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"With our recent success getting Direct Air to come to Charlotte County Airport, we need to do everything we can to get the Airport into top shape," said Congressman Mahoney. "By upgrading the airport and attracting new airlines, we are extremely well positioned to grow our local economy and attract more jobs to the area."

"We are just so thrilled that Congressman Mahoney has identified Charlotte County Airport as an economic priority," said Pam Seay, Chair of the Charlotte County Airport Authority. "The strength of this apron directly relates to our ability to handle aircrafts and is an essential aspect to providing air service. We are so pleased that this progress is being made."

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FAA awarded Charlotte County Airport Authority \$376,104.00 to complete the second phase of the apron rehabilitation program. In June, 2008, a grant of \$2,007,622 was awarded to complete the first phase of the apron rehabilitation program. The concrete apron dates from 1942 and has deteriorated substantially. The apron is used for aircraft parking.

On
September 5, 2008, Direct Air announced the start of new air service from Charlotte Count Airport in Punta Gorda to Worcester, MA, Niagara Falls, NY, Plattsburgh, NY and Myrtle Beach, SC beginning Saturday, November 22.