

## NEWS RELEASE

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# **Kansas airport improvement projects selected for funding**

Twenty-two projects totaling \$2.7 million have been selected to receive safety and service enhancements through the Kansas Department of Transportation's Airport Improvement Program (KAIP).

The projects will address maintenance, facility and equipment needs at non-primary public use airports. These are airports that are classified as having fewer than 10,000 passenger boardings a year.

"We're pleased that 91% of this year's projects are strategic improvements from the Kansas Aviation System plan that improve air ambulance access and other quality of life issues," said KDOT Director of Aviation Ed Young.

Recognizing the importance of air service to the Kansas economy and emergency health care services, KDOT established the KAIP in 1999 under the Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP).

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

population. Total cost of the projects, which includes the sponsors' share, is approximately \$3.6 million.

The following communities/counties have been selected for funding:

#### **Northeast**

**Leavenworth** – Pave ramp; **Sabetha** – Self-service fueling system and automated weather observation system; **Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation** – Airport development plan.

#### **Northcentral**

**Beloit** – Upgrade automated weather observation system; **Concordia** – Lighted wind cone and precision approach path indicator; **Lincoln** – Construct ramp and helipad; **Salina** – Rehabilitation of two taxiways.

#### **Northwest**

**St. Francis/Cheyenne County** – Crack repair and ramp construction; **Trego County/WaKeeney** – Aeronautical survey and overlay and widen 2,000 feet of runway; **St. Francis/Cheyenne County** – Crack repair and taxiway and ramp improvements.

#### **Southeast**

**Coffeyville** – Upgrade automated weather observation system for internet; **Independence** - Upgrade automated weather observation system for internet.

#### **Southcentral**

**Benton** – Replace beacon; **Coldwater/Comanche County** – Aeronautical survey; **Great Bend** – Slurry seal on runway; **Harper** – Self-service fueling system and replace airfield lighting.

#### **Southwest**

**Montezuma** – Expand ramp; **Sublette** – Overlay runway; **Syracuse/Hamilton County** – Replace runway end lights and install obstructive lights.

#### **Other**

**Statewide** – Automated weather observation system upgrade.

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