

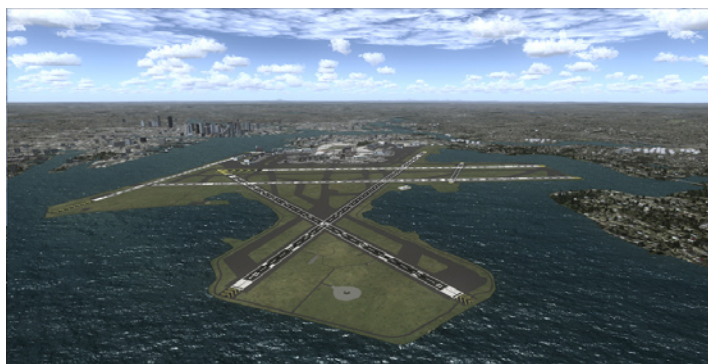


Taxiway "M", BVA Resolve Labor Dispute

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The ongoing labor dispute between Taxiway "M" and Boston Virtual ATC has been resolved by version 4.3 of the KBOS Scenery Update, released earlier this month. According to multiple sources, the two sides came to a tentative agreement at the beginning of September and the decision was [ratified on October 17](#). Previously, despite being displayed on charts and available to real-world pilots at KBOS, BVA members were unable to use the taxiway and saw construction vehicles picketing along parts of the taxiway.



The bitter dispute lasted for several years, and reportedly centered around issues of pay for the Scenery Design Team. Attempts by FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt to refer the matter to binding arbitration failed. "The taxiway was being entirely unreasonable in its demands," said Dan, leader of the Scenery Design Team, "who ever heard of a taxiway wanting sick leave, vacation pay, and flex time? Some of the demands were truly absurd. Fortunately, we've been able to work past that together."

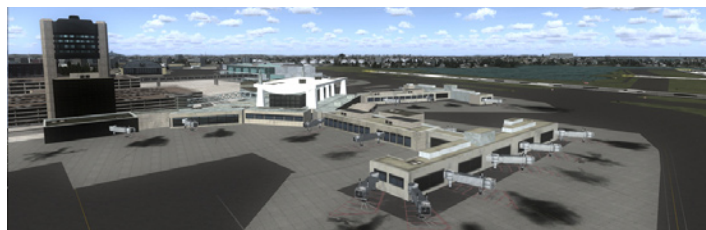
In a written statement, Taxiway "M" praised the new agreement as a "step forward" for both organizations that will "ensure aircraft can freely use the taxiway while protecting its rights and ensuring a safe environment for all involved stakeholders".

A spokesperson for Boston Virtual ATC was unavailable for comment late Sunday. Logan Informer Editor Phil also declined to comment, stating "this article is ridiculous; I'll have no part in it".

The new agreement also includes frame rate improvements for the airport as a whole, improved parking spaces, and a number of cosmetic additions like runway distance markings and approach angle visualizations. BVA's controllers were also watching the negotiations carefully as their governing collective agreement expires next February.

(In case my terrible humor is also incomprehensible, what I'm saying in this article is that we released a new version of the KBOS scenery earlier this month that completes Taxiway "M" and all members should download it immediately!)

You can read the full agreement (i.e. download the scenery update) on our website. Start with the installation guide, located [HERE](#); you will be prompted to download all files when you need them.



Controller of the Month

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Each month, one member of our controller community is selected by ATC Instructors for special recognition for outstanding performance and ongoing dedication. As essential frontline service providers, controllers play the most important role in ensuring the satisfaction and enjoyment of our membership.

This month, our controller community is proud to recognize **Chris (ChrisOlmstead)** as the Controller of the Month. Chris, having recently passed his Class B Tower Over-The-Shoulder examination, is ready to begin Class C Approach. But rather than jump right in, he's spent the past week carefully reviewing the SOP and asking

lots of questions to anyone that will listen so that he's ready to go when he can get time with a mentor.

While controlling, Chris has a great frequency presence but is careful to always treat pilots with respect and courtesy. We very much expect that to continue as he begins controlling at the radar level in the coming weeks. Congratulations, Chris!



Cape Air Virtual >>
Pilot of the Month

Each month, Cape Air Virtual recognizes the pilot who has the most hours for the airline. For October, that pilot is Dave ('davedog330'), who has flown a total of 46.7 hours! Congratulations Dave!



