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Barrow Announces \$4,193,177 Transportation Grant for Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport

Washington, DC – 12th District Congressman John Barrow (D-GA) today announced that the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport has been awarded a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant in the amount of \$4,193,177.00. The money will be used to fund runway maintenance, terminal construction, and terminal expansion – helping the airport efficiently serve an increased number of larger aircraft.

“This grant is going to help make sure that Savannah’s airport continues to stay ahead of the curve,” Barrow said. “As our region keeps growing, it’s critical that our airport and regional transportation facilities can handle an increasing number of passengers and air traffic.”

The terminal building expansion project will include the addition of five gates that can accept both existing and new larger regional jet aircraft. Currently, existing gates are capable of accommodating either two smaller regional jet aircraft at the same time, or only one larger regional jet. An increase in the amount of gate space will enable the airport to accept more of the larger regional jet aircraft by allowing them to park two per gate.

Other runway construction projects funded by the FAA Grant will include:

- Initial design of an expanded terminal apron corresponding to expansion in the terminal building;
- Expansion of the electrical vault to accommodate additional airfield electrical services;
- Taxiway construction to develop the southwest quadrant of the airfield into a new general aviation area. This is the second phase of that project and will continue the placement of pavement and utilities to allow more general aviation users access to the airfield; and
- Rehabilitation of taxiway "E" to remove undulations in the pavement – alleviating vibrations felt by some aircraft using the taxiway, allowing aircraft to taxi at a more normal speed, and creating a safer movement surface.

For more information on the Savannah/Hilton Head Airport expansion projects funded by this grant, contact Patrick Graham, Executive Director of the Savannah Airport Commission at 912-964-0514.

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