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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 
Date: May 17, 2019
Subject: **Status of FAA NextGen/Florida Metroplex Re-routing Program**

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to transmit to you information regarding the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA)'s redesign of the airspace over Florida's major airports, dubbed the NextGen/Florida Metroplex project and its possible effects on Bal Harbour.

NextGen is the FAA-led modernization of the nation's air transportation system to increase safety, efficiency, and capacity for commercial flights. Locally, this initiative will primarily affect Miami International Airport (MIA) which will be tightening takeoff and landing routes to become more standardized over our airspace.

The Village has been closely monitoring the possible effects of route changes to our quality-of-life as information has become available. After a Miami Herald article showed a possible adverse situation for the Village, staff was asked to research the project in more detail and discovered that a route change benefiting the Village had occurred after the Herald's publishing. Additionally, on April 29, 2019 staff attended a NextGen public workshop to verify the route change. FAA engineers were directly engaged to answer how the changes might affect Bal Harbour, particularly in relation to takeoff procedures. The engineers answered that the environment around the Village was unlikely to change from the current condition, but that noise mitigation studies had not yet been completed for final analysis and public input.

The Village will continue monitoring the situation closely in anticipation of the release of noise studies that may warrant further interaction with the FAA.

The following link is provided by the FAA and includes additional relevant information on this subject. https://www.faa.gov/nextgen/nextgen_near_you/community_involvement/florida/media/MIA-Boards-Final.pdf

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

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