

## Michaud Announces Funding For Bangor International Airport and Eastern Slopes Regional Airport

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&ldquo;I am pleased with the Federal Aviation Administration&rsquo;s decision to award this funding to Bangor and Fryeburg,&rdquo; said Michaud. &ldquo;The Bangor International Airport is in the process of making a lot of improvements and upgrades. The improvements and planning at both airports will ensure increased safety and security for passengers and airport staff.&rdquo;

The Eastern Slopes Regional Airport study will evaluate and recommend measures to increase the airport's self-sufficiency. The study will also look into the feasibility of future expansion.

The interactive training equipment at Bangor International Airport will be used for familiarization training of operations and safety staff. This training will improve safety of airside ground operations and procedures. Also under this grant, preliminary design efforts will be completed for the rehabilitation of the cargo apron. This apron pavement has exceeded its useful life and is in need of reconstruction.

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