taunton Municipal Airport has seen an approximate 15-25% decline of its base tenants over the years due to the lack of services available at the airport. The new administration building will not only open the city to global possibilities by providing new jobs, but also presents an attractive opportunity for new types of businesses to base their departments here once the modernization efforts have been implemented. “We cannot praise the administration enough for the efforts they have done to carry this beneficial project over the finish line,” said one Airport Commissioner.

The City of Taunton collects approximately \$131,000 annually in commercial taxes from the airport and this new administration building will be the catalyst for bringing new revenue streams to this community. The project is slated to include a new restaurant at the airport that will serve the general public, airport tenants, and visitors alike. Administrative offices and leased space for aviation-related businesses will also be available.

“This project is long overdue, and to see progress being made at our Municipal Airport is an exciting opportunity not just for our community as a whole, but for aviation in general,” Councilor Jeff Postell said.

The new administration building will be more than a source of revenue and jobs. It will host aviation apprenticeship and educational programs that will provide opportunities for high-level training. The City of Taunton is currently working with Bridgewater State University to provide their students and graduates with pathways for new jobs in the future in aviation and other synergetic fields of employment.

“The new administration building at Taunton Municipal Airport is a welcome addition to our airport facilities, infrastructure, and community. It will help bring new life and interest to our airport, community, and general aviation,” said another Airport Commissioner.

For questions regarding this project, please call (508) 821-2973 or visit <https://www.taunton-ma.gov/airport-commission/pages/airport-administration-building-project>.

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