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Dean,

The FAA does not prepare a document that is used as a justification report prior to proceeding with a project. When an airport goes through their Master Planning they generally they look at short, mid and long-term goals including projects related to capacity and safety needs for their airport. Once the airport sponsor identifies its specific needs or projects, they present their proposed project(s) to the FAA to be evaluated for possible implementation. (aka "sponsor's proposed project").

In terms of airport capacity projects, the FAA will review the request and verify that the airport's proposed forecast is supported by realistic assumptions; that appropriate methods were used to develop the forecasts; that planning and development recommendations are justified; and that the airport's forecast is consistent with the Terminal Area Forecast (TAF) developed by the FAA. This is done for each and every airport that proposes such development.

In the case of Palm Beach, the FAA reviewed the airport's forecasts and concurred that the forecasts could be used in the airport's planning efforts because they were within 10% of FAA's TAF. During the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, the FAA will evaluate the sponsor's proposed project and other alternatives. The EIS will include a detailed discussion of the Purpose and Need for the airport sponsor's proposed project, however this will not be available for public review until the EIS draft is released. At this point, we expect this to occur approximately a year from now.

Beyond local level efforts, it should be noted that the National level report, Future Airport Capacity Task 2, identifies PBI as an airport that is capacity challenged. I provided you with a link to this information previously.

Let me know if you have any further questions. Thanks!

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