Regional Circuit

The logo for the Regional Circuit event, featuring the letters 'Rc' in a bold, black font on a blue square background.

Tuesday, November 8
(8-11pm ET)

PHNL (Honolulu) &
PHOG (Maui)

Our controllers fully staff two airports and provide complete ATC coverage for flights between the two; pilots are encouraged to file preferred routes and can expect multiple handoffs and busy frequencies throughout the event

Domestic Journey

The logo for the Domestic Journey event, featuring the letters 'Dj' in a bold, black font on a red square background.

Thursday, December 1
(8-11pm ET)

KDCA (Washington) &
KBOS (Boston)

The Domestic Journey provides BVA pilots with the opportunity to enjoy medium-haul flights across North America with air traffic control coverage from gate-to-gate.

Pack the Pattern

The logo for the Pack the Pattern event, featuring the letters 'Pp' in a bold, black font on a green square background.

Monday, November 28
(8-10pm ET)

KBOS (Boston)

Pilots are encouraged to fly into the event or fly IFR or VFR circuits of a busy Class Bravo airport, with full ATC coverage for the entire evening (including Clearance, Ground, multiple Tower and Approach controllers, and maybe even a Center!)

Fly-In

The logo for the Fly-In event, featuring the letters 'Fi' in a bold, black font on a yellow square background.

Wednesday, November 30
(8-11pm ET)

Cape Cod
(KACK, KHYA, KMOV, KEWB)

Tower (Local) Controllers will feature several small airports designed for General Aviation aircraft. Fly IFR or VFR within controlled airspace; general aviation aircraft (anything from a Cessna to a LearJet) are preferred.

European Tour

The logo for the European Tour event, featuring the letters 'Et' in a bold, black font on a blue square background.

Sunday, November 27
(2-5pm ET)

EGLL (London-Heathrow) &
LFPG (Paris)

We're taking our popular Regional Circuit concept across the pond to Europe! Our controllers will fully staff two airports 70-200nm apart. Pilots are encouraged to fly between the two airports and enjoy full ATC coverage gate-to-gate.

Getaway

The logo for the Getaway event, featuring the letters 'Ga' in a bold, black font on a yellow square background.

November 4-13

Hawaii
(PHNL, PHOG, PHLI)

BVA's Getaway Event takes pilots and controllers for a change of scenery, and features various airports across North America. Join BVA as we 'Getaway' to explore new airports and destinations

Pilot Tip of the Month

“Monitor” vs. “Contact”

Whenever you are handed off, listen carefully to the instruction: sometimes a controller might ask you to 'monitor' a frequency instead of contacting. Although the difference between the two phrases is subtle, 'monitoring' versus 'contacting' a controller can have a big impact on frequency congestion. If you are told to 'monitor' a frequency, switch over to the new frequency, **but do not say anything! Instead, wait for the controller to call you.** It may take a few moments for the controller to get in contact with you, but don't worry, he has your flight plan and knows that you are eager to takeoff. The 'monitoring' instruction is fairly common, and you'll mostly hear it when a ground controller is switching several aircraft to a busy tower frequency. By using 'monitor' instead of 'contact,' the tower controller is able to call aircraft as needed rather than having the frequency flooded by several pilots trying to check in at the same time.



Up High! BVA's High Five (+30) Event

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BVA is less than a month away from turning five! Founded in 2006, our community has seen incredible growth over its short history and the potential for the future is as strong as ever.

On November 27, we'll start our biggest and best birthday celebration ever: five events over five days followed by a continuous 30 Hours of ZBW! It's an ambitious plan: from Sunday to Thursday, we'll plan to have at least 6 controllers staffed each night. And to top it all off, we'll have ZBW (Boston Center) staffed continuously for 30 hours starting on Friday evening.

