

**Westfield Airport Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 10, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes**

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The regular meeting of the Westfield Airport Commission of Thursday, June 10, 2021 was held via zoom. Chairman Gonet called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**I. The Massachusetts State of Emergency Open Meeting Preamble was read by Chairman Gonet.**

**II. Rollcall of attending Members**

Commissioner Gonet-Yes  
Commissioner Keefe-Yes  
Commissioner Phelon-Yes  
ASG Representative- Craig Schuster  
ASG- Ruth Ducharme



**III. APPROVE OUTSTANDING MINUTES**

Upon motion made by Chairman Gonet and seconded by Commissioner Phelon, it was voted to approve the May 13, 2021 Regular Session Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Gonet – Yes  
Commissioner Keefe – Yes  
Commissioner Phelon – Yes

Upon motion made by Chairman Gonet and seconded by Commissioner Phelon, it was voted to approve the May 13, 2021 Executive Session Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Gonet – Yes  
Commissioner Keefe – Yes  
Commissioner Phelon - Yes

Upon motion made by Chairman Gonet and seconded by Commissioner Phelon, it was voted to approve the May 20, 2021 Special Meeting Regular Session Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Gonet – Yes  
Commissioner Keefe – Yes  
Commissioner Phelon - Yes

Upon motion made by Chairman Gonet and seconded by Commissioner Phelon, it was voted to approve the May 20, 2021 Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Gonet – Yes  
Commissioner Keefe – Yes  
Commissioner Phelon - Yes

Upon motion made by Chairman Gonet and seconded by Commissioner Phelon, it was voted to approve the May 25, 2021 Special Meeting Regular Session Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Gonet – Yes  
Commissioner Keefe – Yes  
Commissioner Phelon - Yes

Upon motion made by Chairman Gonet and seconded by Commissioner Phelon, it was voted to approve the May 25, 2021 Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Gonet – Yes  
Commissioner Keefe – Yes  
Commissioner Phelon - Yes

All Motions passed.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None**

**IV. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Accept the Grant & Grant Assurances for Fuel Farm- Commissioner Gonet made a motion to accept the Grant to install fuel farm (engineering only) Contract for ASMP Project No. # 2021-BAF-35, State Grant No. ASMP21BAF35BAFFUELDO for \$176,200.00 and authorize Chairman Gonet to execute the grant assurances, seconded by Commissioner Phelon, followed by a roll call vote:

Commissioner Gonet-Yes  
Commissioner Keefe- Yes  
Commissioner Phelon- Yes

Motion passed.

- b. Accept Grant & Grant Assurances for Demo of two buildings- Commissioner Gonet made a motion to accept the Grant for the demolition of southwest quadrant buildings Contract for ASMP Project No. # 2021-BAF-39, State Grant No. ASMP21BAF39BAFSWDEMO for \$120,100.00 and authorize

Chairman Gonet to execute the grant assurances, , seconded by Commissioner Phelon, followed by a roll call vote:

Commissioner Gonet-Yes  
Commissioner Keefe- Yes  
Commissioner Phelon- Yes

Motion passed.

- c. Vote to approve SWPPP Grant- Commissioner Gonet made a motion to accept the Grant for the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Contract for ASMP Project No. # 2021-BAF-41, State Grant No. ASMP21BAF41BAFSWPEENV for \$77,800.00 and authorize Chairman Gonet to execute the grant assurances, seconded by Commissioner Phelon, followed by a roll call vote:

Commissioner Gonet-Yes  
Commissioner Keefe- Yes  
Commissioner Phelon- Yes

Motion passed.

- D. Vote to approve the American Truck Historical Society annual truck show event October 10,2021  
Commissioner Gonet made a motion to approve the American Truck Historical Society annual truck show event October 10, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Keefe, followed by a roll call vote:

Commissioner Gonet-Yes  
Commissioner Keefe- Yes  
Commissioner Phelon- Yes

Motion passed.

- d. All Star Car Rental – No Lease Renewal- No Discussion

- e. Airport Marketing Working Group Update- Commissioner Phelon advised she met with the Airport Manager on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the following items:

1. Obtaining a quote for new signage in the terminal building
2. Purchasing BAF merchandise to promote the airport such as hats, clothing items and magnets for people to put on their cars.
3. City Councilors will be invited for a presentation and tour of the airport on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be two sessions. One at 10:00 a.m. and one at 6:00 p.m.
4. The next tenant meeting will be in person on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.
5. The Commission discussed other ways to market events at the airport such as sharing posts created on the airport Facebook page.

