



*News From*

# Maggie Brooks

*Monroe County Executive*

**For Immediate Release**

Monday, July 28, 2014

## **BROOKS: AIRPORT COMPLETES VITAL FAA IMPROVEMENTS \$11 MILLION UNDER BUDGET**

*\$29 million in projects address safety, security & capacity*

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced the Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC) has achieved \$11 million in savings from Airport projects completed under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) program. The savings were achieved through a combination of both strict project management practices and sustainable building principals, which included utilizing existing infrastructure with new components. Completion of the projects under budget will allow future PFC improvements at ROC to start earlier than planned.

*“That our airport was able to complete these vital safety, security, and capacity improvements while coming-in \$11 million under budget is certainly a win-win for our entire community,”* said **Brooks**. *“There’s no question affordable, high-quality air travel gives our community a competitive edge in today’s global economy, and I thank Airport Director Mike Giardino and his team for ensuring future PFC projects at ROC can now start earlier and benefit from these savings.”*

Started in 1992, the FAA Passenger Facility Charge program is implemented by Federal Aviation Regulations and funded through a fee paid by boarded passengers. The FAA has approved \$29 million in PFC expenditures for recently-completed projects that improved safety, security, and capacity at ROC. The improvements include aircraft rescue and firefighting equipment, snow removal equipment, taxiway construction, terminal upgrades, and a new baggage screening system. The original FAA funding allotment budgeted for these projects was \$40 million, thereby yielding a total savings of \$11 million.

###

**Media Inquiries, contact:**

Department of Communications at 753-1080