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Team!

Morning! Please see the latest update from Matt in response to asking about what should be our next steps. We are making excellent progress, TEAM!

Good morning, Commissioner.

I believe the original plan was to reach out to the FAA (via Regional Administrator O'Harra) two weeks after the close of the comment period.

Turns out that O'Harra has already expressed interest in getting the data underlying the City's suggested adjustments, which is a good sign (and places us well ahead of schedule).

Jim and Jason are on top of it (of course) and will be gathering up the files.

Regarding additional comments: I see no reason why folks who still want to comment shouldn't/can't go ahead and submit their thoughts. It's possible FAA may consider late comments under these unique circumstances, though we should probably be careful not to raise expectations about that.

Regarding additional review: We will certainly get a chance to see and comment on the final version of FAA's environmental analysis. As a practical matter, however, the cake is often baked by that point in the process. Comments on those final environmental documents are sometimes more about preparing for litigation than about changing agency minds.

Regarding FOIA: The good news is that we seem to be on the right track to get our proposed changes adopted before the environmental document reaches final form. With that in mind, I might recommend keeping our FOIA requests handy but not submitting them quite yet. If the relationship with FAA does, in fact, start to bear fruit, we won't want to create more work for the agency. But if the discussions start to break down in the future we'll want to have a way to increase the pressure a bit at that time.

Happy to discuss.

Best,
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