

Kansas Aviation System Plan and Economic Impact Studies 2016 Updates



System Plan Background

The 2016 Kansas Aviation System Plan (KASP) is an update to a 2010 study of all of Kansas' 138 public-use airports. In 2010, funding came from a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration that was supplemented by KDOT funding. Federal and State budget limitations in 2016, however, required a focus of the update on Kansas airports that are part of the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airports System—NPIAS, the federal characterization for all airports in all the states that are classified by the FAA for the purpose of using airport improvement grants. Airports are reviewed for the NPIAS far more frequently than system plan studies are conducted, so the Kansas NPIAS airports studied for the update were current when the study began in late- 2014. The report resides on the Kansas Airspace Portal at:

<http://ksaviationportal.ksdot.org/aviationportal>

KDOT is reviewing internal budgets to determine if the non-NPIAS airports can be studied as a supplement to the 2016 KASP Update.

Economic Impact

The 2016 KASP Update will be complemented by an update of the 2010 Economic Impact Study (EIS). Since then, an interim—and separate—study by FAA found aviation’s economic impact in Kansas to be over \$13 billion dollars, versus \$10.4B determined by KDOT’s study in 2010 (which began shortly after the recession of 2008). While study parameters varied only slightly, KDOT’s EIS will provide a fresh perspective that is not influenced by national economic distress, for what should be exciting results for Kansas. The EIS update is scheduled for completion in the early portion of 2017, and will be posted here and at <http://ksaviationportal.ksdot.org/aviationportal>.