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FAA Thank-you to the Angoon Community

Dear Angoon Community,

It is hard to express how grateful and pleased I am to have had the chance to visit with the community on September 21. As you probably remember, the weather was rough that day, and we had a bumpy ride in the seaplane! Many of you reminded me that you have a lifetime of bumpy rides to and from Angoon behind you. For me, hearing your stories highlighted the importance of our airport EIS project to the community.

This is one of the reasons we have held these informal meetings this summer—to let you know that we are still working hard on the project, and we are following the timelines and processes that the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires of us. We know that many people feel that “the process takes too long.” We understand this feeling, and we want you to know that we are following the laws and processes quickly and responsibly, so that our part of this larger airport project is done well.

As we have in the past, the comments and questions you raised during our visit will be discussed in detail in our next project newsletter, which will be available in December 2011. Some of the topics we heard from you that will be discussed and presented are



- new ways to share information with the Angoon community, such as creating a Facebook page for the project and making hard copies of reports available for review in a public location;
- a refresher on airport location alternatives—how were they selected, whether they have changed or will change, and the meaning of the “no action” alternative; and
- explanations of the results of the noise and wind studies conducted on Angoon.

In addition to these topics, we are working on the answers to past questions about issues that will be covered in detail in the EIS document. We will continue with our informal visits to the community in 2012. Early in the year we will send out a 2012 visit calendar, so that you will know when to expect us.

We hope you have a wonderful winter season, and we are looking forward to seeing you again next year!

Best regards,

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