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## **KDOT announces Kansas airport improvement projects**

Topeka – Forty-one projects totaling a combined award of \$5 million have been granted for the Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP) funding for planning, constructing or rehabilitating public use general aviation airports.

The aviation industry represents \$20.6 billion economic impact and employs more than 92,000 Kansans. In addition, 94 percent of the state's population is within 30 minutes of air ambulance operations.

"We are proud of the collaboration between our department and airport sponsors to increase safety, enhance economic development and support the transportation needs of Kansans," said Secretary of Transportation Julie Lorenz.

The KAIP program requires airport sponsors to share in project costs by paying a portion of the total project. The KDOT Division of Aviation, which manages the program, considered 119 project applications this year with a combined total value of more than \$29 million.

"KAIP has not only funded key improvements at local airports, it has helped create a statewide aviation network that enhances both the health and economic wellbeing of the entire state," said Bob Brock, KDOT Director of Aviation.

Communities selected for funding and the amount requested include:

**Anthony** – Airports Geographic Information Systems (AGIS) survey and flight check – \$52,250

**Atchison** – Surface seal of runway – \$56,925

**Atwood** – Update fuel card reader – \$17,000

**Augusta** – Reconstruct apron access to community hangar – \$76,500

**Beloit** – Airfield maintenance equipment – \$16,250

**Benton** – 17/35 runway preservation – \$321,867

**Elkhart** – Airports Geographic Information Systems (AGIS) Study – \$76,000

**Emporia** – 1/19 runway sealcoat and preservation –\$411,500

**Fort Scott** – Airports Geographic Information Systems (AGIS) updates and runway extension design – \$152,000

**Gardner** – 8/26 runway/apron/taxilane pavement preservation – \$90,000

**Garnett** – 1/19 runway seal and repair high severity cracks – \$40,500

**Hiawatha** – 10/28 runway edge lighting design – \$19,000; 17/35 runway edge lighting design – \$19,000; taxilane renovation design and construction – \$61,890

**Hoxie** – Phase II: runway rehab – \$303,440

**Independence** – South apron runup area renovation – \$721,500; fuel systems – \$36,335

**Kingman** – Precision approach path indicator (PAPI) replacement – \$182,963

**Kinsley** – construct tiedowns – \$10,949

**La Crosse** – Operations support equipment – \$45,000

**Lakin** – Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) III – \$176,250; 14/32 runway mill and overlay design and construction – \$303,250

**Liberal** – Runway marking removal and replacement – \$248,500

**Oberlin** – Height and hazard survey – \$38,000

**Ottawa** – Pavement preservation on parallel and connection taxiway system – \$173,250

**Pittsburg** –Replace Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) ceilometer – \$43,200; remove obstructing trees – \$18,000

**Quinter** – Install Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) III – \$135,000

**Rose Hill** – Crack seal– \$16,200; upgrade fuel credit card terminal – \$14,875; mill and overlay runway 17/35 – \$174,600

**Salina** – Phase II: ramp reconstruction – \$720,000

**St. Francis** – Extend SE taxiway – \$133,200

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