

Hastings, Mahoney Announce \$1.3 million Grant for St. Lucie County International Airport

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(Washington, DC) - Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (FL-23) and Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) today announced the awarding of a \$1.3 million federal grant for runway construction at the St. Lucie County International Airport. The grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

"St. Lucie International will play a critical role in the future growth and successes of the Treasure Coast. This grant, which will help expand operations at the airport without sacrificing flight training schools, is a welcomed step forward. Most importantly, it represents a responsible and safe approach toward growing the airport," said Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (FL-23).

"This federal grant will help the St. Lucie Airport improve safety and operations for the benefit of our community. It is important that the airport continue to plan for future needs by improving infrastructure and enhancing their ability to adjust to the needs of travelers coming into and out of St. Lucie. This grant will assist the airport in doing just that," said Congressman Tim Mahoney.

"The efforts of Congressmen Alcee Hastings and Tim Mahoney are much appreciated for their support in securing funding of an additional \$1.3 million to continue construction on a new runway and parallel taxiway at the St. Lucie County International Airport. This new runway will enhance safety by separating training operations from the main airfield area, add capacity to meet future needs, and provide a benefit for those communities impacted by noise from training traffic," said Diana D. Lewis, Airport Director, St. Lucie County International Airport.

The funding will be used to enhance safety and capacity at St. Lucie County International Airport by constructing an additional runway and taxiway system that will be used for flight training. In addition, the funding will be used to relocate a Florida Power and light transmission line associated with the construction of the runway.

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