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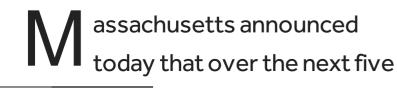
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# Mass. to Build, Renovate Facilities at 15 Airports

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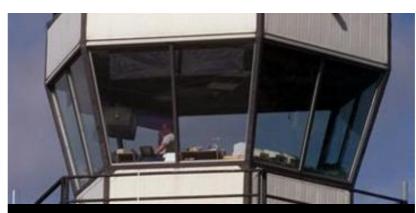




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years it plans to build new administrative facilities and renovate existing ones at 15 airports across the state.

A recent "review found a significant need to improve administration facilities at general aviation airports, with some airports lacking any



The control tower at the airport in Beverly, one of 15 Massachusetts airports scheduled to undergo construction and renovation over the next five yearsCredit: (Globe file photo)

facilities and many others working in aging buildings in need of repair," state aeronautics administrator Christopher Willenborg said in a statement.

"These new or renovated facilities will be state-of-the-art, accessible, environmentally sustainable, and better serve our customers," he added.



The state said it picked projects based on factors including public safety needs and how busy each airport is.

Officials from the Aeronautics Division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, which oversees the state's system of 37 public-use general aviation airports, said the projects are part of a comprehensive statewide master plan for airport administration buildings.

Boston Logan International and Hanscom Field airports were not part of the planning effort.

"Our airport economic impact study identified nearly \$12 billion in economic activity and more than 124,000 jobs traced to aviation in the Commonwealth," MassDOT Secretary and CEO Richard A. Davey said in a statement.

"That extraordinary success requires continued strategic investment to ensure these airports continue to serve as economic drivers and gateways for business and tourism."

Four of the airport projects — worth a combined \$12 million — are scheduled to break ground in 2015. Those projects in Beverly, Fitchburg, Mansfield and Southbridge will take an estimated nine months to complete and will be paid for by state funds with a required local match of five percent.

Another 11 airports are scheduled for construction or renovation between 2016 and 2019.

New administrative facilities will be built at airports in Chatham, Gardner, Orange, Plymouth, Taunton, Harriman-and-West in North Adams and Walter J. Koladza Airport in Great Barrington. Existing facilities will be renovated at airports in Pittsfield, Lawrence, Marlborough, and Turners Falls in Montague.

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A convicted sex offender who killed his 12-year-old niece after luring her to his house with a ruse about a pool party is due to be formally sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.

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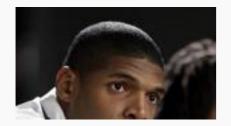
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# Woman Falls Down Elevator Shaft at Fenway Park

A 22-year-old woman is hospitalized after falling down an elevator shaft at Fenway Park Friday during a Red Sox game, according to the Boston Fire Department.

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# Obama, Congress Move to Address Veterans Affairs Firestorm

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# Conn. Exhibit Looks at Benedict Arnold as Hero

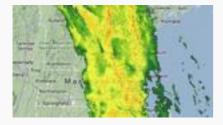
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