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## Mayor Clarifies Morgantown Airport Federal Aviation Administration Funding

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Morgantown, W.Va., August 21, 2012 – Mayor Jim Manilla wants the public and stakeholders to understand how Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) infrastructure improvement funds to be used. Specifically, the \$1.4 million in federal funding recently announced will not be used to provide for repairs to the hangars rented to private plane owners at Morgantown Municipal Airport (MGW).

“It’s important the public have a clear idea of how these funds will be used, so as to understand the long-term needs at the airport,” said Manilla. After contacting City Manager Terrence Moore, Mayor Manilla was able to clarify the FAA funds would only be used for “supporting infrastructure (e.g, outdoor lighting, adjacent taxiway enhancements, etc.)” and no funds will be expended for hangar repairs.

Manilla emphasized, “hangar repairs are important to protecting the investments of individual plane owners and on-site hangars will contribute to the long-term success of the Morgantown airport, but other strategies will have to be employed to finance certain improvements, like hangar repairs, that are outside the federal funding guidelines.”

Manilla contacted a city resident who rents hangar space at the airport to explain the situation and help get in contact with other plane owners so as to understand the limitations, and to facilitate another meeting if desirable. “Stakeholders need to know the facts so as to not get any false hopes, but they also need to know that I’m willing to ensure they have an opportunity to talk with City administration and Council leadership to continue discussions.”

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