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Mr. Richard C. Rossi
City Manager
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Rossi:

Thank you for your correspondence dated May 15, 2015, in which you expressed the city of Cambridge's deep frustration at the increasing amount of noise generated over Cambridge by aircraft taking off and landing at Boston-Logan International Airport, particularly from Runway (RWY) 33 Left (L). You requested the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reconsider the RWY 33L Area Navigation (RNAV) Standard Instrument Departure (SID).

In accordance with the FAA's aviation noise abatement policy, requests to make changes to air traffic control procedures at the airport for noise purposes must come from the airport sponsor, who is primarily responsible for noise surrounding the airport. The FAA completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the RWY 33L RNAV SID prior to implementation in June 2013. The EA concluded that the RWY 33L RNAV SID did not have any significant or reportable noise increases. This reduced the number of people in the Day-Night Equivalent Sound Level of 45 Decibels and higher by 67,847 people. The FAA will consider any requests by Massachusetts Port Authority for additional modifications to the procedure that are safe and efficient. Additionally, any changes to existing procedures are subject to further environmental review.

The RWY 33L RNAV SID 1-year post-implementation report and supplemental graphics are posted at the following website:
http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/environmental_issues/ared_documentation/.

If you require further information, please contact Allan Goldsher of my staff at (781) 238-7025.

Sincerely,

Amy L. Corbett
Regional Administrator