

\$1 mil earmarked for Gateway Airport

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A taxiway improvement for Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport is the only project in the southeast Valley to receive funding in the \$67.4 billion Transportation Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act approved by Congress for the fiscal year that begins this fall.

The \$1 million earmarked for the Mesa-based reliever airport is among a dozen Arizona projects that will create more than 142,000 new jobs, backers say.

Funding for individual Arizona projects was sought by Democratic members of the state's congressional delegation.

Federal funds provide the lion's share of financing for capital-improvement projects at airports. As an integral part of interstate commerce, their safety is regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

"We probably get \$10 million annually from the feds, \$2 million from the state when it has the money and \$2 million from local sources," Gateway's chief executive, Lynn Kusy, said.

If the bill is signed into law by the end of this year, the airport could receive funding by as early as the spring of 2011, Kusy added.

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