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"As air travel continues to develop, it is critical that we make improvements to our smaller, local airports so they can continue to be competitive with larger airports in the region," said Congressman Altmire. **"The rehabilitation of the Beaver County Airport runway will help create jobs and support the county's efforts to bring more recreational and private flights to the area. Structural improvements like this will put people back to work in western Pennsylvania while restoring an important community resource."**

"On behalf of the Beaver County Airport Authority Board, the Airport users and myself we are very excited and grateful for this highly anticipated project and we thank all who were instrumental in making it a reality for us," said Beth LaValle, Beaver County Airport Director.

The Beaver County Airport was founded in May of 1954 as a county-owned public-use airport located three miles northwest of the central business district of Beaver Falls, PA. On average, 159 aircrafts operate per day.

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