#### V. STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. ASG Engineer Update – Craig Schuster went through each item on the Monthly Status Report (attached).

**VII. Adjourn**

The next Airport Commission Meeting will be in person on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. There will be no July meeting.

There being before the Commission, the Chairman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Keefe, so voted.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Gonet – Yes  
Commissioner Keefe – Yes  
Commissioner Phelon – Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Raymakers  
Principal Clerk

Approved:



William P. Gonet, Chair

MAY 19,2021

WESTFIELD BARNES REGIONAL AIRPORT  
110 AIRPORT ROAD  
WESTFIELD, MA. 01085

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THE LOCAL CHAPTER IS AGAIN LOOKING FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE AIRPORT PROPERTY FOR THE ATHS ( AMERICAN TRUCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY) ANNUAL TRUCK SHOW ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 10, 2021. THE AREA OF INTEREST IS THE GRASS AREA ADJACENT TO THE AIRPORT ENTERANCE.

EVERYTHING WOULD BE THE SAME AS THE LAST TIME, A STATIC DISPLAY OF TRUCKS, WITH A DJ FOR MUSIC, A FOOD TRUCK, PORT A POTS WOULD BE USED.

THE TIME WOULD BE AN EARLY SET UP FOR THE CHAPTER 7:00A.M. UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

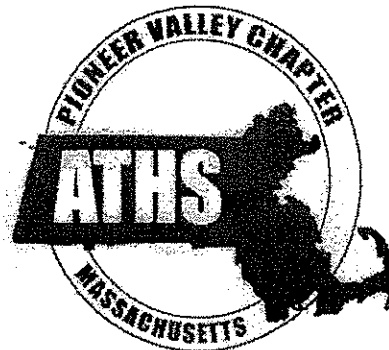
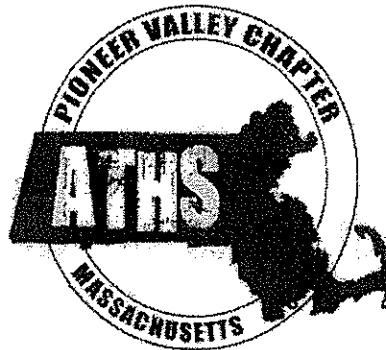
THE INSURANCE CERTIFICATE IS ENCLOSED FROM HEADQUARTERS.

THE GROUNDS WILL BE RETURNED TO ORIGINAL STATE AT THE END OF DAY.

IF MORE INFORMATION  
IS NEEDED PLEASE  
CONTACT DONALD  
PRIFTI

THANK YOU,

DONALD PRIFTI  
PRESIDENT





# AIRPORT SOLUTIONS GROUP

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chris Willenborg, Airport Manager  
**FROM:** Craig Schuster  
**LOCATION:** Westfield, MA  
**LOCATION:** Burlington, MA  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Status Report – Misc. Projects  
**DATE:** June 10, 2021

This memo describes the current status of miscellaneous engineering and planning projects and outstanding issues at the Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport as of the date indicated above.

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. **FAA Design Reimbursable for RW 33 PAPI for the Reconstruct, Mark, Light, and Groove Runway 15-33 – Construction Cost – \$82,996.79**

**Funding breakdown FAA Share - \$74,696.14 MassDOT Share - \$4,149.78 Local Share - \$4,149.78**

ASG has reached out to the FAA to ask the status of closing out the FAA Reimbursable Agreement. ASG has not heard back from the FAA. ASG will continue to follow up with the FAA.

2. **MassDOT ASMP Project – Install Self Service AVGAS Fuel Farm – Est. Total Cost - \$385,000**

**Funding breakdown MassDOT Share (80%)-\$308,000 Local Share (20%)-\$77,000**

ASG has been working on developing the fuel farm design drawings and specifications. ASG attended a Zoom meeting with the City of Westfield department heads, and BAF, on Thursday, June 3, 2021, to discuss the fuel farm project and to obtain feedback on their concerns. ASG was onsite on Monday, June 7, 2021, with their subconsultant to determine power supply and camera location and connection for the fuel farm.

3. **Environmental Assessment for Various Projects – Total Cost - \$190,700.**

**Funding breakdown FAA Share - \$171,630 MassDOT Share - \$9,535 Local Share - \$9,535**

ASG has started some initial work on this project. ASG is in the process of working with their subconsultant, Epsilon, to perform wetland delineation and will coordinate with BAF for access to private properties at the end of Runway 15.

4. **Building Demolition Project.**

ASG has received revised final invoice from Encore. ASG is in the process of preparing FAA and MassDOT closeout documents.



