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Thirty-seven projects selected for airport funding

Thirty-seven projects that will improve safety and service enhancements at public use airports in the state have been selected for funding under the 2010 Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP).

KDOT will contribute \$3.54 million in funding for the projects and with local matching funds of approximately \$2.57 million the total infrastructure investment will be \$6.1 million. The projects will address maintenance, runway, facility and equipment needs at non-primary public use airports in Kansas. These are airports in the state that are classified as having less than 10,000 passenger boarding's per year.

“In 1999, one in four airports in Kansas had a pavement condition of poor or failing,” said KDOT Director of Aviation Ed Young. “Now, less than one in 20 runways in Kansas is in poor or failing condition thanks in large measure to the 244 projects conducted at 97 different airports in every part of the state in the last 10 years.”

Among the 37 projects selected, there are 18 maintenance projects, 17 equipment projects, one geometric project and one planning project. According to Young, nearly 8 percent of the program's allocation is spent on crack seal, joint repair and other basic maintenance projects. Those investments have helped the pavement condition of Kansas

airports receive an average pavement condition rating of 77, up from 49 in 1999.

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.

The following is a list of selected airport improvement projects.

Northeast Kansas

Baldwin – Reseed turf runway; **Osage City** – Replace runway lighting system.

Northcentral Kansas

Abilene – Airport Weather Observation System and taxiway lighting; **Hillsboro** – Self-service fueling system and lighted windsock; **Junction City** – Self-service fueling system; **McPherson** – Repair taxiway and repair drainage system; **Moundridge** – Ramp reconstruction; **Salina** – Repair north end of runway.

Northwest Kansas

Norton – Self-service fueling system; **Osborne** - Airport Weather Observation System and aeronautical survey; **Rawlins County/Atwood** – Upgrade Airport Weather Observation System and pilot controller for airfield lighting.

Southeast Kansas

Eureka – Repair, seal and mark runway; **Neodesha** – Replace wind cone.

Southcentral Kansas

Augusta – Airfield signage, repair, seal and mark runway; **Benton** – Precision approach path indicator, reconstruct taxiway, expand fuel ramp, reseeding; **Great Bend** – Replace taxiway lighting; **Hutchinson** – Repair taxiway and replace beacon; **Oxford** – Reconstruct runway; **Rose Hill** – Repair and seal runway, taxiway and ramp, airfield lighting and windsocks, radio controlled beacon; **Wichita Cessna** – Reconstruct taxiways; **Wichita Jabara** – Repair runway; **Wichita Riverside** – Widen runway and taxiways; **Wellington** – Upgrade Airport Weather Observation System for internet.

Southwest Kansas

Meade – Upgrade Airport Weather Observation System; **Syracuse/Hamilton County** – Seal and mark runway taxiway.

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