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## **STATE UNVEILS FRENCH SIGNS ON HIGHWAY FOR PLATTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

New York State Transportation Commissioner Astrid C. Glynn today announced the installation of two bilingual highway guide signs on Interstate 87 near Plattsburgh to help direct French-speaking travelers to Plattsburgh International Airport.

"Plattsburgh International Airport is a growing hub of transportation activity, and it is essential that we welcome both English-speaking and French-speaking motorists who are airport customers," Commissioner Glynn said. "Under the leadership of Governor Eliot Spitzer, the Department of Transportation is working to broaden access to transportation travelers from New York State, from our neighboring states and from across the border in Canada."

Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce President Garry Douglas said, "Our success is directly dependent on serving the Montreal region, and that requires a welcoming experience for our Quebec friends. These bilingual signs on the main highway will send a very positive message. We thank Commissioner Glynn and the department for their flexibility and support."

The first bilingual sign is located southbound on Interstate 87, approximately 1.5 miles before Exit 36. A second bilingual sign, also located on Interstate 87 before Exit 36, will be installed in 2008.

The new signs follow a recent visit to the airport by Governor Spitzer, who announced an additional \$2 million in state funding for airport infrastructure. Plattsburgh International Airport, which opened for passenger service in June, is located one hour south of metropolitan Montreal and already features bilingual signage in the new terminal. Delta Connection service to Boston is due to begin on October 31st, and on November 16th, Allegiant Air will launch regular service to Florida.

Plattsburgh International was created from the former Plattsburgh Air Force Base and is positioned to serve northern New York, southern Quebec and Vermont. For more information, visit the bilingual airport website at [www.flyplattsburgh.com](http://www.flyplattsburgh.com).

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