

May 15, 2015

Amy Lind Corbett, Regional Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
New England Region
12 New England Executive Park
Burlington, MA 01803-5299

Dear Ms. Corbett,

I am writing to express the City of Cambridge's deep frustration at the increasing amount of noise generated over Cambridge by airplanes taking off and landing at Logan International Airport, particularly from runway 33L. I believe that this problem is caused by the FAA's emphasis on its Next Gen program and the resulting runway 33L RNAV implemented in 2013, which I am requesting be reconsidered.

During the abbreviated environmental review for the RNAV in 2012-13, the city submitted comments expressing that we feared that the new procedure would concentrate flights in north and west Cambridge. Since that time, we have heard from many residents, both individually and at a public meeting, that the RNAV has generated unacceptable levels of new plane noise for these neighborhoods. We have also heard from our neighbors in Arlington, Belmont and Watertown that noise complaints in those towns are at very high levels as a result of the new procedure.

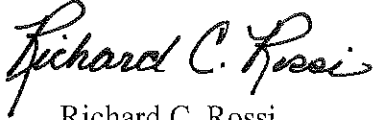
The City of Cambridge endorsed a motion at the January 15th, 2015 meeting of the Logan CAC, brought forward by the communities of Arlington, Belmont and Watertown as follows:

"That the FAA re-examine Runway 33L RNAV SID, implemented in June of 2013, in light of the significant increase in noise complaints and negative feedback from communities since implementation and that alternatives or modifications be considered."

This motion was approved by the CAC by a near-unanimous vote and I ask that you seriously consider ways to address this request by re-examining the narrow, concentrated flight paths currently being used as part of the 33L RNAV procedure re-introducing variability to the flight paths to relieve the noise burden from those under the current RNAV routes. At the same time, Cambridge wants to ensure that planes flying at lower altitudes do not make early turns to the south and fly over the many densely populated East Cambridge, Cambridgeport and Mid-Cambridge neighborhoods.

Please contact Bill Deignan, in the Cambridge Community Development Dept. and our Logan CAC Representative at wdeignan@cambridgema.gov or by telephone at 617-349-4632 if you have any questions. I look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard C. Rossi".

Richard C. Rossi
City Manager