

\$1.2 million for San Antonio Stinson airport announced by Congressman Ciro Rodriguez

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Stinson Municipal Airport is receiving \$1.2 million in funding for paving and runway marking which is to be announced 10 a.m. Friday, January 15, 2010.

Congressman Ciro Rodriguez announced in July 2009 the passage of H.R. 3238, the Transportation Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Act, to provide the Stinson funding as well as \$550,000 for VIA Metropolitan Transit and \$250,000 for a Hondo battered women's shelter.

Indicating the rehabilitation funding for Stinson was prepared by a spending bill passed in December, Rodriguez will make the official announcement Friday morning at the airport's lobby at 8535 Mission Road.

A 5,000 foot extension to one runway is currently in progress.

Chairman of the THUD Appropriations Committee Congressman John Olver, said Congressman Rodriguez is an active subcommittee member who played an important role in the formation of the bill.

Stinson "is the second oldest general aviation airport in continuous operation in the United States," indicates the City of San Antonio website. "As the primary reliever for general aviation traffic in San Antonio, Stinson is extremely appealing to operators of light aircraft, individuals, and private aviation companies."

With flight schools, an air cargo operator, an aviation museum and fixed-based operators, Stinson handles more than 150,000 aircraft annually.

The paving, marking and runway extension is part of a Master Plan that included a modern expansion of the Terminal building and hangers.

Stinson is also the home of Alamo Helicopter Tours, offering popular sightseeing views over San Antonio.