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Governor Kelly Announces \$11 Million for 66 Airport Improvement Projects

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced that 66 airport projects across the state have been selected for Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP) funding for planning, constructing, or rehabilitating public-use general aviation airports.

“Whether it be airplane manufacturing, a link in the supply chain logistics, or travel, the Kansas aerospace industry is an essential part of our state’s economy,” **Governor Laura Kelly said.** “These grants ensure the safety and longevity of Kansas airports, all while contributing to economic growth and job creation.”

The aviation industry represents over \$20.6 billion in economic impact across a broad spectrum of supply chain and manufacturing industries in Kansas.

“Every mode of transportation is a link to the state’s economic vitality,” **said Calvin Reed, Secretary of Transportation.** “These airport improvements are a few of many important efforts to empower the aviation industry across Kansas.”

The KAIP typically receives \$5 million annually through the bipartisan Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE) and requires airport sponsors to participate in project costs by paying a minimum of 5% of the total project. This year, the program awarded more than \$11 million to 66 approved projects, with a total project value of nearly \$14.4 million.

The Kansas Department of Transportation’s Division of Aviation received 153 applications seeking a combined total project value of more than \$66 million for this round of KAIP grants. Projects were scored according to impact on flight safety, economic growth, and regional benefit.

“We’re grateful to satisfy 22% of the total airport improvements requested this year,” **said Bob Brock, Director of the Division of Aviation, Kansas Department of**

Transportation. “We look forward to new and ongoing partnerships with aviation stakeholders to achieve stronger aviation infrastructure for the future.”

Approved 2023 Kansas Airport Improvement Program projects:

- **Allen County** – Replace Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS), \$153,000; taxiway rehabilitation, \$157,500
- **Amelia Earhart**, City of Atchison– Construct automated gate, \$42,075
- **Chanute** – North apron reconstruction, \$424,570; perimeter fencing, \$180,000
- **Cheyenne County** – Replace AWOS system, \$153,000
- **Coffeyville** – Crack seal and remark runway, \$42,750 design, \$229,500 construct
- **Colonel James Jabara**, Wichita – Relocate/widen taxiway, \$114,000 design, \$800,160 construct
- **Comanche County** – Preserve concrete runway, \$19,000 design, \$225,000 construct
- **Cook Airfield**, Rose Hill – Used Jet A truck, \$30,000; electric hose reel for MOGAS pump, \$3,000; Parking ramp, \$148,500; pavement repairs, \$18,000
- **Jack Thomas Memorial**, El Dorado – Replace fuel system, \$10,800
- **Elkhart Morton County** – Rehabilitate terminal building, \$29,750
- **Fort Scott Municipal** – Taxiway rehabilitation, \$57,600
- **Gardner** – Taxiway, \$47,500 design, \$99,000 construct
- **Garnett** – Replace fuel system, \$90,000; terminal rehabilitation, \$15,300
- **Great Bend Municipal** – Replace primary wind cone, \$5,588
- **Harper Municipal** – Replace fuel farm card reader, \$21,250
- **Hays Regional** – Pavement repair materials, \$25,500; upgrade security and access gates, \$21,250; ARFF station gate automation, \$17,000
- **Hugoton Municipal** – AWOS update, \$5,700 design; \$165,600 construct; fuel dispenser, \$4,750 design, \$40,950 construct
- **Hutchinson Regional** – Install wildlife dig barrier for perimeter fence, \$32,504
- **Independence Municipal** – Airport rotating beacon/tower, \$23,750 design, \$112,500 construct
- **Johnson County Executive** – Pavement maintenance materials, \$13,600; southwest fence, \$129,600; north fence, \$156,150
- **Kinsley Municipal** – Fuel farm card reader, \$13,500
- **Lawrence Regional** – Airport master plan update, \$360,000; apron rehabilitation, \$130,500 design, \$800,000 construct; runway extension, \$99,750 design
- **Lyons-Rice County Municipal** – Fuel system. \$23,750 design, \$282,600 construct
- **Mark Hoard Memorial**, Leoti – AWOS III, \$163,764
- **Medicine Lodge** – AWOS update, \$5,700 design, \$165,600 construct
- **Montezuma Municipal** – Seal, patch, overlay and stripe runway, \$792,700
- **Moundridge Municipal** – Resurface runway, \$720,000
- **New Century Air Center**, Johnson County– Airfield electrical vault building, \$89,300 design, \$338,400 construct; rehabilitation of central portion of the west apron, \$133,000 design, \$800,000 construct; maintenance materials, \$13,600
- **Norton Municipal** – Replace and relocate AWOS, \$153,000
- **Oakley Municipal** – Replace rotating beacon and tower, \$76,500

- **Pratt Regional** – Apron and hangar area rehabilitation, \$59,850 design, \$653,400 construct
- **Shalz Field, Colby** – Card station for self-serve fuel pumps, \$16,200
- **Syracuse-Hamilton County** – Replace fuel system, \$66,500, design, \$486,000 construct; replace AWOS, \$121,500
- **Tribune Municipal** – Remove telecom tower to mitigate runway obstruction, \$72,000
- **Wamego Municipal** – Airport development plan/master plan (phase II), \$66,500; reconstruct apron and connecting taxiway, \$468,000

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