ANAC Report to the Milton Board of Selectmen

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Noise complaint increases coincide with NextGen and RNAV implementations.

- Noise complaints have been rising steadily since 2012.
- This time period coincides with the implementation of RNAVs within Milton and other cities and towns in the Commonwealth.
- The total number of noise complaints filed at Logan has increased by nearly 20x since 2012.
- The total number of noise complaints filed by Milton citizens has increased over 212 fold during the same period.
- The steepest increases have been from 2014 to 2015 (87% increase) and 2015 to 2016 (336% increase).

![Logan Noise Complaints Graph]

Source: Massport
Milton already has a head start on filing the most noise complaints for the fourth year in a row.

- Milton filed a staggering **21,796** noise complaints in 2016, and accounts for 57% of all noise complaints for the year – 336% more than the town filed in all of 2015, and 125% more than the town filed from 2012-2015.

- Milton has filed noise complaints in the first eight months of this year than Massport received in all of 2014.

Source: Massport
Over the course of 2016, Milton’s percentage of noise complaints by month varied from 21% to 76%.

- Overall, Milton’s noise complaint percentage is highest during the months when people want to be outside or have their windows open.
The ten cities and towns most-affected by Boston Logan airplane noise (as measured by number of noise complaints) are as follows:

- Milton
- Hull
- Cambridge
- Somerville
- Arlington
- Belmont
- Medford
- Lynn
- South Boston
- Winthrop

Milton has filed more noise complaints than the next nine most-affected municipalities (Hull, Cambridge, Somerville, Arlington, Belmont, Medford, Lynn, South Boston, and Winthrop), combined.

In terms of complaints filed, Milton has the greatest airplane noise burden of any town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
The skies around Milton are demonstrably quieter than the skies over Milton.

- Milton has already filed nearly 44 times as many noise complaints as its neighbors this year.
- Milton filed 1.5x more noise complaints in the first three months of 2016 than its neighbors have filed since 2012.
- Given this uneven distribution, it is highly unlikely that Milton will receive support from its neighbors regarding airplane traffic redistribution.
- This dynamic, and the imbalance around it, should have been foreseeable by Massport when the CACs were created.

MILTON HAS FILED MORE NEARLY **NINETEEN TIMES** AS MANY NOISE COMPLAINTS AS ITS NEIGHBORS SINCE 2012

Number of Noise Complaints Filed by Milton’s Immediate Neighbors – January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016

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Milton

Weymouth

Dorchester

Hyde Park

Quincy

Canton

Dedham

Randolph

Braintree

Mattapan

Source: Massport
Milton has more callers filing noise complaints than any other community in the Commonwealth, including communities that are many times our population size.

- The ten cities and towns most-affected by Boston Logan airplane noise in 2016 (as measured by number of callers) are as follows:
  - Milton
  - Hull
  - Medford
  - Somerville
  - Cambridge
  - Roslindale
  - Winthrop
  - Arlington
  - Jamaica Plain
  - Belmont

- So far this year, Milton has nearly as many callers as the next three largest groups combined.