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Agency of Transportation Completes Construction of Taxiway at Morrisville-Stowe Airport

Runway surface improvements also completed

Barre, Vt. —The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) today announced the completion of two major projects at Morrisville-Stowe State Airport: construction of a parallel taxiway and improvements to the runway surface area. The goal of the projects is to provide a safer aviation operating environment by providing turnarounds at both ends of the runway and a new taxiway that meets Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards.

“This project significantly enhances the safety of airport operations,” said Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn. “The new parallel taxiway will allow aircraft to exit the active runway much quicker than previously.”

The project consisted of paving the runway safety area on both ends of Runway 1-19 and reconstructing approximately 150 feet of Runway 1. In addition, a turnaround of 150 feet by 35 feet was constructed on each end. A new parallel taxiway, 35 feet wide and approximately 1,500 feet long, was constructed to serve Runway 19.

The projects also included installation of new infiltration practices, installation of airfield lighting, pavement markings, removal of Taxiway B, replacement of the existing drainage system, relocation of the fuel farm, regrading of turf areas, and construction of a retaining wall along the west side of Runway 1 to prevent wetland impacts.

The project was constructed in phases from April through August 2021 to limit the impact to airport operations. The contractor was G.W. Tatro Construction, Inc. The cost of the projects was \$2,903,913 for the taxiway and \$1,247,168.50 for the runway safety areas.

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