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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Funding supports Alberni Valley airport infrastructure project

PORT ALBERNI – Alberni Valley Regional Airport will receive \$364,000 in funding from the B.C. Air Access Program this year for runway lighting, announced Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Todd Stone.

“Adding runway lighting is a critical safety feature for the Alberni Valley Airport so I’m pleased that we were able to help them out with this funding,” said Stone. “The airport plays an important role in the community and these improvements will benefit passengers and medevac services, and have a significant impact on the region’s economy, which supports a developing aerospace sector.”

A lighting system for the runway will be installed to allow for night operations and to increase safety in low visibility conditions. The airport also received \$365,215 for the project from last year’s B.C. Air Access Program.

Through the B.C. Air Access Program, the ministry cost shares with public airports on projects such as lighting and navigational systems, terminal building expansion or upgrades, and runway improvements. These types of projects will allow airports to improve safety, accommodate larger aircraft and more frequent flights, and further support the continuing growth of local and provincial economies.

The ministry has committed \$24 million over the past three years for the B.C. Air Access Program. This year’s program is providing \$10 million for airport infrastructure improvement projects throughout the province. The program also encourages funding partnerships with the federal government, local and regional governments and agencies, and the private sector. Last year, the program provided \$8 million towards improvements at 23 regional airports.

The B.C. Air Access Program is part of B.C. on the Move, the Province’s 10-year transportation plan. Over the next three years the ministry and its partners are investing over \$4.6 billion in priority transportation investments as part of this plan.

Learn More:

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