



# LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

Date: July 28, 2025

To: Mark Dunning, City Manager

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

From: Joel Arrington, Airport Manager

RE: Kansas City/Lee's Summit Regional Airport Staff Report June/July 2025

## Upcoming Events

Airport staff are collaborating with the Special Olympics of Missouri (SOMO) to host a fundraising event at the Airport. The SOMO fundraiser will include a Plane Pull, where teams of 10-15 people will compete to see who can pull an aircraft a predetermined distance the quickest. The event is being planned for September 8. The public will be invited to this event, which will be a great opportunity to showcase the Airport and Hangar 2.

## East Side Infrastructure and Hangar 2

Construction on the east side infrastructure and Hangar 2 is progressing. Other than the hangar door, the building is fully enclosed. Work is primarily focused on the internal finish work. The most recent substantial completion date is August 8. We will not be able to move aircraft into the hangar until around September 1, allowing sufficient time to complete the hangar floor.

Perspective taken from the airside



### **Southeast Hangar Development**

Negotiations are ongoing 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 taxiway 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 August/September.

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

In July, we had an incident where an aircraft departed the runway after landing and struck a taxiway sign and light. The pilot was contacted and has agreed to pay for the replacement of the sign and light. The Aircraft received damage; however, there were no injuries.

### **Community Outreach**

In July, Thad Dearman, Assistant Airport Manager, provided an airport tour for kids who attend homeschooling in Kansas City and Lee's Summit Co-op. Approximately 25 kids toured the Airport.

### **Other items of interest**

The current contract for airport planning and engineering services expires August 31, 2025. A RFQ was advertised on May 5, 2025. Three proposals were received on June 3, 2025.

A selection committee consisting of staff from the Airport Division, Public Works Administration, and Public Works Engineering scored the three proposals received. All three firms were selected for an interview. The interviews were scored by the same committee that reviewed the written submittals. HDR, Inc. was determined to be the most qualified firm by the committee. Staff will be recommending City Council approval of the contract with HDR in August. CMT, the current consultant on-call for Airport planning and engineering services, may be retained for the conclusion of projects already authorized until completion.

In July, Joel traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend the NBAA Contract Tower Association Conference. Topics include prospects for increased federal funding for the FCT Program in Fiscal Year 2025, how the pending FAA reauthorization bill will impact contract tower airports, and efforts to address controller staffing challenges. This event served as an opportunity to interact with FAA officials and key lawmakers.