Washington, D.C. – Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) today announced a $500,000 grant to improve passenger safety at the Charlotte County Airport by providing federal funding for the construction of a runway extension.

"I'm glad the taxpayers of the 16th district are finally seeing a return on their federal tax dollars with this $500,000 grant for construction at the Charlotte County Airport," Rooney said. "Extending the airport runway will help airlines serve passengers more safely and efficiently. This improvement will allow more airlines to service the airport, creating opportunities for new economic growth in Charlotte County."

The funding will be distributed through the Department of Transportation to the Charlotte County Airport in Punta Gorda, FL, which served more than 128,000 passengers last year.

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