

### *Funding Will Provide Jobs and Critical Infrastructure*

(West Windsor, NJ) – U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today announced a \$3.15 million federal aviation grant to rehabilitate taxiways A, C, & J at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the grant. The Trenton-Mercer Airport has served Mercer County since 1929, providing quality air travel and employment for Central New Jersey residents. The grant will maintain the airport's long term structural viability while creating jobs for local residents.

“This grant will go a long way toward improving services at the airport, while providing jobs for community residents,” Holt said. “Funding for the airport is a wise investment that will lead to future economic growth.”

Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes said he was grateful for the injection of federal transportation dollars. “The Trenton-Mercer Airport is a significant economic engine in the area. It has generated more than 2,000 jobs in the region and generates millions of dollars in local property taxes. I thank Representative Holt for his hard work to secure this funding to make our airport a safer, better transportation hub,” said Hughes.

The Trenton-Mercer Airport Taxiway A, C J (Phase II) Rehabilitation project will continue the ongoing repairs/replacement of critical airfield taxiways which are used by aircraft and ground vehicles to access/egress the airport's runways.

This project continues the work started a few years ago on the three failing taxiways at the airport, A, C and J. This phase includes: repair of pavement cracks; reconstruction of portions of the taxiway that are deteriorating; milling and repaving other less problematic portions of the pavement; the removal of excessive pavement that is no longer useful in the circulation of aircraft; alteration of taxiway filets to more safely enable aircraft to maneuver important taxiway intersections; and the realignment of a poorly conceived taxiway intersection to improve overall airfield safety.

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The improvements will also include an upgrade of portions of the old, inefficient and obsolescent taxiway lighting system with new, reliable and energy efficient wiring and fixtures to take advantage of the proven, power saving and reliable LED lighting technology. As part of the project, the airport will also complete the required pavement marking/stripping and improve drainage to these areas to ensure the pavements last longer and to continue to provide the highest level of safety possible for the thousands of aircraft operators who rely on the airfield at Trenton-Mercer Airport every year.

The Mercer County freeholder board voted 6-1 in favor of ratifying the execution of the grant on Aug. 12.

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