



Rhode Island Airport Corporation

July 3, 2002

The Honorable Scott Avedisian
Mayor
City of Warwick
3275 Post Road
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

Dear Mayor:

Thank you for your letter of July 2, 2002 requesting additional public hearings throughout the City to offer more opportunity for input into the T. F. Green Master Plan process. Please know that the Rhode Island Airport Corporation Board of Directors and myself share your desire for a well-informed, involved public on this important issue, and as such, are happy to take your request to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which, as you know, is the lead agency for the Environmental Impact Study (EIS).

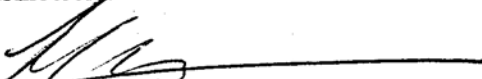
As you are aware, the Master Plan process has been ongoing since the Fall of 2000. It began with a series of public hearings, followed by the precedent-setting Study Resource Committee (SRC) process developed to maximize public input. What made the Green Airport SRC process so unique was the level of citizen participation on the committee. To date, no airport in the country has opened up the process to its constituency in such a manner.

We are delighted with the efforts of the SRC deliberations and owe no small amount of thanks to you and your representatives for the tremendous progress made. It is worth noting that each and every SRC meeting, of which there were over a dozen, afforded the citizens of Warwick and Cranston the opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions, or make general statements on the various aspects of the Master Plan.

Nevertheless, despite the multitude of public hearings that have been held to date, along with the July 25, 2002 scheduled hearings, we will be happy to work with the FAA in scheduling additional hearings, which naturally will be well communicated to the people of Warwick and Cranston at the appropriate time.

As always, I thank you for your intense interest in this issue. I look forward to a continued close working relationship with the City of Warwick as we address the future challenges of joint urban planning.

Sincerely,


Michael G. Cheston
Executive Director/CEO

cc: SRC Members
Honorable Members of the City Council
Warwick Beacon