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RE: Negative Determination for the Proposed Saipan International Airport, Passenger Loading Bridge Replacement at Gate 1 Project

Dear Mr. Nishimura,

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) has reviewed the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) negative determination (ND) from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) received on February 8, 2022 for utilization of FAA federal grant funds under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) to finance the proposed Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport (GSN), Passenger Loading Bridge Replacement at Gate 1 Replacement Project. In turn, the CNMI Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) will utilize these AIP funds to demolish and replace the existing passenger loading bridge at Gate 1 of the GSN terminal building, which has exceeded its useful life.

DCRM concurs that this action is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI coastal zone management program (CZMP). Thank you for coordinating with the CNMI CZMP. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Arthur Charfauros at (670) 664-8314 or fedcon@dcrim.gov.mp.

Sincerely,

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