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Dear Ms. Davis:

Secretary LaHood has asked me to respond to your March 9 and March 19 letters about the Venice Municipal Airport's (VNC) 1969 airport layout plan (ALP).

You stated that your copy of the 1969 ALP did not refer to the airport being classified as a C-II airport as stated in our previous response. You are correct. Our conclusion relied on other data shown on that ALP. We looked at the runway-taxiway separation, runway length, runway width, and taxiway width. These dimensions are consistent with C-II standards. This conclusion is supported by the 1987 ALP that identifies the Gulfstream III (a Category C-II aircraft) as the critical aircraft for Runway 13/31. Further, the 2000 ALP identifies the airport reference code (ARC) as a Category C-II.

You stated the 2000 ALP graphically depicts a B-II and the associated master plan says the airport cannot be expanded to C-II standards because of many environmental issues. This is not the case. As indicated above, the runway-taxiway separation, runway length, runway width, and taxiway width are consistent with C-II, not B-II, standards. In addition, page 4-2 of the 2000 Airport Master Plan prepared by the city of Venice's consultant, states "Thus, the ARC for the current design aircraft for the airport is classified as a C-II." This fact is restated several times in Chapter 7, Facility Requirements. In addition, Table 7-1, Runway Protection Zone Dimensions, correctly depicts runway protection zone (RPZ) dimensions for C-II. (The city's consultant depicted an RPZ incorrectly on the corresponding ALP.)

In addition, in 2006, the city requested and received a \$3,744,194 grant to rehabilitate Runway 13/31 for the full C-II length and width (5,000 x 150 feet), and improve the runway safety area to C-II standards.

I trust this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

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