



Summary of Inter-Agency/Tribal Coordination Meeting
April 27, 2005 9:00 AM–12:30 PM, Radisson Airport Hotel

Meeting Purpose: To finalize an Inter-Agency/Tribal Coordination Agreement (the Agreement) for the T.F. Green Airport Improvement Projects Environmental Impact Statement. The Agreement defines how the participating agencies will work together as partners to coordinate the environmental review process, while also improving decision-making and safeguarding the environment.

The Inter-Agency/Tribal Coordination Meeting was held on April 27, 2005 at the Radisson Airport Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island as a follow on to the March 15, 2005 coordination meeting. Invitations to the meeting were sent on April 6, 2005 to: Environmental Protection Agency; Federal Highway Administration; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Federal Transit Administration; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council; Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management; Rhode Island Department of Transportation; Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission; Narragansett Indian Tribe; Rhode Island Office of the Governor; Rhode Island Department of Health; and Rhode Island Statewide Planning.

The following representatives from federal and state agencies and other interested parties attended the meeting:

Federal Aviation Administration

- Heather Hemdal, for Amy Corbett - New England Regional Administrator
- Barbara Travers-Wright, Congressional Liaison
- John Silva, Environmental Program Manager
- Richard Doucette, Environmental Specialist

Rhode Island Airport Corporation

- Laurie Cullen, Senior Vice President for Planning, Engineering, and Environment
- Brenda Pope, Vice President of Environmental Management Systems

Environmental Protection Agency

- Tim Timmermann, Environmental Scientist, NEPA Reviewer

Federal Highway Administration

- Michael Butler, Environmental Coordinator

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers

- Robert DeSista, Chief of Permits and Enforcement Section
- Stephen Dilorenzo, Senior Project Manager

Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council

- Megan Higgins, Coastal Policy Analyst

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

- Ronald Gagnon, Office of Technical and Customer Assistance
- Charles Horbert, DEM Freshwater Wetlands Program



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- Michael Gannon, Design Section, Review Coordinator

Narragansett Indian Tribe (NITHPO)

- Doug Harris, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Rhode Island Department of Health

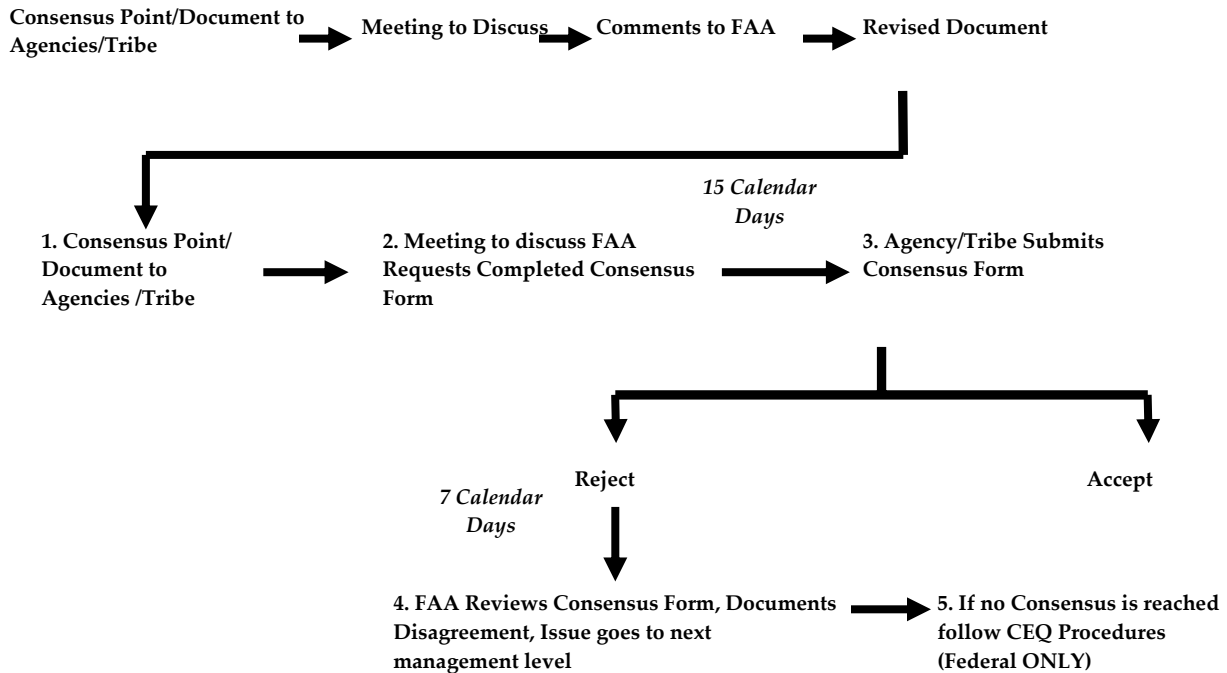
- John Fulton, Associate Director of Health

Rhode Island Statewide Planning

- Katherine Trapani, Supervising Planner

At the meeting, **John Silva** and **Heather Hemdal** of the FAA welcomed the group and provided an introduction to the attendees. **Laurie Cullen**, Rhode Island Airport Corporation, spoke of the importance of coordination and the proposed T.F. Green Airport Improvements. This was followed by **Carol Lurie**, Project Manager from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, consultant project manager, who provided an update on the project since the previous Coordination Group Meeting. Ms. Lurie summarized the agenda and goals of the day and explained changes in the Agreement's Milestone Schedule.

The meeting facilitator, **Susanna Liller** of Barton and Gingold, began the discussion of Coordination Principle Seven, which focuses on issue resolution. The Coordination Group came to consensus on the issue resolution process described in the Agreement. Ms. Liller led the discussion on the Agency/Tribal Statutory Authority/Roles and Responsibilities (Table 2) for each agency and the tribe and modified the Agreement based on the needs and concerns of the parties represented at the table. Ms. Liller surveyed the room to confirm that each party at the table was in agreement with the revised roles and responsibilities. The same process was used to evaluate and make changes to the Target Milestones and Schedule (Table 1). The following flowchart illustrates the issue resolution process in the Agreement.





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The following organizations signed the Agency/Tribal Statutory Authority/Roles and Responsibilities (Table 2) completing their role in developing the Agreement:

- Federal Aviation Administration
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Highway Administration
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Rhode Island Department of Transportation
- Narragansett Indian Tribe
- Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council
- Rhode Island Department of Health

- Rhode Island Statewide Planning (RIDOA)
- Rhode Island Airport Corporation

The following parties plan to sign the Agreement:

- Federal Transit Administration
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
- Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission
- Rhode Island Office of the Governor

A copy of the revised and signed Inter-Agency/Tribal Coordination Agreement will soon be distributed to the participating organizations and available on the project website.