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KDOT announces Phase II of airport funding

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

Two of the projects will allow Quinter to build its first-ever airport.

“It’s been a long-time goal for Kansas to ensure that our rural residents have access to critical services,” Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King said. “This location in Quinter will fill a gap and provide that service.”

KDOT’s Division of Aviation received 118 applications for projects totaling more than \$42 million. Under the T-WORKS transportation program, the Kansas Airport Improvement Program is funded at \$5 million a year. Earlier this year, 21 projects were announced.

“Phase II of the project selection was difficult and competitive,” Aviation Director Tiffany Brown said. “There were many good project applications and we narrowed it down to the ones that we believe will create the greatest economic impact to the state.”

Projects selected for Phase II funding will receive \$3.8 million in total state contributions. Under KAIP guidelines, project sponsors are required to pay a minimum of 5 percent of the cost, up to 50 percent, depending on the category.

“We are excited to release the remaining funds,” Secretary King said. “The airports that were chosen are dedicated to preserving and improving their airport infrastructure. They will better serve their local community and the state of Kansas.”

The following is a list of the FY 2016 airport improvement projects and the funding requested:

Fort Scott – Reconstruct apron, \$270,000

Hugoton – Crack seal, slurry seal, and remark 13-31, \$315,000

Independence – Reconstruct T hangar taxi lanes, \$265,000

Minneapolis – Repair runway and taxiway, \$288,000

Moline – Repair runway, \$193,500

Quinter – Construct runway, \$1,600,000

Quinter – Construct taxiway, apron, and access road, \$360,000

Rose Hill – Extend runway, construct taxiway, and access road, \$540,000

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