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NASAO Commends Investment of \$779 Million into Nation's Airport Infrastructure

Washington, DC (May 15, 2019) – U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Chao announced the intent to award \$779 million in infrastructure grants to 127 airports throughout all fifty states and Puerto Rico. Funding for these grants was made possible in the FY18 Consolidated Appropriations Act., which required the FAA to give "Priority Consideration" to specific airports (smaller and more rural airports). Approximately \$205 million was awarded in the first round, leaving the remaining \$800 million available before the end of FY2020.

"This supplemental funding allows us to invest in important infrastructure needs at the nation's airports, especially those serving smaller and rural communities," said U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao. The selected airports will receive funding for construction or equipment to increase their safety, capacity, and security. The recipients of the selected grants will meet any remaining required approvals.

This supplemental funding will support many of the safety-critical airport infrastructure projects identified by State Aviation Officials as having the greatest impact on meeting local, state, and regional needs.

"We support the Administration's focus on small and rural airport infrastructure and believe that continued investment in general aviation is paramount. Our Members are grateful to Congress for passing legislation that made this funding possible and look forward to working with FAA and DOT on future AIP Supplemental funding," said Shelly Simi, President & CEO of the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO).

Selected projects include runway reconstruction and rehabilitation, and the maintenance of taxiways, aprons, and terminals. The construction and equipment

supported by this funding increase the airports' safety, emergency response capabilities, capacity, and could support further potential growth and development within each airport's region.

Additional details regarding the funding are listed in the [announcement from the FAA](#).

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