



# LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

Date: January 30, 2023

To: Mark Dunning, City Manager

Through: Michael Park, Director of Public Works *MP*

From: Joel Arrington, Airport Manager

RE: Lee's Summit Municipal Airport January Staff Report

## Airport Master Plan Phase II Update

The benefits and costs analysis (BCA) of including LXT in the Federal Contract Tower (FCT) program continues to progress. CMT has completed the Airport Traffic Control Tower BCA process, and Staff will present a proposed Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for entry into the Federal Contract Tower Program at the February Public Works Committee meeting.

## Public Engagement

On Dec. 1, the Airport hosted a Based Client Townhall in Hangar 1. This event enabled based customers to discuss Airport issues and meet new staff. During the event, Joel Arrington, Airport Manager, reviewed the current state of the Airport, reviewed day-to-day operations, a 365-day look ahead, strategic initiatives, and reviewed progress on the East side development. There were approximately 25-30 people in attendance.

Jeff Penfield, Assistant Airport Manager, has been working with Summit Christian Academy High School on hosting a job shadowing program for students who are interested in Aviation. The program will include a student spending 1.5 hours at the Airport three days per week job shadowing various jobs at the Airport. In addition to spending time with Airport staff, other businesses located on the field will be participating. This program began in mid-January.

Joel Arrington, Airport Manager, provided an update on current events at the Airport at the January 2023 LS Chamber "Good News" event.

The Lee's Summit Airport in January hosted approximately 25 jets that flew in for the Chiefs-Bengals AFC Championship game on January 29. The Airport sold 3,910 gallons of Jet-A which marked the highest single-day fuel sales in the Airport's History.



### **Airport Incidents & Noise Complaints**

During December there were no complaints. During January there were two complaints of increased air traffic. Staff was able to get in touch with one resident that lives ½ mile to the west of the Airport and educated them on the normal traffic pattern and how we promote the fly-friendly program to our based Aircraft. A second resident was unable to be reached to explain per Flight Aware data, no low-flying aircraft arrived or departed during specified times in the complaint.

### **Other Items of Interest**

Airport Staff, BOAC Chairman Tom Townsend, and staff from CMT went to Jefferson City on December 13 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.

Hangar rental remains at **100%** occupancy. Currently, there are **14** people on the hangar waitlist.

