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## **Alexander, Vitter Announce Grant Funding for Alexandria International Airport**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander and U.S. Sen. David Vitter announced today that the England Economic and Industrial Development District will receive a U.S. Department of Transportation grant totaling \$4,866,026 for the third phase of a project to rehabilitate a taxiway at Alexandria International Airport.

**“Maintaining and improving Alexandria International is critical for the growth of Central Louisiana,”** Alexander said. **“In recent years, this airport has made a significant impact on the regional economy, and investing into the facility is a step towards continuing this progress.”**

**“The Alexandria International Airport plays an important role in the local economy,”** said Vitter. **“Airport infrastructure requires regular maintenance and upgrades to ensure optimal levels of operation and safety and provide for increased air traffic. This grant provides the needed funds to preserve a critical component of the airport.”**

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