



Washington Island Airport 2P2

Washington Island Airport Committee

To: Members of the Town Board

The Washington Island Airport Committee recommends that the Town Board approve the petition for construction of an airport multi purpose event and pilot center. Not only would this new building be built with the current funding as approved by the State, but it would greatly improve the appearance of the general area.

Since this is one of two major portals to Washington Island, this would create a positive first impression while encouraging public participation and use of the Airport.

This project is part of the ongoing plan for the current area that is being improved for events such as the Lion's Club Fly-in Fish Boil, the ever growing DDBBQ event and other potential public events at the airport 'event area'.

Plans include public rest rooms to replace the current pit toilets, a conference room for aviation meetings, awareness classes, and use for meetings by local clubs and committees. A covered porch/deck area for outdoor seating and a picnic area as well as telephone and internet access. Transient pilots would have an area for trip planning and 'waiting out the weather'.

This project is being petitioned as an inclusion to the already approved funding from the BOA. This project was originally listed on the current AIP plan submitted by the Town of Washington however, it was not included in the grant petition as it was considered behind other projects.

Since 2010 funding would need to be spent on projects by the end of August 2014 and since some of the projects currently allocated will not incur cost until *after* August 2014 (such as AWOS, taxi overlay), the funding for 2010 apportionments will be lost if not apportioned for other projects. Thus the Committee felt it would be prudent to move this project further up on the list.

With this petition, The Town of Washington would not be requesting additional funds to what has already been approved by the Governor rather, they would be requesting to have this project included for use of the allocated funds.

This situation presents the best possible outcome for use of funds and the future consideration of all airport improvements.

Respectfully,

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