



LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

Date: November 27, 2023

To: Mark Dunning, City Manager

Through: Michael Park, Director of Public Works

From: Joel Arrington, Airport Manager

RE: Lee's Summit Municipal Airport Staff Report for October and November 2023

Airport Master Plan Update.

On Nov. 3, the Airport submitted an addendum to our Federal Contract Tower (FCT) application for review and determination to establish LXT's eligibility in the FCT Program. This addendum includes:

- Updated after-hours operations
- Air traffic Control Cost to be considered
- A preferred forecast of aviation activity to represent future ATC operations

This information was submitted to supplement our request for a Benefit/Cost determination to establish LXT's eligibility as a candidate for the Federal Control Tower Program.

East Side Infrastructure and Hangar 2 Design Updates

The East side Infrastructure and Hangar 2 projects will be let out for Bid on or around December 1. Staff estimates this process to take three weeks. The corporate agreement between the City and LSR7 for the use of the hangar space will go through BOAC on Dec. 4, the Public Works Committee on Dec. 11, and then the City Council on Dec. 18.

Airport Construction

The Runway 11/29, Taxiway "B" and Taxiway "C" crack seal project was completed on Nov. 23. The final walk-through inspection occurred on Nov. 27. Several punch list items will be addressed as weather conditions allow.

Several other concrete and asphalt maintenance projects were completed, which included:

- Complete replacement of two concrete hangar drives
- Complete replacement of two asphalt drives
- Multiple concrete panels were replaced in Hangar 1, West taxi lane, and Hangar F parking lot.



Other items of Importance

Jet-A fuel sales in November will exceed 30,000 gallons sold. The Airport has seen an increase in Jet-A sales resulting from a variety of contributing factors, including more active-based jet aircraft, and Chiefs games.

Jet-A Sales

July	27,365
August	26,196
September	34,525
October	29,176
As of November 27	31,619

Meeting with MoDot Aviation

Airport Staff and BOAC Chairman Tom Townsend will be making the annual trip to Jefferson City on Dec. 6 to meet with MoDOT’s Aviation Division. This face-to-face meeting is used to update MoDOT on the continued success of Lee’s Summit Municipal Airport and to discuss the airport’s five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Airport Incidents & Noise Complaints

During October we had one noise complaint, which was two aircraft flying too low doing touch and gos. It was reported the aircraft were very loud - too loud to work or concentrate. It started at 7:00 a.m. and continued until the call at 9:10 a.m. N15044 and N15283 (SFA aircraft) were both in the air at the time of the call. Winds were calm. Staff asked if the planes could use an alternate runway.

Mr. Penfield, Assistant Airport Manager, spoke with the concerned resident on Oct. 11 and relayed to him that after checking FlightAware, the two aircraft of concern were complying with all aviation rules of the road, etc., and no safety violations were noted. Mr. Penfield also discussed the Airport's efforts to minimize these noise concerns ie. alternate patterns, awareness of the pilots flying with SFA, etc. Mr. Penfield also discussed the Airport's limited authority over aircraft using the Airport when they are flying safely. These discussions elevated. The resident became quite irate and animated, and close to making a threat. He said his mental health was being affected and since we weren't going to do anything about it, he would need to take matters into his own hands. Staff’s response to him was that staff would hope before he'd do anything, the resident would discuss it further -- that's when the resident hung up.

Joel Arrington, Airport Manager, followed up with the resident the following day and further discussed the concern. The resident offered his apology for getting angry with Mr. Penfield and said that he (the resident) was very out of character. Mr. Arrington reassured him that we take noise complaints seriously and continually address this issue with the local pilots and flight schools.

November: No noise complaints

