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Washington D.C. - Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today that Washington County has received a \$948,124 grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation to widen the existing runway at the Washington County Airport.

The grant will widen the current runway from 75 feet to 100 feet, bringing it into compliance with airport design standards. The project also includes updating the runway lighting and markings.

"Widening the Washington County Airport runway will significantly enhance our region's transportation infrastructure," Murtha said. "This project is important to travelers and local businesses, and will aid the County in attracting future growth to our area."

The total cost of the project is \$2.2 million, with \$2.1 million coming from the U.S. Department of Transportation, and is expected to be completed in the summer of 2008.