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Tweed New Haven Airport Applauds Approval of New Lease by New Haven Board of Alders

This evening, the New Haven Board of Alders voted to approve a new long-term lease agreement between the City and the Tweed New-Haven Airport Authority. The move is a critical step toward broader plans [announced earlier this year](#) to expand operations at the airport, allowing for more flights and greater convenience for flyers, while also completely eliminating the need for existing state and city subsidies, which currently total \$1.8 million per year.

"Tonight is a historic milestone in our effort to build a better airport for this region and its residents, and I want to thank the Board of Alders for their work, their input, and their support," said Tweed Executive Director Sean Scanlon. "This landmark vote brings us one step closer to transforming Tweed New-Haven Airport into a true economic driver for our region through creating new local jobs and offering nonstop flights to a continuously growing list of destinations."

"As the local operator of Tweed New-Haven for more than twenty years, we are extremely appreciative that our partners in the New Haven Board of Alders have approved this lease, and put their trust in our team to continue our longstanding partnership with New Haven and its regional airport," said Jorge Roberts, CEO of Avports. "Avports believes in the long-term future of HVN and its ability to serve more flyers from the surrounding region. We're already hiring for new jobs at the airport to support increased activity from more direct flights to more destinations. The future is very bright for Tweed New-Haven Airport."

Before taking their vote, Alders amended the lease agreement to include new provisions that are reflective of months of public commentary and community feedback. Changes include:

- A detailed, \$5 million Community Betterment Plan that includes local traffic mitigation, noise abatement, and new community projects in New Haven and East Haven.
- Creation of a new Carbon Offset Program aimed at giving passengers the ability to offset their proportion of an aircraft's carbon emissions on a particular flight by investing in various carbon reduction initiatives.
- Removing references to the use of eminent domain, and expressly stating that the Airport Authority “does not have the power of condemnation.”
- Prohibiting the airport from expanding cargo or freight service without first obtaining certain approvals from the City of New Haven.
- Requiring the airport to work in coordination with the City and FEMA on a new flood map, with a goal of reducing flood insurance premiums for nearby homes and businesses.

The amended lease can be viewed in full here [LINK].

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