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Proposed Interim Access Changes for Airport Commission Consideration

Background:

The overall responsibility for the operation of vehicles on an airport rests with the airport operator, which is the City of Bridgeport at Sikorsky Memorial Airport. The airport operator is also responsible for compliance with the requirements of Part 139 at airports holding an airport operating certificate and with the provisions of any applicable Federal grant agreements. Refer to [14 CFR Part 139](#), various applicable versions of [FAA AIP Grant Assurances](#), and [FAA Advisory Circular 150/5210-20A](#) for specific details.

Following the Engineered Materials Arrestor System (EMAS) vandalism discovered in March, privately owned vehicles (POVs) were limited to the extent possible while general airport security and vehicle access was evaluated. The current Airport Ordinance authorizes the Airport Manager to prescribe rules for vehicles on the airport; however, long-term procedural changes are necessary. It is best to present these solutions for Airport Commission consideration going forward.

What is needed to aid in future vandalism prevention?

In addition to increased physical security features and safeguards, the Airport has determined that the following is needed to aid in future vandalism prevention and response efforts:

1. Stricter criteria for general Air Operations Area (AOA) access.
2. Additional vetting of individuals with POV access to the AOA.

Proposed Changes:

The following changes are proposed:

1. In areas where POV access to the AOA is required, access shall be limited to the individual hangar/aircraft owner on file with the airport. The owner will not be allowed to designate other individuals to access their hangar/aircraft, such as copilots or business partners. If the aircraft/hangar is owned by an approved flying club, then each current and official member on record with the Airport Manager's Office will be authorized. If the aircraft/hangar owner is an approved commercial operation, then an official representative must provide and maintain a current list of sanctioned individuals for review and acceptance by the Airport Manager.



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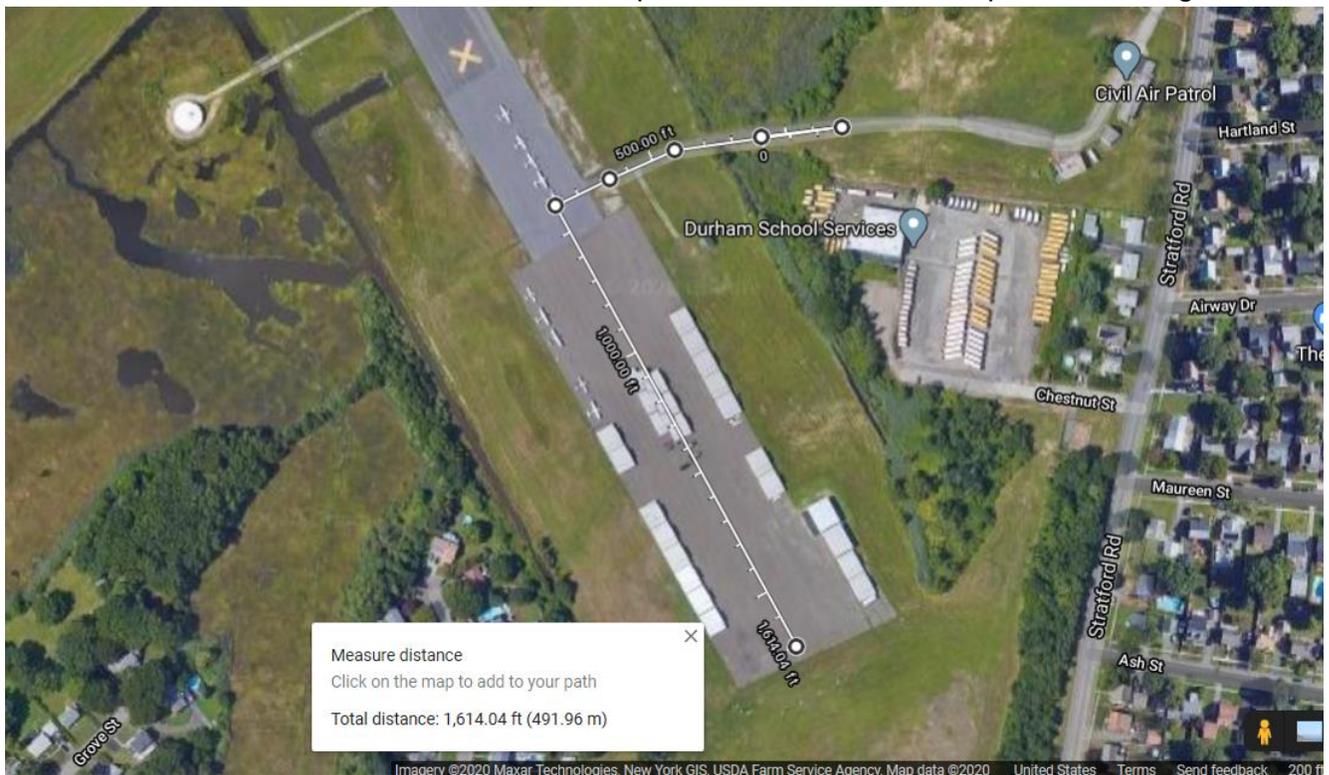


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2. Vehicle hang tags will be issued to individuals permitted to access the AOA with POVs and will be specific to the vehicle that has been approved. A separate application will be required to receive an Airport-issued vehicle hangtag.

Initial Roll-Out

With Airport Commission concurrence, the program will initially be applied to the South Ramp so long as the airport has access to tenant security camera footage. Following the recent vandalism, the airport invested in a new inner security gate. Additionally, the major South Ramp leaseholder recently invested in new cameras and a license plate reader. The South Ramp area is not configured for park and walk access and these tenants have felt the most significant impact following the interim POV restriction. Starting with this location will give these tenants much-needed relief and the airport a chance to test the process changes.



Picture: South Ramp View Google Maps

Additional Phases

Lessons learned from the initial roll out will be incorporated. The airport's vehicle and driver program will be modified. The new procedures may be applied to tenants in other areas during a later phase.