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P R E S S R E L E A S E

Temporary Closure of New Bedford Regional Airport Runways to Allow for Runway Improvements

New Bedford, Massachusetts- The New Bedford Regional Airport will close both of its runways next week for construction activity related to the Airport's runway intersection. The runway intersection work is associated with the reconstruction of the Airport's main runway, a vital component of the community's intermodal capability.

The closure will begin on Monday, July 14 at 9:00 p.m. and will continue until Friday, July 18 at 6:00 a.m. During this time, work will continue around the clock to limit interruptions to air traffic. Additionally, the Airport will remain open for helicopter operations and all Airport Administration functions, car rental facilities, the Airport Grille Restaurant and other airport businesses will continue to operate. Passengers are encouraged to contact Cape Air for an updated flight schedule.

The New Bedford Regional Airport is a hub of economic activity and supports jobs for 234 employees, with a total estimated payroll of \$8.3 million dollars.

The Airport Commission is excited about the current and planned future improvement projects and hopes to use the facility improvements to attract future aviation related businesses to the area. The most recent economic impact study performed by Mass DOT revealed that the Airport has a total economic impact of over \$26 million dollars annually.

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