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RE: Franklin County State Airport upcoming project

Dear Airport Users,

This letter serves as a project update for the users of Franklin County State Airport by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans). VTrans has now received two Federal Aviation Administration-funded grants to enhance safety and usability at the Franklin County State Airport. These grants include full depth runway reconstruction, runway widening, new runway edge lighting, improved drainage, and a new electrical vault. This is very exciting to have the funds in hand so we can move forward to make the runway improvements to KFSO.

The construction contract has now been awarded to our contractor and we now know that the project will begin construction in April 2023 and will be completed by the end of September 2023. **For both the safety of our contractors and the safety of our airport users, the airport will be closed for the duration of the construction project.** Airport users will still be able to access their hangars to work on aircraft that remain on the airport during the project. Anyone that wants to continue to have access to an open airport are advised to move their aircraft out KFSO before April 1, 2023. No aircraft arrivals or departures of any kind will be allowed on the airport during the construction project.

For any pilot that wants to continue to operate their aircraft during the closure period, I would suggest reaching out to other airports in the area to find available tie-down space. While VTrans will not participate in the payment of alternate storage or tie-down space at any alternate airport, VTrans will be suspending your current lease payments for KFSO space from April 1, 2023, to the end of September 2023 and you will not be charged rent for this period. Please reach out to our aviation property management team if you have any questions about your lease payments during this time.

We look forward to the successful completion of this improvement project at Franklin County State Airport and will continue to keep you informed as project milestones are reached. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Handwritten signature of Daniel Delabruere in black ink.

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