



## Yeager Airport Accepts 13.5M Federal Grant Funding for Slope Repairs



**CHARLESTON, W.Va.** — Crews at Charleston’s Yeager Airport can now begin emergency repairs to the hillside that collapsed at the end of the runway more than two years ago.

Yeager officials accepted a \$13.5 million federal grant Monday at the top of the airport’s overrun safety area where the slip occurred March 12, 2015. The money will be used to help pay for the first phase of construction.

West Virginia’s congressional leaders announced the funding last week. U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) and Shelley Moore Capitol (R-W.Va.); along with Third District Congressman Evan Jenkins (R-W.Va.) and a representative with Second District Congressman Alex Mooney’s office were on hand for Monday’s press conference and special airport board meeting.

Members of the Kanawha County Commission, airport board members and local and state officials were also at the event. “For me, personally, it means a lot. It’s been a long two and half years and I’m thankful for all of their help,” said Yeager Airport Director Terry Sayre.

To read more see excerpt: <https://www.capito.senate.gov/news/in-the-news/yeager-airport-accepts-135m-federal-grant-for-slope-repairs>

“I wanted everyone to come out here and see what we were facing and what the contractor has to face.”

The slope failure destroyed a church and several homes in the area along Keystone Drive. Part of the airport’s EMAS (Engineered Material Arresting System) was destroyed. The EMAS system is a bed that sits at the end of a runway to reduce the risk of a runway excursion. Manchin and Capitol, who both serve on the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, said they knew it was crucial to push for immediate funding to make the necessary repairs.

“We oversee the appropriations for transportation projects like the FAA, so I think we were well placed to really impress upon the FAA how critical this project was,” Capitol told reporters. “Having a top notch airport with a great safety system is critical here. We’ve got to fix this.”

Jenkins said the money goes toward providing a safer environment for planes flying in and out of Yeager. “As roads, our rivers, our rail and airports — it’s critical for economic development of the future and each of those need to be as safe as possible and today is about safety,” he said.

The construction project will likely create about 40-50 jobs, Sayre said. He’s hoping to get started as soon as possible.



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## DOH Says Flood Damage Nears 13M



**CHARLESTON, W.Va.** — The cost for repairs on flood damaged roads for the West Virginia Division of Highways will be substantial. Repair estimates continue to increase as the scope of the damage is revealed.

“The northern panhandle is one of the areas that is prone to slips and slides anyway,” said DOH Communications Specialist Carrie Jones. “So, on top of the existing ones, this flood event has created dozens more.”

Across a dozen northern and north central West Virginia counties the damage estimates top \$12.8 million. Some of the worst damages are in Marshall, Ohio, and Wetzel counties.

A slide along Grapevine Ridge in Marshall County is 330 feet and the estimated repair cost is \$500,000. It’s one of 15 slides identified in the county ranging from 40 to more than 300 feet. There are nine slides in Ohio County, the largest a 200 foot slide on McGraw’s Run. Wetzel County motorists are hampered by 26 slides and slips, many of them on main arteries like U.S. Route 250 and on State Routes 20 and 7. The worst for Wetzel County is a 250 foot slip on Piney Fork.

“It really adds up and those are things that significantly impact the roadway,” she said. “But people don’t understand we realize the road is slipping or down to one lane and these things take time because we don’t have an unlimited pool of money.”

Much of the cost for repairs will be covered by FEMA or the Federal Highway Administration for damages on roads like U.S. Route 250. However, in some cases the red tape slows the process of funding therefore the DOH has to front the bill on an already strapped budget.

“We wish that we could get the check up front, but when you have something on a significant route like US Route 250, we have to go ahead and do that as quickly as we can with the funding we have available,” Jones said. “Then wait for the reimbursement.” Unlike the flood of 2016, the priority for repairs is changed. This year’s flood left nobody trapped or roads closed for a long period of time. The state will prioritize repairs based on which roads have the most traffic or the most significant level of damage for repairs first.

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