

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 22, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Melbourne Orlando International Airport Terminal Upgrades Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Melbourne Airport Authority, Melbourne International Airport, located at One Air Terminal Parkway, Suite 220, Melbourne, Florida 32901.

The funding will be used to upgrade the terminal infrastructure to accommodate growth due to new international air service. This project includes the replacement of the current chillers and HVAC systems for the Airport terminal. These systems are beyond their useful life. A new Biometric Security System at the Departure Gates is required to provide security and life safety. Replacement doors are required for security, life safety, and energy efficiency. When the doors are inoperable, they are manually opened and left open allowing outside air into the controlled environment.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project is consistent with the goals of FAA's AIP program. In addition to making much needed security and infrastructure improvements to the terminal facility, the project will provide construction jobs that will stimulate the economy during the construction period. After the project is complete, there will be more jobs for handling the airlines (ground handling, service agents) and Customs/Border Patrol.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq., and FAA policy and guidance.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Mike Haridopolos
Member of Congress