The Newark-Heath Airport Runway Extension project will lengthen the existing runway at Licking County’s primary airport, known as VTA. Extension of the runway will allow the airport to accommodate larger airplanes. The existing runway is 4,600 feet while a 5,000 foot runway is the typical standard for corporate jets and medevac operators. In Ohio, 43 airports provide 5,000 foot runways.

**Project Type:**
Transportation - Aviation

**Estimated Cost:**
$14.8 - $21.6 million

**Lead Agency:**
Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS)

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**Partner Agencies:**
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Licking County Engineer’s Office, Cities of Heath and Newark, Grow Licking County CIC

**Jobs Supported:**
Employment in all sectors due to aviation access benefit

**Project Benefits**

- Maintains competitive infrastructure by providing sufficient runway length to accommodate most airport users

- Adds value to the transportation system by allowing larger planes to port in Licking County

- Allows for continued economic growth of Licking County by strengthening assets to attract and retain the corporate community

- Aligns with existing planning documents, including LCATS Long-Range Multi-Modal Transportation Plan

**Project Location**
Existing airport on Heath Road

**2016 aerial view of the project location**