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KDOT announces Kansas airport improvement projects

Topeka – Twenty-three projects have been selected for Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP) funding for the purpose of planning, constructing or rehabilitating public use general aviation airports, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation.

KAIP receives $5 million annually through the T-WORKS transportation program and requires airport sponsors to share in the project costs by paying a minimum of 5% of the total project. The KDOT's Division of Aviation, which manages the program, considered 113 project applications this year with a combined total project value of more than $27 million.

"Transportation provides access to all things important in our lives and aviation is a particularly important mode of transportation for Kansas industry," Julie Lorenz, Secretary of Transportation said. "These airport improvements are a few of the many important efforts to empower aviation economic growth across our entire state. KAIP has shown great value through the years and will continue under the proposed FORWARD transportation program."

The selection board identified $4.2 million of improvements to address the top 15% most impactful airport improvements across the state.

"Aviation represents $20.6 billion in total economic impact for the state of Kansas," said Bob Brock, KDOT Director of Aviation. "We've assessed the remaining $23.5 million of needs and are working with communities to identify best-value strategic improvements through KAIP."

Communities selected for funding and amount awarded include:

Atwood – Backup generator for airfield lighting and Automated Weather Observing System -- $27,000

Benton – 15 additional parking pads along taxiway -- $45,360

Colby – Airfield drainage and grading -- $104,250

Colby – Install Automated Weather Observing System -- $91,800

Gardner – Campus redesign, tech survey and business and economic plan -- $178,600

Goodland – Construct taxiway replacement -- $310,612

Hugoton – Crack seal, seal coat and re-mark runway -- $212,750

Hutchinson – Crack seal, seal coat and re-mark taxiway, aprons and taxilane -- $263,400

Independence – Remove and replace runway markings -- $212,250

Newton – Install precision approach path indicators -- $158,500

Olathe/Johnson County – Materials for minor maintenance -- $7,500

Olathe/New Century – Mill and overlay north half of hangar apron -- $216,000

Parsons – Two 10,000-gallon fuel tanks (Jet-A & 100LL) and card reader -- $225,000

Phillipsburg – 600 feet runway extension design -- $332,500

Pratt – Two 10,000-gallon fuel tanks (Jet-A & 100LL) -- $200,000

Rose Hill – Move electrical vault -- $41,650

Rose Hill – Lighting for taxiways -- $85,680

Rose Hill – Aeronautical survey for instrument approach -- $66,500

Rose Hill – Precision approach path indicator and windsock -- $38,610

Rose Hill – Update master plan -- $28,500

Salina – Rehabilitate pavement K-State Polytechnic apron -- $103,320

Satanta – Crack seal, seal coat and re-mark runway -- $141,530

Scott City – Install Automated Weather Observing System -- $100,980

Smith Center – Construct partial parallel taxiway -- $28,225

Tribune – Install Automated Weather Observing System -- $158,750

Ulysses – Install Automated Weather Observing System, segmented circle and wind-cone -- $417,000

Wellington – Repair Automated Weather Observing System -- $108,900

Wichita/James Jabara – Runway slab replacement and patching -- $344,000

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