To our Tampa Bay community, our passengers and our employees,

As we continue to grow and develop our facilities and air service this year, I’d like to reinforce our commitment to enhancing our people, our planet and our collective prosperity.

Our airport sustainability program has made significant strides toward our triple-bottom line through the implementation of our Sustainable Management Plan (SMP), dubbed Legacy of Environmental Actions for our Future (LEAF).

Striving to achieve our quantitative goals by 2021, we aim to:

- Reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 5% on a per passenger basis
- Reduce our potable water usage by 10% on a per passenger basis
- Reduce, reuse and recycle to reduce the solid waste disposed by 10% on a per passenger basis
- Reduce our electricity consumption by 3% on a per passenger basis

Our SMP outlines initiatives from strengthening our community partnerships to reducing waste and energy consumption resulting in an overall reduction in our carbon footprint. In fact, our goal is to achieve a carbon-neutral status. In 2017 the Authority joined Airport Council International’s Airport Carbon Accreditation program to help us achieve that goal. Over the last three years we have demonstrated a measurable reduction in our carbon footprint and we will continue to strive to reduce our impact to our environment. On average we recycle 1,100 tons of solid waste from airport operations annually and more than 26,000 tons of Master Plan-related construction materials have been recycled to date at Tampa International. We have installed 15 electric vehicle charging stations for our TPA passengers, as well as nine new spaces for our internal employees. We’ve also saved more than 512 million gallons of potable water through reclaimed water use since 2009.

Our goal is to be an industry leader in sustainability. Through the active engagement of airport management, staff, tenants and community, we set best practice standards for the industry making a positive impact on our community and our environment.

I hope you’ll join me in helping Tampa International Airport and our general aviation airports – Peter O. Knight, Tampa Executive, and Plant City Municipal – reach our sustainability goals and carry out our mission in ensuring our Airports are an integral part of our community and our global connections for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Joe Lopano
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