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"Just two weeks ago, Chairman Oberstar visited Charlotte County Airport and we're already reaping the benefits. I want to thank the Chairman for helping us secure this funding that will enable us to make significant upgrades to our airport, so we will be ready to attract new airlines, create jobs and grow the local economy," said Congressman Mahoney. "At a time when the State is cutting its budget, this money comes at a critical time. I am pleased that Charlotte County is finally getting its fair share of federal tax dollars."

"We've needed this money for a long time," said Gary Quill, Executive Director of the Charlotte County Airport. "These funds will help us replace pavement that dates back to World War II and make other repairs that are essential if we are going to attract a new airlines to serve Charlotte County."

The FAA awarded Charlotte County Airport Authority two grants. A grant of \$2,007,622 will be used to complete the first phase of an apron rehabilitation program. The concrete apron dates from 1942 and has deteriorated substantially. The apron is used for aircraft parking. A second grant of \$111, 240 will be used to reimburse the Airport for construction of a lead-in taxiway that will help alleviate a potential safety hazard. Previously, aircraft wanting to take off on one runway needed to traverse a second runway for a distance of approximately 600 feet. Construction of the lead-in taxiway helps avoid this unsafe situation by allowing aircraft to taxi using a single runway.

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