

December 14, 2001

Dear SRC Member:

As you know, in the aftermath of the attacks on America, I directed the suspension of the SRC process until the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) could gauge the revenue losses attributed to the reduction in air service and concessions, and determine the expenses associated with the increased security personnel and equipment – all unbudgeted.

Three months have passed, and while there are still many unanswered questions, the Master Plan Update and the Study Resource Committee (SRC) process are too important to postpone indefinitely. For that reason, we are restarting the process and have scheduled the next meeting of the SRC for January 24, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in Warwick. An agenda is attached.

As you may recall, The SRC last met on July 25th and 26th to discuss the various methodologies used to forecast aviation activity at an airport. A "Quality of Life" subcommittee was also formed and subsequently met on August 22, 2001. The members of that committee were slated to report to the entire SRC at our next scheduled meeting on September 24, 2001.

The results of aviation demand forecasting for three different airport scenarios were on the agenda for the September meeting: a continuation of the airport's existing role, an augmented market share scenario, and the impact of facility constraints on demand. In addition, we had planned to provide an overview of the approach to determine the facilities needed to accommodate the various forecast demand levels.

We will present the original forecasts that were prepared before September 11 at the upcoming meeting. Our team of consultants will prepare an addendum to address the potential effects of September 11 after the year 2001 aviation activity data has been received and analyzed in mid-January. This information will not be available prior to our meeting, but will be mailed to you with the final Forecast Chapter and the Facility Requirements Chapter before the next SRC meeting.

Thank you for your continued participation in this important process, and I look forward to a productive meeting on January 24th.

Best wishes to you and your family for a peaceful holiday season from all of us at RIAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Cheston", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael G. Cheston
Executive Director