

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 1, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for the Sugar Land Regional Airport (SGR) Runway Improvement Project. This project is AIP eligible in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 47100 et. Seq., and FAA policy and guidance, included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), and is broadly supported by numerous local stakeholders.

Sugar Land Regional Airport's Runway 17-35 will be undergoing a rehabilitation project to make improvements to the airfield pavement. The airport contributes more than \$69.9 million to the property tax rolls, funding services provided by both Fort Bend County and Fort Bend Independent School District. The airport supports the economic development initiatives of Sugar Land, Fort Bend County, and Southwest Houston and is used by more than 100 Fortune 500 companies on a regular basis.

The deteriorating condition of Sugar Land Regional's runway poses significant safety concerns for pilots, passengers, and our entire community. Reconstruction of the runway is not only essential for ensuring safe air travel but also for stimulating economic growth and enhancing regional connectivity. This project will ultimately offer longer-term benefits for residents, businesses, and visitors. A reliable airport infrastructure is essential for stimulating economic growth, enhancing regional connectivity, and ensuring the safety of air travel for all residents and visitors.

If funded, this project will have a profound impact for these residents of the Sugar Land area. With support of the funding, Sugar Land Regional Airport would be able to renovate its transportation landscape, while also providing a much-needed runway resurfacing to assist residents and bolster safety.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100. Further, I also certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Troy E. Nehls
Member of Congress