

KAIP Requests Up 30% Kansas Aviation System Plan Report Boffo!... 2016's Fly Kansas Air Tour

KAIP Demand Increases

Nearly 75 applications have been received at KDOT Aviation for the Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP) for fiscal year 2018, approximately 30% above the applications made for this (fiscal) year. "The challenge will be significant for proposal reviews and recommendations," says KAIP manager Greg Chenoweth, "to make the most of KAIP's \$5M funding." But then, as he adds, "we wouldn't get paid if it weren't for the challenges." KAIP requests are reviewed internally at KDOT Aviation in a committee process that includes input from KDOT veterans who have considerable construction and project management experience, and who also



Gardner Airport; photo, Lindsey Dreiling

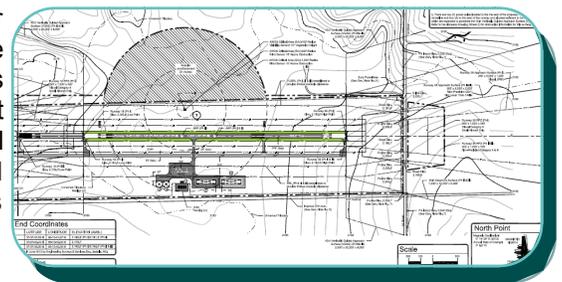
happen to be pilots in their spare time. Recommended projects are then furnished to the Secretary of Transportation for approval. The process has a timeline that normally runs through December. However, the volume of applications this time may mark the need for some additional time before project announcements could be released in the new calendar year.

Applications cover most Categories...But—

Most project categories are covered by the applications, except for Design. And that may point to the need for airports to give more thought to their planning process. "It's understandable," as Greg Chenoweth notes, "that many projects simply have to get done, planned or not. But measured steps from design to the actual project also benefit the airport sponsor to prepare for its local share of KAIP grants." Contact Greg directly if you'd like to discuss ideas in a planning process.

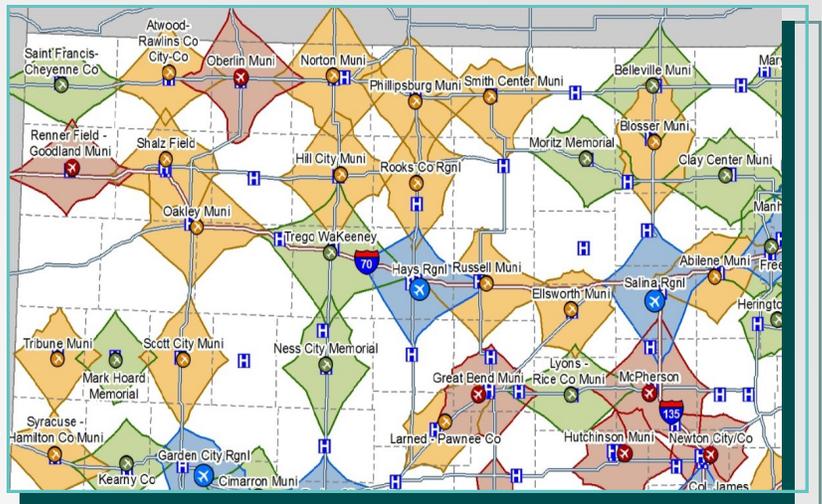
KAIP updates for FY 2018

Applicants in this cycle were able to utilize a new PDF version of the KAIP application form: a "fill-able" edition that accepts entries directly from the user's computer after "saving as" a blank copy under the user's desired file name. And, a two-year time limit is now assigned to KAIP grants to help get projects going and avoid money going unused for indefinite periods.



Kansas Aviation System Plan Update

KDOT Aviation has now completed an update of the state's Aviation System Plan. The earlier study was completed in 2010, which followed the original study of 1998. An array of performance measures were reviewed and assessed based on updates provided by airports, master plans, FAA forecasts and KAIP projects. For example, the excerpt seen to the right is a portion of the state map now showing 90% of the population is covered by airports of various service levels that can accommodate air ambulance operations (at the time of data collection for the study). And as Dennis O'Connor, KDOT Aviation's Manager of Federal and State Affairs, notes: "Thanks to projects recently completed by KAIP, or projects almost done, the actual coverage is closer to 92%, marking the coverage nearing the goal of 94%." The study was done with the help of Burns & McDonnell in Kansas City, and CDM Smith in Cincinnati, Ohio. Project funding was provided by an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant from FAA. Other key findings are seen below in comparison to 2010:



- NPIAS airports with 24/7 fuel: 100%; Jet-A 95%, up from 87%
- Percentage of population with access to airport with Commercial Service: 55% for Kansas-only; 89% w/ MCI...up from 32%, down from 90%
- Airports with Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 70 or higher: 70% average, down from 75%
- NPIAS airports within 50 nm of a precision/near-precision instrument approach: 95%, up from 93%

"A comprehensive review like this naturally comes with mixed results," explains O'Connor. "Yet, the job gets done by pointing us to key issues." For example, he says, the reduction in PCI suggests the likelihood that future KAIP applications will show emphasis on pavement projects. "And," as O'Connor adds, "that helps with our project reviews and managing KAIP funding, especially when partnering on a given project with FAA."

Once internal KDOT reviews of the "technical report" are done, the System Plan Update will reside on the KDOT Aviation's portal website: ksaviationportal.ksdot.org/aviationportal

Fly Kansas Air Tour Soars For 2016

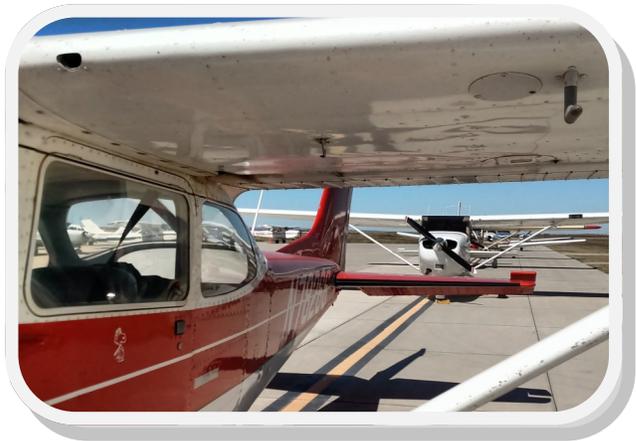
Enjoy the sights from the 9-stop, 3-day Tour



Wellington start: Color Guard, “skydiver spotting” and Lifeteam



Stopping at Great Bend



Full ramp at Rooks County

In partnership again with the Kansas Commission on Aerospace Education (KCAE), the 2016 Fly Kansas Air Tour included other stops for pilots and communities in Dodge City, Scott City, Colby, Salina, Topeka and Newton. Over 500 kids were introduced to aviation; Rooks County showed off its new airport to highlight air ambulance service and economic growth. And integrated transportation modes were highlighted in Great Bend, where ground was broken recently for a new transload facility. Almost 3 dozen planes joined the tour with over 40 pilots and passengers. (More on page 4!)

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