



Sent Via Email

November 17, 2020

Mayor@cityofmiddleton.us

Mayor Gurdip Brar
City of Middleton
7426 Hubbard Avenue
Middleton, WI 53562

Re: Request for Low Flying Airplane Warning Signs on roads adjacent to C29

Dear Mayor Brar:

As you are aware, according to the Federal Aviation Administration, the purpose of an airport Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) is to protect people and property on the ground.

The City of Middleton's airport consultant, Mead & Hunt, publicly disclosed some of the details of the existing unsafe Runway 01 RPZ in materials it prepared for the Morey Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee (AMPAC) Meeting on 10/29/2020. In addition, the Town of Middleton airport consultant, in a report dated November 3, 2020 further documents the existing unsafe conditions on Airport Road adjacent to C29 for the pedestrians, bicyclists, and approximately 10,000 vehicles per day driving up and down Airport Road by Morey Airport. Currently 79% of the Runway 01 Runway Protection Zone extends *over* Airport Road to the south, and Airport Road is the only main road in this area, so there are no other available roadway options when traveling from neighborhoods and schools located to the west of C29.

Mead & Hunt, in its October 22, 2020, Ch. 3 Facilities Requirements Report prepared for the 10/29/2020 AMPAC Meeting specifically noted in Table 3-20 that C29 Runway 01 does not meet FAA standards as 79% of the RPZ extends off Airport property into roadways and other incompatible land uses. They further noted on page 3-9, Runway 01 RPZ also extends over two unsignalized intersections with Deming Way (at Airport Road and Forsythia Street) where slowing, stopping, and periodic queuing of roadway traffic occurs.

Because of the extremely unsafe conditions that currently exist with Runway 01, it should be immediately closed. However, if the City Common Council and the Airport Commission do not take such action, we are requesting that you immediately install warning signs for low flying aircraft on Airport Road and Deming Way (at Airport Road and Forsythia Street) in accordance with the Wisconsin DOT Traffic Engineering, Operations and Safety Manual, November 2016, 2-3-70 Low Flying Plane Signs. Specifically, we are requesting the placement of the standard sign plate W11-57 (See Attached) at the following locations:

- Airport Road – Approximately 350' east of the intersection of Airport Road and Deming Way for westbound traffic.
- Airport Road – Approximately 150' west of the intersection of Airport Road and Deming Way for eastbound traffic.
- Deming Way – Approximately 150' south of the intersection of Deming Way and Forsythia Street for northbound traffic.

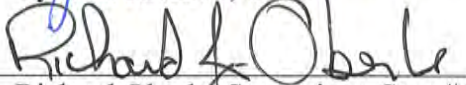
Such warning signs should be installed even if Runway 01 is shortened as that would only slightly lessen the current dangerous situation not eliminate it.


We would appreciate a response to this urgent request by December 7, 2020.

Sincerely,

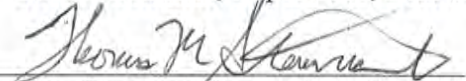
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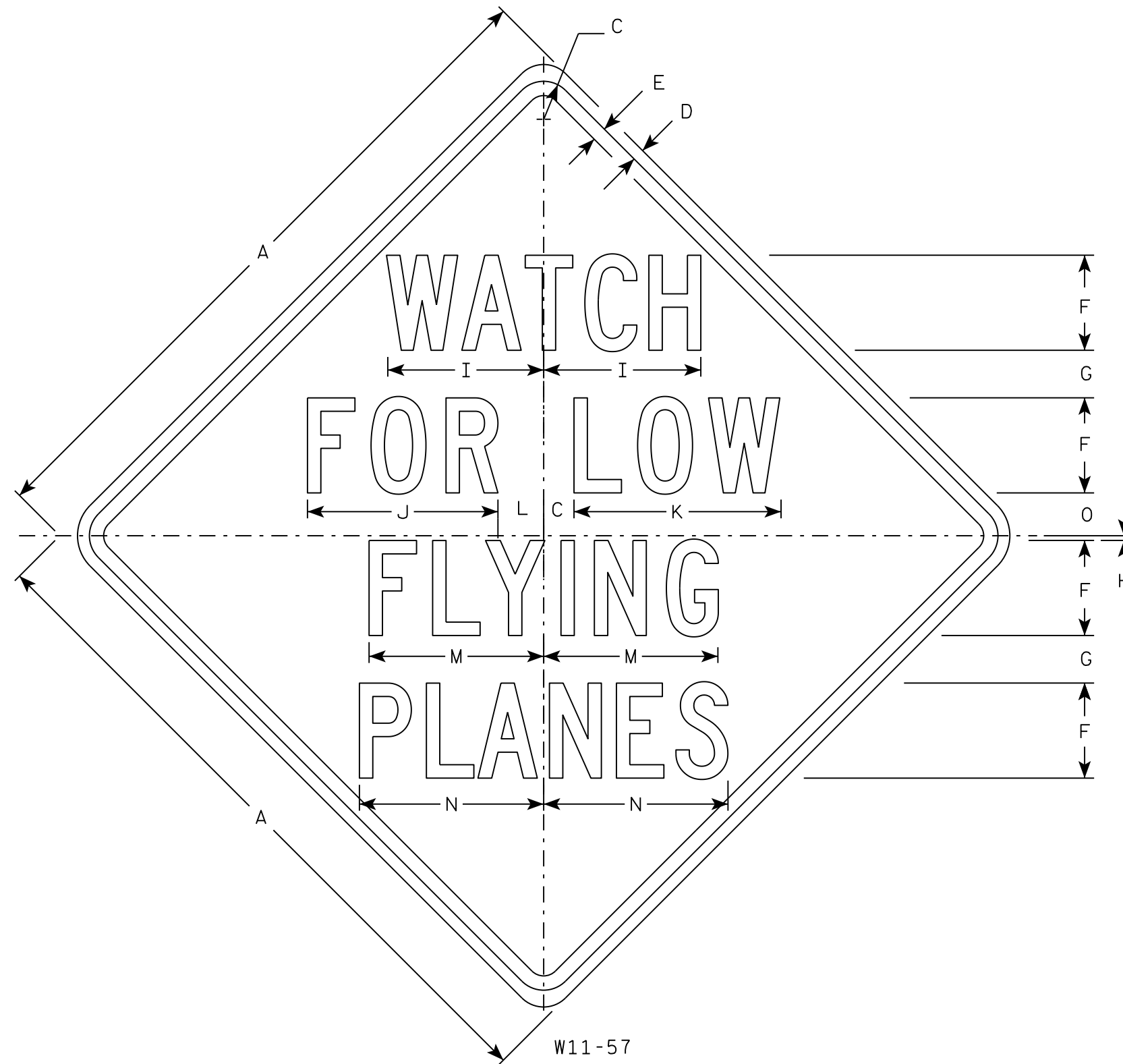
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NOTES

1. Sign is Type II - Type F Reflective - reference WIS DOT Standard Specification for HIGHWAY and STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION latest edition.
2. Color:
Background - Yellow
Message - Black
3. Message Series - C

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SIZE	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	Area sq. ft.
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STANDARD SIGN
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WISCONSIN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION

APPROVED *Matthew R. Rauch*
for State Traffic Engineer

DATE 7/20/16 PLATE NO. W11-57.8