



U.S. Congressman
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FAA GIVES GREEN LIGHT TO AIRPORT STUDY

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today announced that the West Virginia Department of Transportation has received from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) a grant for \$179,800 to study the feasibility of locating a new air facility in West Virginia. West Virginia will be required to provide a 10 percent match, or \$19,778. The total cost of the study will be \$199,778.

"The study will be broad enough in scope to accommodate all air facility proposals," said Rahall. "What the FAA wants to do is look at the situation here in West Virginia, glean all the information possible, and make a well-informed decision about our aviation needs and potentials. I have no doubt that this study can serve as a foundation for southwestern West Virginia's air service needs, as well as our national needs well into the next century. This study will paint an extremely broad horizon of possibilities."

Rahall, an advocate for national wayports to alleviate growing air traffic congestion, cited testimony from the FAA Administrator, Admiral James Busey, at a House Committee hearing yesterday. When questioned by the Congressman, Admiral Busey explained that FAA was not adverse to the wayport concept, but thought that proper timing was an important factor in developing such facilities.

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February 28, 1991

Honorable Nick J. Rahall, II
United States House of Representatives
2104 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Nick:

I am enclosing a copy of the approved scope of work and spreadsheet from HDR Engineering, Inc., and a copy of our application to the Federal Aviation Administration for funding of the Regional Airport Feasibility study.

Thank you for your continued support of this project. As I am sure you are aware, funding has been approved and we are proceeding with the study.

[We will soon be forming an advisory committee and will be in contact with your office for recommendations. We look forward to working with you and your staff and welcome your continued input.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me or Susan Chernenko.

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Gleason, Jr.
Secretary

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Enclosure

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