



February 16, 2023

Melissa Saalfield, Chair
Concord Historical Commission
141 Keyes Road, 1st Floor
Concord, Massachusetts 01742

Re: Massport – Hanscom Field *2022 ESPR*
Bedford, Concord, Lexington, and Lincoln, MA

Dear Ms. Saalfield:

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) has begun work on the *2022 L.G. Hanscom Field Environmental Status and Planning Report (2022 ESPR)*. Through the ESPR, Massport provides a status report on activity levels, environmental conditions, and provides data and analyses on noise, ground transportation, air quality, and water quality at Hanscom Field in 2017. The *2022 ESPR* compares these conditions to historic data in the *2022 ESPR*, which was in turn compared to the *2012 ESPR*, and evaluates the cumulative environmental effects of a moderate growth scenario for 20xx and 20xx. The ESPRs serve as an effective planning tool from which Massport's policy and program developments are derived.

PAL (The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc.) is part of the Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc. (HMMH) team engaged by Massport to prepare the Hanscom *2022 ESPR*. PAL is responsible for identifying historic and archaeological resources within the study area for the *2022 ESPR* and for updating the information that was used in the *2017 ESPR* documents. We are updating the information through a review of the State and National Registers of Historic Places, the Inventory of the Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth, and the Massachusetts Cultural Resources Information System (MACRIS), as well as through discussions with the, the National Park Service (NPS), and the historical commissions in the towns of Bedford, Concord, Lexington, and Lincoln.

For your review, enclosed are copies of Figures 10-2 Historic Resources Included as Noise Analysis Location, 10-3 Historic Resources within the 2012 and 2017 DNL Noise Contours, and 10-4 Historic Resources Near Traffic Study Intersections from the *2017 ESPR*, along with corresponding tables of historic architectural resources listed in the National and State Registers of Historic Places for each town (Tables 10-2 for Bedford, 10-3 for Concord, 10-4 for Lexington, and 10-5 for Lincoln). We will update these lists and supporting documentation, as appropriate, based on review of MACRIS and input from the four towns. Figure 10-2 also illustrates the location of noise sensitive receptors within Minute Man National Historical Park, which we are reviewing with the NPS. The full *2017 ESPR* documents, in which Chapter 10 and Appendix G pertain to cultural and historical resources, are available on the Massport website at:

https://www.massport.com/media/3182/2017_hanscom_espr_web.pdf

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We would appreciate your review of this information and request that you forward any comments for updates on historic resources since the 2017 *ESPR* to us by March 24, 2023. I would like to be added to the agenda to attend the March 9, 2023, 7:00 PM (via Zoom) meeting of the Concord Historical Commission to review this information and request with you and Commission members.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 401-288-6325 or vadams@palinc.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia H. Adams".

Virginia H. Adams
Senior Architectural Historian

Enclosures

cc: Brona Simon, MHC (w/encl.)
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