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### 5. Taxiway H, S and Apron (ANG Project)

Project is moving forward after subgrade issue was resolved. This week the Contractor is placing the next lift of material for the construction of the apron and taxiway pavement. ASG continues to review shop drawings and submittals and providing full time onsite construction observation.

### 6. ALP Update.

ALP update is being performed by Stantec. ALP is in the process of being reviewed by the Airport. ASG will request the electronic CAD files from Stantec for the Airport Layout Plan when the document becomes final.



## **BAF Airport Statistics Report – June 2021 Meeting**

### **1. Aircraft Operations**

May 2020 (2,915) versus May 2021 (4,902)

**Aircraft operations up 68% May 2020 versus May 2021**

Calendar 2020 (13,648) versus Calendar 2021 (19,898) YTD

**Aircraft operations up 46% YTD**

### **2. Fuel Flowage**

#### **AVGAS**

FY2020 versus FY2021 YTD

**AVGAS flowage up 11% YTD**

#### **Jet-A**

FY2020 versus FY2021 YTD

**Jet-A flowage down 4% YTD**

### **3. Airport Revenues**

FY2020 YTD - \$521,963.82

FY2021 YTD - \$459,023.74

**Airport revenues are down 12% YTD**

**This is due to Army Guard Joint Use Payment in 2020 that included multiple years of previous outstanding Joint Use Fees**



Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport  
 Fuel Flowage FY '21

JET                      AVGAS                      PAYMENT  
 \$0.080                      \$0.080                      FY '21  
 (gallons)                      (gallons)                      (dollars)

**Ross/Rectrix**

2020 June	9,935	8,500	\$1,474.80
July	9,928	0	\$794.24
Aug	19,860	7,501	\$2,188.88
Sept	19,916	7,000	\$2,153.28
Oct	20,013	0	\$1,604.04
Nov	20,093	8,002	\$2,247.60
Dec	20,216	8,001	\$2,257.36
2021 Jan	20,222	0	\$1,617.76
Feb	10,119	0	\$809.52
Mar	30,280	7,501	\$3,022.48
Apr	30,176	8,053	\$3,058.32
May			
<b>Total</b>	<b>210,758</b>	<b>54,558</b>	<b>\$21,228.28</b>

**Gulfstream Aerospace**

2020 June	20,400	0	\$1,632.00
July	30,600	0	\$2,448.00
Aug	19,200	0	\$1,536.00
Sept	10,200	0	\$816.00
Oct	10,192	0	\$815.36
Nov	10,258	0	\$820.64
Dec	10,286	0	\$822.88
2021 Jan	20,661	0	\$1,652.88
Feb	20,672	0	\$1,653.76
Mar	20,589	0	\$1,647.12
Apr	10,256	0	\$820.48
May			
<b>Total</b>	<b>183,314</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$14,665.12</b>

**Air Methods**

2020 June	16,269	0	\$1,301.52
July	0	0	
Aug	0	0	
Sept	0	0	
Oct	0	0	
Nov	0	0	
Dec	0	0	
2021 Jan	0	0	
Feb	718	0	\$574.64
Mar	0	0	\$0.00
Apr	0	0	
May			
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,987</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$1,876.16</b>

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>411,059</b>	<b>54,558</b>	<b>\$37,769.56</b>
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Westmead-Barnes Regional Airport YTD Income Report

