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Funding supports Anahim Lake and Williams Lake airport infrastructure projects

WILLIAMS LAKE – Anahim Lake and Williams Lake airports will receive \$78,750 in combined funding from the B.C. Air Access Program this year, announced MLA for Cariboo-Chilcotin Donna Barnett on behalf of Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Todd Stone.

Projects receiving funding:

- Anahim Lake Airport: \$41,250 for runway enhancements
- Williams Lake Regional Airport: \$37,500 for tree removal near the runway

“The runway enhancements and tree removal will ensure that safety remains a priority for airports in the Cariboo area,” said Barnett. “I know riders and pilots will appreciate the quality of life improvements that the upgraded airport facilities will bring.”

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 toward 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:

For information on the B.C. Air Access program, go to:

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