$644,718 headed to airports in Ohio's Sixth District

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce two major grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation that will benefit Ohio's Sixth District.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is awarding Ohio University's Snyder Field $533,478 to construct a snow removal equipment building and to install better lighting. Recently the airport purchased several pieces of snow removal equpment. A building to house the equipment will help prolong the useful life of the snow removal machines. In addition, the new medium intensity approach lighting system with runway indicator lights will help guide aircraft into the airport during inclement weather. The airport experiences more than 50,000 operations annually.

The Scioto County Airport Authority and Scioto County Commissioners will receive $111,240 from the FAA to improve the Greater Portsmouth Airport in Minford. The funds will be used to update the terminal building, install perimeter fencing and clear runway obstructions. The updates will make the facilities easier to use for the general public and allow the airport to meet standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The new fencing has been needed since the completion of a 2005 wildlife study and trees that are obstructing the two runway approaches need to be trimmed.

“These awards are important steps in revitalizing transportation in our region,” Wilson said. “Without strong transportation infrastructure it can be difficult to bring jobs to an area. Bringing jobs to Ohio’s 6th District is my top priority, so I'm proud to have written letters of support that helped secure these grants for the district."