KDOT announces airport funding

Twenty-seven projects have been selected to receive funding to enhance safety and service at public-use airports in the state through the Kansas Airport Improvement Program.

The Kansas Department of Transportation’s Division of Aviation, which manages the program, received 95 applications for projects totaling more than $35 million. Recognizing the needs of continued investment in aviation infrastructure, the 2010 Kansas Legislature passed the T-WORKS Transportation Program, and gave the Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP) a funding level of $5 million a year.

“Each year the project selection process becomes more competitive,” said Jesse R. Romo, KDOT Director of Aviation. “The projects selected have a great geographic spread across the state and continue to preserve our airport system to a level that’s beneficial to the communities.”

Under guidelines of the program, project sponsors are required to pay a minimum of 10 percent of the total project costs, up to a maximum of 50 percent based on project category.
The following is a list of the FY 2015 airport improvement projects and the funding requested:

**Western Kansas**

**Dodge City** – Maintain airfield pavements, $9,000
**Hoxie** – Design reconstruction of runway, $175,750
**Hutchinson** – Reconstruct ramp areas, $78,138
**Osborne** – Repair and Overlay Runway, $825,390
**Leoti** – Repair and overlay runways and ramp, $612,000
**Lincoln** – Design new runway, $123,500
**Montezuma** – Reconstruct taxiway section, $170,910
**Norton** – Tower obstruction mitigation, $22,500
**Pratt** – Repair and seal taxiways, $162,090
**Syracuse** – Overlay and remark runway and taxi lane, $646,785
**Tribune** – Repair and mark runway, taxiway and ramp, $234,567

**Eastern Kansas**

**Fort Scott** – Reconstruct ramp, $58,500
**Fredonia** – Airport Development Plan Phase II, $38,000
**Hillsboro** – Seal and remark runway, $104,400
**Osage City** – Repair, seal and mark airfield pavements; replace aprons, $343,800
**Neodesha** – Seal and mark airfield pavements, $256,500
**Olathe New Century** – Repair and seal transient ramp, $260,010
**Olathe Johnson County** – Repair and seal apron, $180,315
**Pittsburg** – Remove trees in approach area, $96,489
**Pleasanton** – Airport Development Plan Phase II, $47,500
**Wamego** – Repair and overlay runway, $212,400
**Washington** – Repair Airfield Pavements, $69,000
Greater Wichita Area

**Augusta** – Repair ramp and improve drainage, $225,000

**Rose Hill** – Seal and mark runway and taxiways; construct taxiway and ramp, $281,700

**Benton** – Repair taxiways and mid-field turnaround, $50,850

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