



YEAGER AIRPORT

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YEAGER AIRPORT AWARDED \$5 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT FOR RUNWAY SAFETY AREA IMPROVEMENT

Charleston's Yeager Airport has received a \$5,052,607 discretionary grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for continuation of the much-needed runway safety area improvements to Runway 5/23.

U.S. Senators Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito, members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, today announced a total of \$13,974,736 in funding to support projects at four West Virginia airports, including Yeager Airport.

"Senators Manchin and Capito have continued to work tirelessly to secure this federal funding," said Ed Hill, Chairman of the Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority Board of Members. This discretionary grant, along with FAA entitlement funds, will fund Phase 2 of the runway safety area improvements for Runway 5/23.

Airport Director, Terry Sayre, reports that "construction continues on schedule, we appreciate the hard work of the contractors and their employees on this project. This grant will help Yeager Airport get the project completed this year." The total project cost is approximately \$23 Million.

President of the Kanawha County Commission, Kent Carper, who was instrumental in getting the initial EMAS installed at Yeager Airport, said "I am thrilled that this project continues on schedule. EMAS saves lives, as it did at Yeager Airport in 2010."

This project also includes improvements to the Airport’s runway length—increasing available takeoff and landing distances, thus reducing weight penalties currently imposed on certain aircraft, and reactivation of the Runway 5 instrument landing system.



[Photos by Nick Keller, Assistant Airport Director, June 6, 2018 – RSA Construction Project Status]

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