

## **BWI Marshall Receives \$5.7 Million Federal Grant to Support Runway Safety Area Work**

Governor Martin O'Malley today applauded the work of the Maryland congressional delegation in helping secure a \$5.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall). The funds will complete site work and stormwater improvements for Runway 15R-33L and Taxiway D. The work is part of the comprehensive, multi-year series of Runway Safety Area (RSA) improvements currently underway at BWI Marshall.

“Together, thanks to the leadership of the Maryland congressional delegation, we are making better choices such as supporting these improvements to the airfield infrastructure of BWI Marshall,” said Governor O'Malley. “This investment ensures a safer airport and supports crucial jobs for the Baltimore region.”

BWI Marshall is in the midst of a multi-year, approximately \$350 million airfield improvement program. BWI Marshall is conducting a number of airfield reconstruction projects and RSA improvements. Along with airports across the country, BWI Marshall must meet updated Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements for RSAs by the end of 2015.

“We are grateful for the support of our Maryland Congressional leaders,” said Paul J. Wiedefeld, BWI Marshall Chief Executive Officer. “The ongoing airfield projects will allow BWI Marshall to meet the FAA standards for RSAs.”

Airport RSAs are intended to provide a measure of safety for arriving and departing aircraft. The design of RSA surfaces are intended to help minimize the risk to aircraft and passengers from flights that undershoot, overrun, or veer off a runway.

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