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DINOLFO UNVEILS NEW AIRPORT SMART PHONE LOT

New Lot Serves as Staging Area for Motorists Picking Up Arriving Passengers

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** today joined New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) Commissioner **Matthew Driscoll**, officials from the Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC) and project partners in the private sector to open the new Smart Phone Lot at the Airport. The Smart Phone Lot is the first completed portion of the airport revitalization project underway at the Airport.

“Today’s milestone is proof that we are making great progress in our goal of creating a next generation airport that supports our regional economy and creates jobs”, said County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo**. *“The new Smart Phone Lot is in a convenient location for those picking up family, friends and business associates and is also equipped with essential amenities that visitors have come to expect from modern airport facilities.”*

The new Smart Phone Lot is free to use, has 31 parking spaces, a large, detailed flight information arrivals screen, complimentary Wi-Fi and an electric vehicle charging station. Perhaps most importantly, the Smart Phone Lot reinforces passenger safety by alleviating traffic congestion and ensuring that no vehicles are parked or waiting on terminal roadways.

The completion of the Smart Phone Lot is the first step in a larger airport revitalization project utilizing \$40 million in State funds won through a competitive State competition. The project also includes a new energy-efficient entrance canopy built entirely with American steel, a redesigned passenger security checkpoint, enhanced shopping and dining options and smart-terminal technology implementation to reduce barriers for passengers and employees with disabilities. Design and construction work is ongoing with total project completion estimated for Fall 2018.

“Governor Cuomo knows that investing in transportation supports mobility and economic growth,” said New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner **Matthew J. Driscoll**. *“The new smart phone lot at Greater Rochester International Airport will ease passenger pickups, enhance security and reduce congestion at the airport’s main entrance, the first big step in the airport’s transformation to a state-of-the-art gateway that will move the Finger Lakes Forward for decades to come.”*

Dinolfo also joined project partners in the private sector for the unveiling. Represented at the ceremony were Passero Associates, LeChase Construction, Macedon Excavating, Jacomb LED Lights, Unified Electric and members of the Monroe County Airport Authority, the Monroe County Legislature and the New York State Legislature.

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