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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I request funding for the Scholes International Airport Relocate and Reconstruct Taxiway E Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Scholes International Airport (City of Galveston), located at 2115 Terminal Drive, Galveston, Texas 77554.

This project would move and reconstruct Taxiway E on the closed runway and decommission existing Taxiway E. The estimated project cost for this project is \$3,780,000. Taxiway E is located on the north end of the airport and is approximately 500 feet to 700 feet from Offatts Bayou. During very high tides, tropical storms, and hurricanes, Taxiway E is submerged with saltwater from Offatts Bayou and is unusable. Once the water recedes, it takes significant staffing to clean the pavement before aircraft can use the taxiway. This saltwater also damages the taxiway light fixtures and wiring, increasing maintenance costs to the airport. Moving Taxiway E to closed Runway 07/25 will reduce the amount of flooding occurring on Taxiway E.

In addition, a Runway Incursion Mitigation Study was completed 2016 after a series of runway incursions at the intersection of Runway 18 and Taxiway E. The study identified the existing taxiway intersections with Runways 18 and 14 do not meet current FAA guidelines requiring ninety-degree runway crossings.

The draft 2022 Airport Master Plan shows that relocating Taxiway E to the closed runway increases safety by meeting current FAA guidelines for runway intersections. It also decreases flooding and maintenance costs associated with Taxiway E. It provides another taxiway capable of supporting a fully loaded C-17 aircraft used to support operations involved in disaster response air operations.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

RANDY K. WEBER
Member of Congress