



Cherry Capital Named Airport Of The Year

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Cherry Capital Airport has been named the Airport of the Year by the Michigan Department of Transportation - Aeronautics.

The airport received the designation for its efforts associated with the rehabilitation and extension of its east-west runway last fall. The nearly \$14 million project - which including completely repaving the runway and extending it by 115 feet, bringing its total length to 7,015 feet - will allow airlines to accommodate more passengers in the summer. Passengers were previously being bumped to lessen the cargo load in planes so that aircraft could achieve lift on the shorter runway in the thinner hot air.

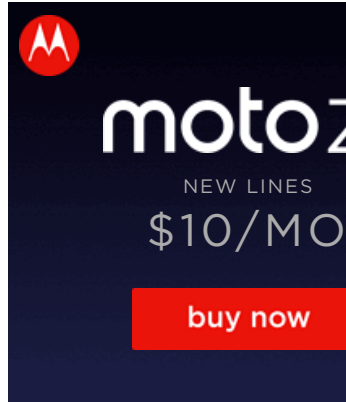
The project, initially estimated to take 162 days, was completed in just 21. Team Elmer's and Cherry Capital Airport staff worked day and night to complete the project in a turnaround time Airport Director Kevin Klein calls a "truly unbelievable feat."

Klein continues that the airport is "seeing new airlines interested in the market" because of the renovations, adding that "for the first time this summer, we will have two main line carriers in Traverse City because of the runway extension and improvements."

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