	Jul '20	Aug '20	Sept '20	Oct '20	Nov '20	Dec '20	Jan '21	Feb '21	Mar '21	Apr '21	May '21	Jun '21	FY '21 Total
<b>Access Fees</b>													
Gulfstream Aerospace	\$958.38	\$958.38	\$958.38	\$958.38	\$0.00	\$1,916.76	\$0.00	\$1,916.76	\$958.38	\$958.38	\$958.38	\$0.00	\$10,542.18
DBLS, LLC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Commercial Land Rent</b>													
Air Methods Corporation	\$1,321.92	\$0.00	\$2,643.84	\$1,321.92	\$1,321.92	\$1,321.92	\$1,321.92	\$0.00	\$2,643.84	\$1,321.92	\$1,321.92	\$1,321.92	\$14,541.12
All Star Car & Truck	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Bill Board Fees (Lamar)	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$19,250.00
Gonet, John	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(-\$335.14)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$335.14
Gulfstream Aerospace	\$5,280.76	\$5,280.76	\$5,280.76	\$5,280.76	\$0.00	\$10,561.52	\$0.00	\$10,561.52	\$5,280.76	\$5,280.76	\$5,280.76	\$5,280.76	\$58,088.36
Gulfstream Option	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Halasi Kun	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$1,232.00
Hoover, Gary	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
Labrie, James	\$38.94	\$38.94	\$38.94	\$38.94	\$38.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.82	\$77.88	\$38.94	\$0.00	\$428.34
PVMTM (Museum)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Rectrix/AF	\$2,958.82	\$2,958.82	\$2,958.82	\$2,958.82	\$2,958.82	\$2,958.82	\$2,958.82	\$2,958.82	\$2,958.82	\$2,958.82	\$3,010.95	\$0.00	\$32,589.15
Rectrix/FS	\$1,384.26	\$1,384.26	\$1,384.26	\$1,384.26	\$1,384.26	\$1,384.26	\$1,384.26	\$1,384.26	\$1,384.26	\$1,619.58	\$1,619.58	\$1,619.58	\$15,697.50
Whip City Aviation	\$3,186.48	\$1,593.24	\$0.00	\$1,593.24	\$1,593.24	\$1,593.24	\$0.00	\$3,186.48	\$1,593.24	\$1,593.24	\$1,593.24	\$1,593.24	\$17,525.64
<b>Fuel Flowage Fees</b>													
Gulfstream Aerospace	\$1,632.00	\$2,448.00	\$1,536.00	\$616.00	\$0.00	\$1,636.00	\$0.00	\$2,475.76	\$1,653.76	\$1,647.12	\$820.48	\$0.00	\$14,666.12
Rectrix Aerodrome	\$1,474.80	\$794.24	\$2,188.88	\$2,153.28	\$1,601.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,875.12	\$809.52	\$3,022.48	\$3,058.32	\$0.00	\$18,977.68
Air Methods Corp	\$1,301.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,247.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$574.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,123.76
<b>Hangar Rentals</b>													
Hangar #1	\$864.00	\$864.00	\$864.00	\$864.00	\$864.00	\$864.00	\$864.00	\$864.00	\$864.00	\$864.00	\$904.61	\$0.00	\$9,544.61
Hangar #2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,525.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,525.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,051.66
Hangar #3	\$2,052.61	\$2,052.61	\$2,052.61	\$2,052.61	\$2,052.61	\$2,052.61	\$2,052.61	\$2,052.61	\$2,052.61	\$2,052.61	\$2,052.61	\$2,052.61	\$22,578.71
<b>Joint Use Fees</b>													
Army National Guard	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,498.25	\$0.00	\$14,498.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,498.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,494.75
Air National Guard	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Municipal Bldg Rent</b>													
Air Methods Corporation	\$1,122.00	\$0.00	\$2,244.00	\$1,122.00	\$1,122.00	\$1,122.00	\$1,122.00	\$0.00	\$2,244.00	\$1,122.00	\$1,122.00	\$1,122.00	\$12,342.00
All Star Car & Truck	\$537.50	\$537.50	\$537.50	\$537.50	\$537.50	\$0.00	\$537.50	\$1,075.00	\$537.50	\$0.00	\$537.50	\$0.00	\$5,375.00
Conference Room	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Fly LuGu	\$682.61	\$682.61	\$682.61	\$682.61	\$682.61	\$682.61	\$1,365.22	\$682.61	\$682.61	\$682.61	\$682.61	\$682.61	\$7,508.71
Green, Bruce	\$207.50	\$207.50	\$207.50	\$207.50	\$207.50	\$207.50	\$207.50	\$207.50	\$207.50	\$207.50	\$207.50	\$207.50	\$2,282.50
Rectrix FBO	\$1,401.75	\$1,401.75	\$1,401.75	\$1,401.75	\$1,401.75	\$1,401.75	\$1,401.75	\$1,401.75	\$1,401.75	\$1,401.75	\$1,401.75	\$1,401.75	\$15,419.25
Rectrix Admin Lobby	\$169.00	\$169.00	\$169.00	\$169.00	\$169.00	\$169.00	\$169.00	\$169.00	\$169.00	\$169.00	\$169.00	\$169.00	\$1,659.00
Sok's Restaurant	\$1,065.60	\$1,065.60	\$1,065.60	\$1,065.60	\$532.80	\$1,065.60	\$0.00	\$2,131.20	\$1,065.60	\$1,065.60	\$1,065.60	\$1,065.60	\$10,123.20
Sok's Deck Fee	\$532.80	\$532.80	\$0.00	\$1,065.60	\$0.00	\$1,065.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$532.80	\$0.00	\$3,729.60
Westfield Flight Academy	\$0.00	\$1,066.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,066.83
KBR Wyle Labs	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,125.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>													
Landing Fees	\$5,942.50	\$9,380.00	\$4,372.50	\$6,705.00	\$3,800.00	\$4,370.00	\$1,980.00	\$7,197.50	\$11,202.77	\$9,945.00	\$6,970.00	\$0.00	\$70,875.27
Parking Fees	\$760.00	\$535.00	\$530.00	\$1,090.00	\$75.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$330.00	\$130.00	\$545.00	\$160.00	\$4,310.00
Tie Down Fees	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$80.00	\$200.00	\$120.00	\$160.00	\$40.00	\$240.00	\$120.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$1,600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$37,372.75	\$35,568.84	\$31,785.74	\$50,127.23	\$39,700.82	\$51,727.83	\$17,711.72	\$44,566.89	\$73,594.12	\$40,852.25	\$36,015.55	\$0.00	\$459,023.74

