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## New Taxiway at Rutland Airport Nears Completion

August 14, 2018 / Montpelier, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) reports that the final construction phase for the new Taxiway Alpha ("A") at Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport is underway and is expected to be completed later this fall.

Airport improvements include completing Taxiway "A", which will create a new taxiway that will run parallel to the existing Runway 1/19. This includes removal of Taxiway C and Taxiway E, the construction of a maintenance road, and installation of lighting, signage, grading, erosion control, storm drainage design, pavement, and pavement markings. Project costs are \$2.5 million, 90 percent of which is funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The project is anticipated to have minimal interruptions to aircraft operations on the airfield.

"This project is a collaborative effort with our Congressional Delegation to bring the airport up to the latest FAA design standards," said Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn. "These standards will improve safety for aircraft and vehicles that operate at the airport and will make the airport more user friendly for pilots."

The first phase of the project was completed in 2017 at a cost of \$3.8 million and included construction of 1,800 feet of new taxiway "A" at the Runway 19 approach, construction of taxiway "J" at the runway 1/19 intersection, and partial removal of Taxiway "E" on the north end of the airfield.

The general contractor for the project is Markowski Excavating, Inc. a family-owned business based out of Florence, Vt.



Figure 1. Construction of new Taxiway Alpha "A" at Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport

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