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NJDOT awards \$6.1 million in Airport Improvement Program grants Grants will support projects at 13 airports in 10 counties

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced the awarding of 13 Airport Improvement Program grants totaling more than \$6.1 million in state funds to support airport safety and improvement projects. These grants, which leverage state funding and airport contributions, will support more than of \$6.7 million worth of work.

"General aviation airports play a vital role in New Jersey's multi-modal transportation system, as well as local and state economies," NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. "These grants ensure our public-use airports continue to operate safely and are maintained in state of good repair."

Grants are awarded through a competitive process, with an emphasis on projects designed to enhance safety, remove obstructions, rehabilitate existing facilities and equipment, and make capital improvements. Projects receiving funds this year include taxiway construction, lighting improvements, runway rehabilitation, and safety and security improvements at 13 airports in 10 counties throughout the state.

<u>The grants</u> will be funded solely through NJDOT's Transportation Trust Fund and Airport Safety Fund, with the state providing 90 percent of the eligible cost and the remaining 10 percent covered by the airport owner.

The Murphy Administration has invested more than \$16.2 million in New Jersey's general aviation airports to date, leveraging an additional \$38.2 million in federal grants and \$3.5 million from airport owners, for a total of \$57.9 million to support New Jersey's General Aviation Airports and aeronautics infrastructure.

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