



LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

Date: May 23, 2025

To: Mark Dunning, City Manager

Through: Michael Park, Director of Public Works

From: Joel Arrington, Airport Manager

RE: **Kansas City/Lee's Summit Regional Airport Staff Report April/May 2025**

Upcoming Events

LS Management, LLC will hold a **groundbreaking ceremony** on **May 30th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** to celebrate the start of construction for their new hangar on the North Apron. This event marks a significant milestone, showcasing the Airport's successful support in the growth of two thriving businesses. We anticipate attendance from valued customers, airport staff, and City Officials.

East Side Infrastructure and Hangar 2

Construction on the east side infrastructure and Hangar 2 is progressing. As of May 22nd, work is focused on the complete enclosure, hangar door construction and installation, and progression on the internal finish spaces. The most recent completion date is around August 1st.

Perspective taken from the airside



East Side Terminal and Hangar Developments

The Terminal building project is currently on the street for bids and will open on May 29th. The project is estimated to be approximately \$12M. The project is funded through the FY26 CIP and \$4.8M in Federal Grants.



Southeast Hangar Development

Airport staff and the Law Dept. have been engaged in ongoing discussions with a private entity regarding a proposed hangar and taxiway development at the airport. The 130'x90 hangar will hold a corporate aircraft and contain several offices and meeting space. This developer will also construct a taxiway connecting their hangar to the existing east apron. This taxilane will be public and connect future hangars built in the same area. These negotiations are reaching their final stages, and we expect to submit a draft agreement for City Council review and approval in June.

5-Year Airport CIP

The FY26 Airport CIP was approved by City Council on May 21. The five-year plan demonstrates the ongoing commitment to the success of the Airport. In all, over \$40M in investments is programmed for the Airport over the next five years. Much of that work takes place on the east side of the Airport, including the ongoing infrastructure project, Hangar 2, New Terminal Building and the SE Taxilane construction projects.

AIRPORT (Costs in \$1,000s)							
Project	Prior Yrs.	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Hangar 2	13,300	1,300	-	-	-	-	14,600
New Airport SRE (Equipment Maintenance / Storage Facility)	-	-	-	-	300	1,700	2,000
New Fuel Farm Facility	-	-	-	-	300	1,330	1,630
New Fuel Self Serve Facility (West Side)	-	-	-	-	450	-	450
New Terminal Building	451	10,316	-	-	-	-	10,767
Reseal Joint and Marking South Apron	-	-	-	-	200	-	200
Site Development - East Side Terminal Area, Reseal East Apron	4,900	-	-	-	-	-	4,900
Southeast Hangar Development	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	4,000
West Apron Reconstruction (two phases)	-	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	2,000
Total	18,651	13,616	3,000	1,000	1,250	3,030	40,547

Airport Incidents & Noise Complaints

No Incidents and no new noise complaints during April and May.

Community Outreach

Joel Arrington and Connor Nichollas updated the LS Chamber Military Affairs Committee on airport operations in May.

May 16th through May 18th, Troop 1138 and 7138 from Blue Springs Scouts camped out at the Airport. While there, they helped at the EAA Young Eagles event and took a tour of the airport and Hangar 1. This is the second year this event has been held at the Airport.





Thad Dearman attended both Blue Springs High School's career day events.

Other items of interest

Charter Company

Airport staff have been working with a local charter company requesting hangar and office space to relocate 1-2 aircraft from the Downtown Airport to Lee's Summit. They are tentatively planning on starting charter operations on June 1st out of Lee's Summit. A charter operation based at the Airport will have a noticeable impact on fuel sales, hangar/office rental revenue, and annual Jet operations.

Fire Department Training

Thad Dearman provided comprehensive on-site training to all Fire Department personnel in May, focusing on airport operations and familiarization. The primary goal of this training was to ensure our first responders have the critical knowledge necessary to navigate the airport safely and effectively, minimizing the risk of inadvertently causing an incident during emergency responses. Specific areas of instruction included recognizing designated rally points and proper airport entry, understanding active aircraft operations (air and ground), interpreting essential airport markings, and executing safe runway crossings.

Service Enhancements and Staff Safety

In May, the Airport purchased two new service enhancements and safety measures to protect staff from injury. These include:

1. Brine mixer and sprayer. This will reduce costs and enable staff to apply de-icing material on the runway more effectively
2. A Golf cart to move people and luggage more efficiently on the east Apron.
3. A Custom-built staircase and platform are being built to prevent staff from slips, trips, and falls while performing inventory controls from the top of the tank.