

ROCHESTER, NY- Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today announced that the Greater Rochester International Airport has been awarded more than \$1.5 million as part of a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to rehabilitate its runway and make other safety improvements.

In total, \$1,539,013 will go to rehabilitate Runway 10-28 and bolster related safety improvement efforts at the airport.

"I am delighted to announce the next phase of funding for the Rochester Airport," said Slaughter. "It will help further ensure the safety of all passengers flying in and out of Rochester."

"The Greater Rochester International Airport appreciates the assistance that Congresswoman Slaughter and our entire local Congressional delegation provided in securing this grant for airport improvements," said Susan Walsh, Director of Aviation. "Monroe County is proud to operate a state-of-the-art airport facility that provides convenient, affordable service to our community. This grant will assist us in further enhancing our facility to the benefit of air travelers," added Walsh.

Congresswoman Slaughter has a long history of fighting to ensure that the Greater Rochester International Airport remains safe and competitive.

Over twenty years ago, Congresswoman Slaughter succeeded in getting the Rochester Airport added to the Federal Aviation Administration's airport list, on which inclusion is critical to ensure that airline carriers – not local taxpayers – fund airport expansion projects. Without a place on that list, the local government would have had to fund the millions of dollars in needed upgrades and we may not have the improvements we have today.

In 2005, Congresswoman Slaughter helped to secure a \$17 million Department of Transportation grant to add a buffer safety zone to the end of the airport's runway.

In 2006, she helped to secure another \$1 million Department of Transportation grant for additional safety improvements to the Airport's north ramp.

In 2009 she helped bring in another \$2.5 million for runway safety improvements.