

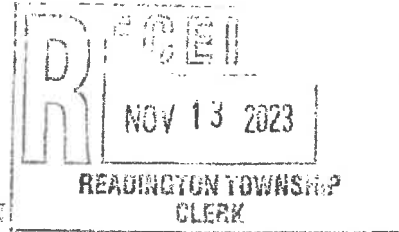


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November 8, 2023

The Honorable Juergen Huelsebusch  
Mayor, Township of Readington  
509 Route 523  
Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

Dear Mayor Huelsebusch:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Solberg Aviation Company Airport Master Plan development grant at Solberg-Hunterdon Airport, and the associated airport history in the Township of Readington. On behalf of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), I appreciate the opportunity to address your concerns.

The Solberg Aviation Company received a NJDOT grant to develop a Master Plan. It is the recipient's responsibility to follow the guidelines outlined within the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5070-6B - Airport Master Plans, for the preparation of airport master plans and outlines the process for identification and participation of potential stakeholders through a public involvement program. Planning for and development of the Master Plan began July 1, 2022, and is on schedule to be complete by the end of 2024. This includes three public involvement meetings to be held between the fall of 2023 and the summer of 2024. Additionally, this grant includes the formation of a Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) which will (1) serve as a sounding board and as an information exchange group for stakeholders, (2) review the consultant team's plans and proposals, (3) interact with the consultant team members during the reviewing process, and (4) work collectively to make consensus recommendations for the final Master Plan. The CAC is expected to include representatives from Readington Township and Hunterdon County. As with all Airport Improvement Program grants, NJDOT will monitor the progress of the project and ensure that requirements – particularly those in relation to public outreach – are met. The public outreach program will be documented in an appendix to the Master Plan.

As a reminder, on June 22, 2022, Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti, sent then Mayor Jonathan Heller a letter informing him that changes to Runway 10-28 would be re-evaluated. The result of that re-evaluation was sent December 29, 2020, reaffirming that Solberg-Hunterdon Airport

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operates three runways, Runway 4-22, Runway 13-31, and Runway 10-28, recognized by FAA and NJDOT. As such, NJDOT recommends the Township revise its Air Safety Zone Ordinance 16-2020 to include all three runways, three associated Safety Zones, and NJDOT recognized definition of an airport as contained in N.J.A.C. 16:54.

I hope you find this information helpful. For additional questions or concerns, please contact Meredith Hammond, Office of Community Relations, at 609-963-1982.

Sincerely,



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