Whatever you have planned between November 27 and December 3 should be moved. Talk to teachers, parents, bosses, co-workers, roommates, soulmates, and especially significant others...do what you have to do so that you can make it on early and often to fly as much as possible in these events:

- **Sunday:** European Tour – EGLL & LFPG (3-6pm ET)
- **Monday:** Pack the Pattern – KBOS (8-10pm ET)
- **Tuesday:** Regional Circuit – KJFK & KBOS (8-11pm ET)
- **Wednesday:** GA Fly-In – Cape Cod (8-11pm ET)
- **Thursday:** Domestic Journey – KDCA to KBOS (8-11pm ET)
- **Friday-Saturday:** 30 Hours of ATC – ZBW (6pm ET on December 2 to 11:59pm ET on December 3)

The plan is to make this the busiest week in BVA's history—that means we'll have to top the almost 200 unique pilots we had flying during the Flight for the Fight. It also means that our events, especially the Pack the Pattern and Regional Circuit, are likely to be some of the busiest we've ever seen. Hop on to the server as much as you can and give us the High Five we deserve!



You can find out all the details about our anniversary event at: <http://www.bostonvirtualatc.com/dnn/HighFive.aspx>.

BRSM6A	CLOSED	NYR1390	IFR	1000	140/109	KBOS	KALB	LOGAN DELTA VZ70
E-1	T 128.80	H/B743	IFR	1065	170/110	KBOS	KALB	V2 GDM GDMG
EA302			IFR	200		KBOS	KALB	V2 GDM GDMG
IBEL432	ZBW_C_124.52	B763	IFR	7313	1607	KBOS	KALB	GLYDE VZ70 CTR
N775FC			IFR	2211	180	KBOS	KALB	GLYDE VZ70 CTR
N820MH	ALB_A_118.05	B650/G	IFR	6530	660	KBOS	KALB	LOGAN DELTA VZ70
TUB501	ALB_A_118.05		IFR			KBOS	KALB	LOGAN DELTA VZ70
UAL117	ZBW_C_124.52	B763	IFR	7313	1607	KBOS	KALB	GLYDE VZ70 CTR
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UAL599	UNCONTROLLED	B738/Q	IFR	3354	280/149	KBOS	KDEN	MHT SVR #63 EHMANN
FDX1223	BOS_A_133.00	C32/G	IFR	4502	130/110	KALB	KBOS	V2 GDM GDMG
UAL214	BOS_A_133.00	B747	IFR	3141	130/110	KALB	KBOS	DIRECT
N820MH	ALB_A_118.05	B650/G	IFR	6530	660	KBOS	KALB	LOGAN DELTA VZ70
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High Five (+30)
November 27 - December 3, 2011

BVA

5 Days, 5 Events, then 30 Hours of ZBW 5 Years: 2006-2011

BVA'S HAWAII GETAWAY: NOVEMBER 4-13

Honolulu International Airport - PHNL

Airport Information:

Elevation: 13 ft / 4 m

Class: Bravo

Runways:

4R/22L 9,000 ft / 2,743 m

4L/22R 6,952 ft / 2,119 m

8R/26L 12,000 ft / 3,658 m

8L/26R 12,300 ft / 3,749 m

Frequencies:

ATIS: 127.90

Ground: 121.90

Tower: 118.10

Approach/Departure: 118.30

Preferred Routes:

To PHOG: PALAY2 LNY CAMPS3

To PHLI: KEOLA2 LIH



Kahului Airport - PHOG

Airport Information:

Elevation: 54 ft / 16 m

Class: Charlie

Runways:

2/20 6,995 ft / 2,132 m

5/23 4,990 ft / 1,521 m

Frequencies:

ATIS: 128.60

Ground: 121.70

Tower: 118.70

Approach/Departure: 119.50

Preferred Routes:

To PHNL: MAUI5 OGG LNY JULLE5

To PHLI: MAUI5 OGG LNY V16 NAPUA



Lihue Airport - PHLI

Airport Information:

Elevation: 153 ft / 46 m

Class: Delta

Runways:

3/21 6,500 ft / 1,981 m

17/35 6,500 ft / 1,981 m

Frequencies:

ATIS: 127.20

Ground: 121.75

Tower: 118.90

Approach/Departure: 126.50 (Honolulu

Center)

Preferred Routes:

To PHNL: LIH5/RICH2 BOOKE V15 HNL

To PHOG: LIH5/RICH2 BOOKE V15 HNL

V2 LNY CAMPS3



[DOWNLOAD HAWAII GETAWAY PREFERRED ROUTES](#)

