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FAA Awards \$13 Million to Hilton Head Island Airport

Hilton Head Island Airport announced it has been awarded just over \$13 million in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant funds to assist with safety projects. A key undertaking will be completion of the Taxiway A project, which will relocate the taxiway 100 feet, expand its distance from the runway to comply with FAA safety standards, and ensure there will be no reduction in parking area for private aircraft at HXD.

“We are pleased to receive these funds from our partners at the FAA to help us achieve projects identified in the Airports Capital Improvement Program,” said Beaufort County Airports Director Jon Rembold. “We are especially thankful to Rusty Nealis and Larry Clark at the FAA, for their great support of our team and HXD.”

The grant is part of the FAA’s Airport Improvement Program, which provides grants for the planning and development of public use airports with commercial services. Eligible projects include those improvements related to enhancing airport safety, capacity, security, and environmental concerns. Rembold added that the award is a win for the County and the FAA. “Beyond just the dollars, this grant is significant because it indicates that we are kicking off the first wave of important projects at this airport after years of collaborating with the FAA to get to this point. The fact that we are here shows the effects of our great teamwork.”

