

Federal funding will help Greater Binghamton Airport make upgrades, compete at higher level

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. -- U.S. Rep. Richard Hanna (NY-24) today announced that Broome County has been selected to receive a \$1.02 million grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation to make upgrades at the Greater Binghamton/Edwin A. Link Field Airport.

The competitive grant will rehabilitate the airport's north apron, which is the area where aircraft taxi, park, unload or load and fuel. The existing pavement has deteriorated and requires rehabilitation to maintain structural integrity of the pavement.

"The pavement surface being renovated, which is known as the North Ramp, is extremely important to all of the different types of aircraft that use BGM on a daily basis," said Greater Binghamton Airport Commissioner of Aviation, Carl R. Beardsley, Jr. "This funding will help maintain safety and operational efficiency at the Greater Binghamton Airport."

Rep. Hanna, who is a member of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, said these upgrades will revitalize the Greater Binghamton Airport and help it attract greater general aviation and commercial services.

"I am pleased that the Greater Binghamton Airport received this much-needed grant to upgrade its north apron," Rep. Hanna said. "This is yet another step the airport will take to attract general aviation and new commercial service, which will allow it to compete at a higher level. Every new improvement could aid in creating new jobs, growth and economic opportunity for the Southern Tier, which is something we all can support."