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Atlantic Canada Airports Association commends Federal and Provincial Governments for investment in transportation infrastructure

Charlottetown, PE (February 22nd, 2011) – The Atlantic Canada Airports Association commended the Government of Canada and Provinces of Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for investment of over \$33 million in airport infrastructure announced yesterday.

“Air transportation is a cornerstone to economic growth in Atlantic Canada and we are pleased to see the government supporting the region’s important transportation infrastructure,” stated Monette Connaughton, Executive Director of Atlantic Canada Airports Association.

Four airport infrastructure projects were announced yesterday totaling over \$65 million. The following projects will be cost shared by the Government of Canada, Provincial Governments and Airports:

- Fredericton International Airport runway and lighting upgrades of \$10.4 million to improve the safety, efficiency and reliability and facilitate increased trade and traffic through the airport.
- Greater Moncton International Airport runway extension of 4,350 feet to enable the airport to handle larger wide-bodied and heavy aircraft. This \$24 million investment is expected to enhance the airport's position as a key international air cargo hub and to facilitate increased trade and traffic through the airport.
- Halifax Stanfield International Airport runway extension of 2,000 feet to allow the airport to handle larger wide-bodied and heavy aircraft. This \$28 million investment will enhance the airport's position as a key international air cargo hub.
- Charlottetown Airport air terminal building expansion and renovation. This \$3.5 million project will enable Charlottetown to capitalize on economic growth opportunities and will facilitate increasing traffic through the airport.

“Aviation is fundamental to business growth, tourism and trade in our region and having the infrastructure necessary to grow the business will lead to growth in our economies” stated Keith Collins, President of the Atlantic Canada Airports Association and President and CEO of the St. John’s International Airport Authority.

“We look forward to continuing to collaborate and partner with the Federal Government and Provincial Governments to invest in critical airport infrastructure projects in this region” added Collins.

About the Atlantic Canada Airports Association

The ACAA represents 14 airports in Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Member airports are significant economic generators with passenger and cargo traffic generating over \$2.6 billion into the economy annually. The region’s airports move over 6.6 million passenger and over 55,000 tons of cargo and account for over \$560 million in wages.

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