

February 29, 2016

Honorable Michael Huerta
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20591



Re: City of Tulsa partnership with PrecisionHawk USA, Inc.

Dear Administrator Huerta:

Tulsa Mayor Dewey Bartlett has informed me of an exciting opportunity to promote the development of safe and efficient small unmanned aircraft system (sUAS) operations in our City through a partnership with PrecisionHawk, USA, Inc. to manage the operation of sUAS within City limits, including within proximity of Tulsa International Airport. I am writing to express my strong support for this initiative.

Tulsa International Airport shares the concerns of all airports that sUAS operations could interfere with airport operations and with air navigation, whether through malfeasance, negligence, or ignorance. We support the FAA's efforts to promulgate rules and policies to protect airport operations, as well as educational programs like the Before You Fly program. At the same time, we believe that sUAS operations in the City of Tulsa, even within five miles of Tulsa International and R.L. Jones Airport, can operate safely subject to technological advances and operational parameters, and we support the City's partnership with PrecisionHawk to conduct research and development efforts in the City of Tulsa to help achieve that goal.

We recognize that a standard condition in a section 333 exemption is that a sUAS may not operate within five nautical miles of an airport reference point, unless a letter of agreement with that airport's management is obtained or otherwise permitted by a Certificate of Authorization (COA). In its sUAS proposed rule (proposed section 107.41), the FAA proposes to permit sUAS operations in Class B, C, and D airspace only with prior authorization from the ATC facility. We believe this R&D program can explore ways in which letters of agreement and ATC authorizations may be standardized, streamlined, and expedited without compromising the safety of airport operations.

Accordingly, we support the Mayor's initiative. We stand ready to participate fully in this initiative to ensure the safety of operations at our airport during this R&D program and subsequently when sUAS operations are authorized in urban areas and beyond the visual line of sight.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Mulder".

Jeff Mulder, A.A.E.
Director of Airports

cc: Mayor Dewey Bartlett, Jr.