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KDOT announces four additional airport improvement projects

Topeka – Four additional airport projects have been selected for Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP) funding for the purpose of planning, constructing or rehabilitating public use general aviation airports.

The Kansas Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation works directly with Department of Commerce, institutions of higher education and economic development organizations across the state to grow new capabilities within the Kansas aviation economy.

"Aviation has inspired teamwork, innovation and a pioneering spirit in Kansas for many decades," said Secretary Richard Carlson. "We deeply appreciate the cooperative efforts of organizations standing side-by-side as partners in growing our state."

The projects improve flight safety, increase access to critical services and maintain Kansas' reputation as a national leader in aviation. KAIP requires airport sponsors to share in project costs by paying a portion of the total project. These projects are in addition to the ones announced last week – a full list of them can be seen [here](#).

"Enthusiasm for community growth seems to be at a record high. These aviation projects are examples of local, state and industry working together to create new opportunity," said Gov. Jeff Colyer.

Airport projects selected for funding and the amount requested include:

Fort Scott – Upgrade Automated Weather Observation System and relocate runway lighting to accommodate runway construction, \$286,522

Lakin – Runway design and airport layout plan (phase I) to connect rural western Kansas to emergency medical care at Kearney County Hospital, \$110,000

Rose Hill (Cook Airfield) – UAS & Aviation training facility to support Butler County Community College and K-State Polytechnic partnership in aviation workforce development, \$612,750

Salina – Phase I reconstruction of west ramp to support operations by Salina Airport Authority and professional pilot education and training by K-State Polytechnic, \$720,000

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