



## **Cuomo reveals \$26 million for economic development projects; Aviation / rail safety and security**

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Governor Andrew Cuomo revealed that \$26.8 million in state funding is being awarded to 38 rail and aviation safety, security and economic development projects across the State. This funding will generate \$36 million in new investments for transportation projects statewide.

"New York remains a vital transportation hub, as well as a tourism destination, and this funding will help ensure travel to and in this state is safer, more convenient and more reliable," Cuomo said. "By investing in our transportation infrastructure, we are making long term improvements to our rail and aviation systems in order to better serve the people who use them, while also expanding economic opportunities throughout New York."

New York State awarded \$17.8 million in funding from the State's Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program to 12 rail projects that will repair and replace 65 miles of track and ties, rehabilitate rail grade crossings and bridges, and construct new connections to improve safety and operations.

The state also awarded \$9 million to 26 aviation projects through the Governor's Aviation Capital Grants Program. These investments will enhance airport safety and security, including taxi-lane striping and markings, runway and airfield maintenance, and installation of automatic weather observation stations. Other airport related improvements that will benefit from this funding include the construction and rehabilitation of new and existing airport terminals and aircraft hangars.

"Since taking office, Governor Cuomo has made investment in transportation infrastructure the cornerstone of the State's economic development blueprint," New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Joan McDonald said. "Investments in the renewal of rail and airport infrastructure are essential for the State to remain economically competitive in an ever changing global market place."

The funding being allocated today was included in the State's 2014-15 budget. The projects that received the funding were selected through a competitive solicitation process and rated on established criteria, including project eligibility, consistency with state rail and aviation plans, regional economic benefits, and the ability to leverage additional investments.

Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program Awards - \$17.9 million

North Country/Mohawk Valley

Adirondack Railway Preservation Society of Utica, Oneida County, received \$791,000 to construct a maintenance and repair facility in Utica for the Adirondack Scenic Railroad;

Mohawk, Adirondack and Northern Railroad Corp. of Batavia, Genesee County, received \$567,000 to repair culverts and bridges on the Lyons Falls and Rome Branch lines. Two rail crossings also will be rehabilitated.

Mid-Hudson Region

Middletown & New Jersey Railroad LLC of Kennett Square, Pa., received \$1.9 million to rehabilitate railroad track in Orange County.

#### Central New York

Syracuse, Binghamton and New York Railroad Corp. of Cooperstown, Otsego County, received \$262,600 for rehabilitating the Renwick Avenue Bridge;

New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad Co. of Cooperstown, Otsego County, received \$2.3 million for improving rails, ties and surfacing.

#### Finger Lakes and Western New York

Depew, Lancaster & Western Railroad Co. of Batavia, Genesee County, received \$145,000 to extend the Batavia engine house to accommodate a second locomotive and add paving and security to the transload warehouse;

Livonia, Avon and Lakeville Railroad Corporation of Lakeville, Livingston County, received \$707,658 to replace the Spring Street railroad bridge in Avon, Livingston County;

Falls Road Railroad Co. of Batavia, Genesee County, received \$466,000 to repair culverts and bridges in Monroe, Orleans and Niagara counties;

Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany and Steuben South Tier Extension Railroad Authority of Salamanca, Cattaraugus County, received \$1.9 million to rehabilitate railroad track in Cattaraugus County;

Norfolk Southern Railway of Norfolk, Va., received \$3.3 million to construct new connections and double track to improve operations at the Bison Yard in Buffalo.

#### Southern Tier

Central New York Railroad of Cooperstown, Otsego County, received \$3.1 million to rehabilitate railroad track in Delaware and Broome counties.

#### New York City

Long Island Rail Road of Jamaica, Queens County, received \$2.3 million to rehabilitate the Cypress Avenue railroad bridge.

#### Aviation Capital Grants Program Awards - \$9 million

##### North Country

Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport in Queensbury, Saratoga County, received \$550,000 to upgrade a fuel farm with a 10,000-gallon tank and spill containment area;

Lake Placid Airport in North Elba, Essex County, received \$391,000 to add a five-bay hangar to the existing five-bay hangar;

Malone-Dufort Airport in Malone, Franklin County, received \$234,000 for construction of a self-service aviation fuel farm;

Massena International Airport in Massena, St. Lawrence County, received \$324,000 for expansion and resurfacing of the terminal parking lot;

Watertown International Airport in Hounsfield, Jefferson County, received \$321,000 for security system enhancements.

##### Capital Region

Albany International Airport in Colonie, Albany County, received \$241,902 for fuel farm security and safety improvements;

Saratoga County Airport in Milton, Saratoga County, received \$630,000 for the construction of a six-unit hangar.

##### Mid-Hudson Region

Sullivan County International Airport in Bethel, Sullivan County, received \$891,000 for the construction of an additional corporate bulk hangar;

Joseph Y. Resnick Airport in Wawarsing, Ulster County, received \$399,600 to construct a fixed base operator business and maintenance hangar;

Orange County Airport in Montgomery, Orange County, received \$15,200 for marking and restriping taxiways;

Randall Airport in Wallkill, Orange County, received \$238,500 for structural improvements to the terminal building;

Warwick Municipal Airport in Warwick, Orange County, received \$22,500 for upgrading the fuel dispensing system.

## Central New York

Hamilton Municipal Airport in Eaton and Madison, Madison County, received \$477,000 to rehabilitate the terminal hangar;

Skaneateles Aerodrome in Skaneateles, Onondaga County, received \$178,200 for safety improvements and the installation of an automatic weather observation station.

## Finger Lakes Region

Canandaigua Airport in Canandaigua, Ontario County, received \$525,000 to extend sanitary sewers;

Dansville Municipal Airport in North Dansville, Livingston County, received \$444,600 to rehabilitate hangar doors;

Finger Lakes Regional Airport in Seneca Falls, Seneca County, received \$157,500 to purchase snow removal equipment;

Penn Yan-Yates County Airport in Milo, Yates County, received \$485,100 for the construction of an 8,400-square-foot, eight-bay hangar;

Pine Hill Airport in Barre, Orleans County, received \$42,000 for the purchase of snow removal and air field maintenance equipment.

## Southern Tier

Elmira Corning Regional Airport in Big Flats, Chemung County, received \$929,000 for expanding the terminal and rehabilitating the general aviation terminal parking lot;

Hornell Municipal Airport in Hornellsville, Steuben County, received \$172,784 to replace a storage tank and fueling equipment;

Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport in Lansing, Tompkins County, received \$120,000 to replace the roof on the crash, fire and rescue building.

## Western New York

Buffalo Niagara International Airport in Cheektowaga, Erie County, received \$328,000 for the installation of light-emitting diode lighting at the air cargo ramp;

LeRoy Airport in LeRoy, Genesee County, received \$596,300 to rehabilitate a hangar and office space for aviation business;

Wellsville Airport, Wellsville, Alleghany County, received \$89,000 for rehabilitating a hangar.

## Long Island

Republic Airport in East Farmingdale, Suffolk County, received \$169,000 to retrofit the main terminal building with an energy efficient lighting system.

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