

**TO: CRCOG REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**FROM: EMILY HULTQUIST, PRINCIPAL PLANNER & POLICY ANALYST**  
**SUBJECT: BACKGROUND ON NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> RPC MEETING**  
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At the upcoming Regional Planning Commission meeting, Kevin Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the Connecticut Airport Authority will address Commission members, giving an update on current activities at Bradley International Airport (Bradley). Mr. Dillon has more than 40 years of experience in successful airport management, business and route development. His past work includes executive positions at the Rhode Island Airport Corporation, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Manchester-Boston Airport and the managerial roles at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey including Acting General Manager of LaGuardia Airport. He is a board member of the New England Knowledge Corridor Partnership.

Bradley was recently named the 5<sup>th</sup> best airport in the U.S. by *Condé Nast Traveler's* Reader's Choice Awards. In his presentation, Mr. Dillon will discuss some of the initiatives that have helped Bradley reach this most recent prestigious distinction such as expanding route development, improvements to capital infrastructure projects and cooperation with regional business community.

Bradley is the second largest airport in New England and serves passengers from throughout the Northeast. The 2017 Hartford, New Haven, Springfield Business Survey presented statistics about Bradley Airport that fall in line with the airport's recent distinction as well. Over three-quarters (77%) of respondents to the business survey use Bradley for air travel needs over major New York and Boston airports. Bradley is also the winning choice for those business travelers who travel more than six times annually – 42% as compared with 36% for Boston and 30% for New York airports.<sup>1</sup>

In addition to the presentation by Mr. Dillon, at the upcoming meeting, CRCOG staff will discuss the 2018 RPC Appointment Request process and will be seeking adoption of the 2018 RPC Meeting Calendar.

We look forward to seeing you on November 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions in advance of the meeting, please feel free to contact me at 860-522-2217 ext. 219 or [ehultquist@crcog.org](mailto:ehultquist@crcog.org).

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<sup>1</sup> 2017 Hartford, New Haven, Springfield Business Survey, [https://www.cbia.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/NEKC\\_17.pdf](https://www.cbia.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/NEKC_17.pdf)