

KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND

NEW YORK
SENATOR

RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
SUITE 478
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3205
202-224-4451

COMMITTEES:
ARMED SERVICES
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS
AGRICULTURE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3205

March 19, 2019

The Honorable Dan Elwell
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Acting Administrator Elwell,

I write in support of the application submitted by the Town of Islip for funding from the Airport Improvement Program through the Federal Aviation Administration. This funding will be used to continue to support the Town of Islip's efforts to enhance its current infrastructure to improve the region's air service.

The Town of Islip Long Island MacArthur Airport has the potential to bring new airplane carriers that seek point-to-point service with competitive fares and limited competition from legacy carriers. MacArthur Airport is conveniently located in the New York Metropolitan catchment area, which drives the need for an expanded array of air service options. In 2018, MacArthur Airport became one of the fastest growing airports across the United States with over 1.6 million travelers and continues to strive to provide these travelers with high quality travel.

The requested funding will be used to assist MacArthur Airport in the design and reconstruction of capital projects, including the rehabilitation of the west concourse and apron and terminal improvements for the Central Terminal Building. These projects are expected to begin in the first-half of 2019, with completion expected by 2022. Funding will also allow MacArthur Airport to focus on air carrier recruitment, which will enable the airport to offer a wider selection of air service options to travelers and increase customer satisfaction.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member, Dominic Sanchez, at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator