



LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

Date: March 28, 2022

To: Stephen A. Arbo, City Manager
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Through: Michael Park, Director of Public Works 

From: John Ohrazda, Airport Manager

RE: **Lee's Summit Municipal Airport March 2022 Staff Report**

Taxiway Alpha

Airport staff will be performing a turf inspection on April 4, of areas noted on the final punch list addressing areas that needed to be reseeded. If all areas are found to be in compliance with set standards, then the process will begin to close this project out.

Airport Master Plan Phase II Update

Master Plan Phase II continues to move forward. A draft of the Refined Precision Approach to Runway 36 has been reviewed and comments have been received from staff. The process of compiling benefits and costs for inclusion of LXT into the Federal Contract Tower (FCT) program continues to move forward and an Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) siting process will begin in Mid-April. Completed Land surveys in support of the aerial mapping, FAA Airports Geospatial Information System (AGIS) requirements, and Airport Layout Plan (ALP) have been provided to the aerial mapping company. The aerial mapping company is in the process of orienting their aerial imagery and AGIS datasets based on the field surveys. Once complete, these datasets will be finalized, submitted to the appropriate parties, and the ALP will be drafted. Work has also begun on the Exhibit A property map to identify all parcels purchased or released by the airport since the City of Lee's Summit took ownership of the airport.

Airport Development

City staff continue to work with two individuals who wish to build commercial aviation facilities on the Airport. To date, drafts of ground leases have been developed and are under review by both parties. Recommendation of approval to City Council will be forthcoming through the BOAC once these agreements are completed. The airspace issues impacting the location of the proposed building sites are in the process of being resolved by the FAA and MoDOT Aviation Section. An FAA Obstruction Study required for any vertical structure on the Airport are underway on both of the buildings and is needed before further actions can be taken with a proposed ground lease.



The **FBO Agreements** for Midwest Avionics and Silent Falcon were approved by City Council on March 22.

Application Submitted under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Airport Terminal and Tower Program

An application has been submitted for consideration of funding for the development of a new terminal building on the east side of the airport and the infrastructure needed to support this facility. The demolition of the existing facilities on the west side along with the removal of the three fuel tanks and installation of a new fuel system are also included. All these projects are currently listed in the City's Capital Improvement Program for the Airport and require Federal assistance for final development of each.

LSR7 Aviation Technology Center

City Staff have continued discussions with the Lee's Summit R7 School District regarding the possibility of locating a future Aviation Technology Center on the Airport property. The goal of the Aviation Technology Center is to provide an immersive learning environment to prepare young individuals for entry into the aviation related workforce. Subjects could include aviation mechanics, avionics, drone operations, airport management, air traffic control, etc. The Aviation Technology Center would also work in conjunction and coordination with other entities, such as the University of Central Missouri, the Summit Technology Academy as well as private flight schools. The inclusion of this type of facility could be very beneficial to the Airport by creating a means to excellent public relations, increase interest in aviation to younger children and their parents and the possibility of attracting private flight schools to the airfield. Discussions will continue with the hopeful outcome of a mutually beneficial partnership between the City of Lee's Summit and the R7 School District. To date, discussions have been very high level and conceptual.

Airport Incidents & Noise Complaints

On March 8, a citizen living near Lee's Summit North High school called the Public Works main line stating she heard a very loud aircraft noise. She stated she was scared and it was too low. She wanted to know what type of aircraft it was and why it was flying so low. She also reported at about 11 a.m. another airplane was very loud and she wanted a call back. A call was placed to the number provided with a message to call the Airport Manager about this matter and as of the date of this report, no call back from this citizen has been received.

Other Items of Interest

Overall fuel sales for Feb. 2022, exceeded fuel sales from the previous Feb. 2021, by 3,794 gallons. Jet fuel sales were 2,320 gallons over last year's sales. AVGAS sales were the third best on record for the last 10 years at 6,456 gallons, and were **1,597** gallons above last year's sales to date. Currently, jet fuel sales are **78,109** gallons above last year's sales for the same period last fiscal year. MOGAS sales were 375 gallons in Feb. and are running 1,278 gallons above last year's sales for the same period as last fiscal year. Total combined fuel sales for February were 23,552 gallons.



Hangar rental remains at **100%** occupancy. There were no tenant turn-overs in the month of February. There were three more individuals added to the hangar waiting list.

The number of aircraft operations at the Airport for the month of February were **1,004** – down **876** from the month of January. Approximately **72.7%** of these were transient operations and **34%** were aircraft with more than four seats. This data is derived from an airport monitoring system that is providing airport operations data for the Airport.

Assistant Airport Manager Joel Arrington and Airport Service Attendant/Concierge Dana Cramer will be attending the annual Schedulers and Dispatcher’s Conference held at the San Diego Convention Center in California. The conference will run from April 5-7. Airport staff are there as exhibitors to promote the airport, FBO services and the community. The conference is where large corporate flight departments who have flight dispatchers attend several days of training sessions. This is the Airport’s opportunity to connect with these flight departments who dispatch flights across the country.

State Aviation Day was held at the State Capital on March 29. The event is an opportunity for aviation organizations to meet and advocate for aviation in Missouri with their state representatives. Due to internal City meetings regarding the Fiscal 2023 Airport Budget development process, no City staff members were in attendance.

