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Shuster Announces Grant to Altoona-Blair County Airport ***\$574,240 Grant will be used to Lay Groundwork for New Construction, More Business to Airport***

Washington, D.C.—Congressman **Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Department of Transportation has approved a grant to the Altoona-Blair County Airport Authority in the amount of \$574,240. Of this grant, \$14,179 will be used to reimburse the Authority for a past land easement and \$560,061 will be used to lay the groundwork for new taxiways and hanger facilities.

“This is great news for the Airport Authority because the majority of this grant money will be used to build the infrastructure necessary to expand the airport’s ability to handle more planes and attract more corporate business,” Shuster said.

The Airport Authority will use the \$560,061 to build taxi lanes that will lead to 21 new hangers now scheduled to be built to handle increased corporate business into the airport. This important investment in the airport’s infrastructure will help make the facility attractive to new corporate clients and help retain existing airport business.

“The Blair County Airport Authority is grateful for Congressman Shuster’s continued support of the Altoona-Blair County Airport,” said Chuck Pillar, Airport Manager. “The funds will allow for the infrastructure to construct new Corporate and T-hangers at the Airport. All hangars have been full for well over a year and the waiting list continues to grow.”

“The Altoona-Blair County Airport has proven itself to be a valuable center for commerce and a useful travel hub for local residents,” Shuster added. “This grant will build on that reputation and increase the airport’s capacity for growth into the future.”

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