## Air Traffic Record - Five Year Comparison

	2017	2018	2019	2020	
<b>Itinerant Ops</b> (IFR & VPR)	Jan	1439	1631	1739	1785
	Feb	1388	1369	1648	1540
	Mar	1410	1931	2134	1471
	Apr	2110	1993	1860	1023
	May	2090	2498	1935	1642
	Jun	2369	2425	2215	2152
	Jul	2097	2504	2344	2707
	Aug	2909	2003	2574	2099
	Sep	1978	1887	2571	1906
	Oct	2117	1799	1976	2161
	Nov	1677	1578	1786	1952
	Dec	1107	1846	1299	338
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22691</b>	<b>23464</b>	<b>24081</b>	<b>20776</b>

<b>Local Ops</b>	Jan	936	1064	1205	1442
	Feb	866	1221	1313	1296
	Mar	812	1490	1504	1404
	Apr	1434	1772	1434	772
	May	1712	1730	1642	1273
	Jun	1734	1626	1646	2281
	Jul	1780	1988	1504	3045
	Aug	3304	1586	1796	2717
	Sep	1424	1414	2275	2486
	Oct	1397	1418	1812	2085
	Nov	1328	1078	1834	2504
	Dec	1062	1272	922	3272
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17789</b>	<b>17659</b>	<b>18887</b>	<b>24577</b>

<b>Itin &amp; Lcl Ops</b>	Jan	2375	2695	2944	3227
	Feb	2254	2590	2961	2836
	Mar	2222	3421	3638	2875
	Apr	3544	3765	3294	1795
	May	3802	4228	3577	2915
	Jun	4103	4051	3861	4433
	Jul	3877	4492	3848	5752
	Aug	6213	3589	4370	5238
	Sep	3402	3301	4846	4872
	Oct	3514	3217	3788	4246
	Nov	3005	2656	3620	4456
	Dec	2506	3118	2221	3610
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>40817</b>	<b>41123</b>	<b>42968</b>	<b>46255</b>

Air Traffic Record Y-T-D 2021

*Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport*

	ITINERANT											LOCAL				TOTAL		
	IFR					VFR					Total VFR	Civil	Military	Total				
	AC	AT	GA	MI	Total IFR	AC	AT	GA	MI	Itinerant								
<b>2021</b>																		
JAN	0	53	162	167	382	3	28	1150	137	1318	1674	132	1806	3506				
FEB	2	29	136	116	283	0	17	1049	101	1167	1268	140	1408	2858				
MAR	0	47	211	190	448	0	38	1614	235	1887	2292	236	2528	4863				
APR	2	60	225	120	407	0	27	1285	154	1466	1804	92	1896	3769				
MAY	0	52	276	162	490	0	38	1685	195	1918	2342	152	2494	4902				
JUN																		
JUL																		
AUG																		
SEP																		
OCT																		
NOV																		
DEC																		
TOTAL	4	241	1010	755	2010	3	148	6783	822	7756	9380	752	10132	19898				



May 24, 2021

The Honorable Senator Julian Cyr  
Massachusetts State House  
24 Beacon Street, Room #312-E  
Boston, MA 02113

**RE: Bill S2305 – An Act to Mitigate the Climate Impact of Private and Corporate Air Travel**

Dear Senator Cyr,

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We would respectfully request that Bill S2305 be withdrawn from the Joint Transportation Committee and establish a dialogue with the Massachusetts Airport Management Association to work collaboratively in addressing climate change. If you have any questions or need additional information, I can be reached at 413-572-6275.

Sincerely,

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May 24, 2021

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