

REMARKS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY BY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION BROCK ADAMS,
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Senator Eagleton, Congressman Young, Mayor Conway, Supervisor McNary;
I'm glad to be back here today, to make good on my commitment of last
November. I said then that improvements at Lambert Field would be a
priority.

In keeping with that promise, I'm happy to announce an additional
\$11.4 million in airport development aid program (ADAP) funds for taxiway
and apron construction projects. These projects can proceed right now,
because work of this type does not have any significant effect on the
environment.

Together with nearly \$6 million approved last May, we have a total
Federal commitment to Lambert Field of more than \$17 million.

And we will continue to provide Federal assistance, from the resources
available, to upgrade and improve Lambert Field. I don't want any doubt
about this airport's ability to serve the air transportation needs of the
greater St. Louis area, for the foreseeable future.

One reason for making the announcement today is so that the city and
airlines can proceed with financial plans for the overall improvement program.

I admire the commitment of the people of St. Louis to better transpor-
tation services and facilities, and the confidence the leaders of this
community have in the future of this airport and the growth of this region.
The FAA will assist you in every way possible in meeting the air transporta-
tion needs of this area.

I want to thank you for inviting me here today. Nineteen months ago I made a decision for Lambert Field. I believe this airport can and will serve the growing metropolitan community.

I stand by that decision. The plan here is a good one. Community support is strong, and the signs of progress are unmistakable. I know the Congressional Delegation and local officials are behind us. Together we can do whatever is necessary to keep Lambert Field one of our nation's best, safest, and most convenient airports.

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