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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Silicon Valley's Airport Receives \$15.3 Million in Federal Funding to Enhance Perimeter Security and Aircraft Parking Aprons**

*-- Congressmembers Lofgren and Honda Lend Support for FAA Grant Funding --*

**San José, Calif.** – [Mineta San Jose International Airport](#) (SJC) was awarded two federal grants totaling \$15.3 million this week to fund perimeter fencing technology upgrades and the rehabilitation of the aircraft parking apron located on the southeast airfield area. These significant federal grant awards were made possible by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and through the support of Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (CA-19) and Congressman Mike Honda (CA-17).

One grant for \$8.1 million will fund perimeter fencing technology upgrades to enhance SJC's security program. This will include the design, purchase and installation of state-of-the-art surveillance technologies in targeted areas inside the perimeter fence line. The hi-tech hardware and software will complement the recent upgrades to 10,000 linear feet of fence line which included raising the height to 11 feet from the previous seven feet which met all federal standards.

"I'm pleased to see another sizeable federal investment in Mineta San Jose International," said **Lofgren**. "By ensuring the airport's safety and by maintaining critical infrastructure, we are taking steps to ensure that more businesses and travelers will choose Mineta as the gateway to the Valley."

"I am pleased that Mineta San Jose International Airport has been awarded these grants and proud that I was able to assist in securing this federal funding for the airport's continued operations," said **Honda**. "These funds will go a long way to ensuring the safety of the more than 10 million passengers who fly in and out and to assuring the airport can accommodate its ongoing passenger growth. SJC remains an important conduit for the South Bay area and the Silicon Valley."

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A second grant for \$7.2 million will fund the rehabilitation of 200,000 square feet of asphalt apron used for parking commercial, charter and cargo aircraft in the southeast airfield area.

“We appreciate the support of Congressmembers Lofgren and Honda in securing \$15.3 million in federal grants that will allow us to continue to improve our overall operations,” said Director of Aviation Kim Becker. “The safety and security of all Airport users is our No. 1 priority. This funding allows us to achieve our goals by upgrading perimeter security through state-of-the-art technology and restoring commercial aircraft parking areas.”

The federal grants are administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration.

**About Mineta San José International Airport**

About Mineta San José International Airport Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San José. SJC serves more than 10 million passengers annually, with 173 peak daily departures on 14 domestic and international carriers to 40 nonstop destinations.

SJC's five-star customer service experience sets it apart from other Bay Area and U.S. airports. Airlines and passengers respond positively to SJC's customer amenities, including modern terminal buildings, free and fast WiFi, comfortable seating with built-in power outlets, a luxurious, award-winning lounge open to all travelers, a duty free store offering an enhanced shopping experience, a rental car center conveniently located across from the terminals, and the Mobile Passport app and Global Entry kiosks to expedite arriving international passengers. Silicon Valley's airport is located in San José, California's third largest city and the nation's tenth largest city. [See SJC facts here](#). For more airport information, visit [flysanjose.com](http://flysanjose.com).

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