

Funding supports B.C. community and regional airports

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Victoria - The Government of British Columbia is providing more than \$8 million in funding this year to support infrastructure improvements at 23 community and regional airports in B.C.

“Across B.C., airports serve as a vital transportation link and a lifeline for the many smaller communities they serve,” said Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Todd Stone. “Providing funding support for smaller and regional airports through our B.C. Air Access Program supports the continued growth of local, regional and provincial economies by keeping people and cargo moving.”

Through the 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 is investing \$24 million over three years for the B.C. Air Access Program.

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 just over \$6 million toward improvements at 10 regional airports throughout the province.

B.C. on the Move is government’s 10-year plan for the improvement of the province’s transportation network. The actions prioritized in B.C. on the Move will enhance safety, grow the economy, maintain and replace aging infrastructure, and support trade for B.C.’s expanding resource sectors through Canada’s Asia-Pacific Gateway.

Over the next three years, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure will invest almost \$2.7 billion to improve British Columbia’s transportation network.

Learn More:

For information on the B.C. Air Access program, go to: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/BCAirAccessProgram>

B.C. on the Move is available online at: <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/transportationplan/>

A backgrounder follows.

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Backgrounders

Improvements coming to B.C. airports

Airports receiving B.C. Air Access Program funding include:

- Alberni Valley Regional, runway lighting: \$729,215

- Baker (Burns Lake), runway rehabilitation: \$552,046
- Bella Bella, terminal building upgrade: \$198,750
- Bob Quinn Lake, runway resurfacing: \$180,000
- Boundary Bay (Delta), helipad relocation: \$174,300
- Campbell River, an airport fuel facility: \$903,750
- Comox Valley, apron repairs: \$35,000
- Charlie Leake Field (McBride), runway rehabilitation: \$20,887
- Dawson Creek, various terminal and groundside rehabilitation works: \$128,250
- Dease Lake, runway resurfacing: \$861,950
- Kaslo, security fencing upgrade: \$52,500
- Kamloops, apron rehabilitation: \$2,599,000
- Lillooet Municipal, runway, fuel and building upgrades: \$110,508
- Oliver, taxiway extension: \$157,350
- Pemberton Regional, runway rehabilitation: \$56,250
- Princeton Regional, runway resurfacing and fencing: \$457,939
- Prince Rupert, maintenance building roof replacement: \$300,000
- Quesnel Regional, security gates and GPS approach: \$117,900
- South Cariboo Regional, runway enhancements: \$18,375
- Trail Regional, airport terminal building: \$1,180,935
- Valemount, runway crack sealing: \$75,000
- Vanderhoof, GPS approach: \$21,225
- Williams Lake Regional, fuel system upgrade: \$150,000