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Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport Receives Funds for Upgrades

Jan. 22, 2001 — State Senators Dale Shugars and John J.H. Schwarz, M.D., announced the approval of $3,421,400 in grants by the Michigan Aeronautics Commission to improve the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport.

"This funding will help modernize our airport and make it safer for families to fly in and out of Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International," said Shugars, R-Portage. "The airport is an important gateway to our community and has a major impact on local tourism and the economy."

The funds for the airport were approved through the federal Airport Development Program and will pay for the construction of a Glycol de-icing fluid recovery system, rehabilitation of Runway 9/27 and to acquire a rescue/firefighting vehicle.

"It's important to our region and state that the main passenger airport in southwest Michigan has the best facilities and equipment," said Schwarz, R-Battle Creek. "This money will help ensure we have the necessary equipment to address emergency situations and help protect our environment."

The funding was approved by the Aeronautics Commission Jan. 18 and primarily comes from aviation fuel sales, passenger taxes and aircraft registration fees, according to the Commission.

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