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Gov. Whitman Makes Funding Available to Study Aircraft Noise

Governor Christie Whitman announced today that she has made funding available in the Treasury budget for a contract to run a computer model of the New Jersey Citizens Against Aircraft Noise (NJCAAN) ocean routing plan. The request for proposal will seek an analysis of the NJCAAN plan.

The new analysis will take into account airport safety and air traffic delays, paying particular attention to whether previous models of the NJCAAN proposal accurately reflect the noise impact on the New Jersey shore and look at whether ocean routing can be accomplished without creating another noise problem along the shore.

"This study is in the interest of all New Jerseyans because it will allow us to find the best possible commercial air traffic routes while creating the least disturbance to those who live near the airports and under aircraft flight paths," said Governor Whitman.

"I also support Congressman Franks' efforts to solve the problem of aircraft noise. His work to bring together concerned parties with experts from the FAA to discuss ways to reduce noise from air traffic in the New York/New Jersey area will help bring us closer to resolving this important quality of life issue."

"Rep. Franks and I share a common goal - we are both very anxious to avoid merely shifting the aircraft noise problem to other parts of the state, such as to our urban centers or the shore area. Our goal in resolving this issue is and should be to genuinely reduce the noise generated by aircraft flying in and out of Newark Airport. That's why I have asked Department of Transportation Commissioner John Haley to work with Congressman Franks to help ensure that his proposal maximizes noise relief for every community in our state."

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