



LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

Date: May 30, 2023

To: Mark Dunning, City Manager

Through: Michael Park, Director of Public Works 

From: Joel Arrington, Airport Manager

RE: **Lee's Summit Municipal Airport April Staff Report for April and May, 2023**

Airport Master Plan Phase II Update

On March 27, CMT submitted the Airport's Federal Contract Tower Application to the Federal Aviation Administration for inclusion into the Contract Tower Program. City Council adopted the resolution of support on Feb. 28, 2023. Airport staff, Public Works staff and staff from CMT will be meeting with the FAA on June 7 regarding the City's application. In addition, other initiatives included in Phase II are progressing.

Public Engagement

In May, Airport Manager Joel Arrington presented a "Day in the Life of an Airport Manager" to second graders from Woodland Elementary School.

LSR7 Aviation Technology Center

City Staff met with the Lee's Summit R7 School District in March to continue the discussion of the future Aviation Technology Center on the Airport property. Including this type of facility could benefit the Airport by enhancing community engagement and increasing interest in aviation among younger children and their parents. On May 12, based on feedback from both parties, we received a concept design from Wellner Architect, which included space layouts based on our program requirements. Staff has begun work on a cooperative agreement with LSR7 for this partnership in Hangar 2 to proceed.

Airport Terminal Design Grant

In March, Staff received notification from MoDOT that the Airport had been awarded a Terminal design grant from the FAA for \$600,000. This competitive grant was issued as part of the Federal Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The exact timing of the official notification is unknown; however, we expect to have a tentative authorization in the coming months. During April, Staff from the Airport, Public Works, CMT, and Wellner Architects traveled to tour multiple Airport Terminals to gather ideas, and layouts, to include in Lee's Summit Airport's Terminal and Hangar 2 designs.



Other Items of Interest

In May, the Airport announced the T-Hangar Improvement Plan. This plan is designed to ensure the personal safety of all personnel and the protection of property while enhancing effective and efficient airport operations. The key elements of this program include implementing written policies and procedures, conducting effective training and education, developing better lines of communication with customers, conducting internal monitoring and inspections, and promptly enforcing compliance with current airport rules, regulations, and hangar lease agreements.

Airport Construction

Bids were opened on May 30 for the joint sealing of Runway 11-29, Taxiway A and Taxiway B. Scodeller Construction, Inc. was the apparent low bidder with a price of \$614,498.45. Award of this project will be recommended to the Public Works Committee in July with construction starting late summer or early fall.

