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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

\$1 Million Grant to Modernize MacArthur Airport Terminal

Islip, NY – January 7, 2020 –MacArthur Airport will receive a \$1 million grant as part of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) 2019 Awards. The grant funding will support continuing revitalization of Long Island MacArthur Airport’s Main Terminal.

The grant supports improvements and modernization of the Main Terminal including the baggage claim area, as well as roof and vestibule repairs.

“Upgrades to MacArthur Airport helps bring jobs and opportunity to the entire L.I. region,” said Town of Islip Supervisor Angie Carpenter. “We will continue to grow and improve our airport, and work steadfastly with air carriers to provide more destinations and options for the local community,” she added.

“Customers frequently evaluate their travel experience based upon airport amenities. Fast and efficient baggage claim is high on their list,” said Commissioner of Aviation Shelley LaRose-Arken. “In 2019, we upgraded runways, signage, the Fire Rescue Building, and the overall travel experience at MacArthur Airport. We will be actively continuing this trend in the year ahead to provide an excellent customer experience and well-run facility,” she added.

“We are grateful to Governor Cuomo, and our Long Island leaders on the Regional Economic Development Council - Kevin Law, the President and CEO of the Long Island Association and Stuart Rabinowitz, the President of Hofstra University, for recognizing the value our airport provides to the region,” said Supervisor Carpenter.

A panel of experts at *USA Today’s* 10Best Awards took notice of MacArthur Airport’s ease of use in nominating Long Island MacArthur Airport as one of the Best Small Airports in America.

The Small Airport category includes airports under 10 million annual passengers. MacArthur Airport serves approximately 1.6 million passengers annually.

“Our ongoing commitment to improving the airport helps us welcome visitors from outside the state looking to discover all Long Island has to offer. This includes a hassle-free experience for business travelers and convenience for people taking holidays,” said Carpenter. “We are so grateful to serve our dynamic local community with service they’ve come to know and trust including American to Philadelphia; Southwest to Raleigh Durham, Baltimore/Washington and Florida, and Frontier to Florida, Atlanta, Myrtle Beach, and Raleigh Durham, plus Miami coming in May, 2020,” she added.

ABOUT LONG ISLAND MACARTHUR AIRPORT: Long Island MacArthur Airport customers enjoy flights on three major US domestic air carriers: American Airlines, Frontier Airlines and Southwest Airlines. Together these carriers currently provide service to 10 cities nonstop, and connect to hundreds of destinations worldwide. The airport serves 1.6M passengers annually and employs 6000 people directly and indirectly, with a \$16.9M annual operating budget and an economic impact of \$600M to the region and local economy.

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