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PHL Awarded \$1.4 Million from Commonwealth for Tinicum Island Road Project

PHILADELPHIA – Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) received \$1.4 million from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Multimodal Transportation Fund for the Tinicum Island Road Relocation Project. The funding will help PHL’s efforts to expand its air cargo operations by moving the one-mile stretch of road that currently bisects airport property.

“Last year, PHL moved more than 555, 000 tons of cargo, which was a 15 percent increase over 2017. In order to keep this momentum, we must increase our cargo handling capabilities,” said PHL CEO Rochelle “Chellie” Cameron. “The Airport is grateful to have several outstanding members of the General Assembly fighting on our behalf. I’d like to thank those who advocated for funding for this key project, specifically those members who represent the Airport -- Representative Maria Donatucci, Representative David Delloso, Senator Tim Kearney, and Senator Larry Farnese.”

Currently, PHL captures just nine percent of the Greater Philadelphia Region’s estimated \$50 billion air cargo business. The relocation of Tinicum Island Road is a key piece to PHL’s planned West Cargo Development project.

The Tinicum Island Road project includes:

- Decommissioning of old road and construction of new roadway
- Landscaping
- Traffic and intersection improvements
- Highway lighting installation
- Drainage improvements
- Pavement marking and signage
- Soil improvements
- Security

The estimated cost for the Tinicum Island Road portion of the project is \$15.7 million.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of official tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$16.8 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 106,000 jobs.