



LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

Date: May 24, 2024

To: Mark Dunning, City Manager

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

From: Joel Arrington, Airport Manager

RE: **Lee's Summit Municipal Airport Staff Report thru May 2024**

Airport Master Plan Update.

On Nov. 3, the Airport submitted a supplement to our Federal Contract Tower (FCT) application for review and determination to establish LXT's eligibility in the FCT Program. On December 21, the Airport received a letter from the FAA stating that the Benefit/Cost Analysis was completed and the final B/C ratio was 0.99. The minimum requirement is 1.0 to be accepted into the Federal Contract Tower Program. Our consultant reviewed the findings and found some errors that could increase the benefit-cost ratio to 1.0. An official appeal of the benefit-cost determination was submitted to the FAA on March 25, 2024.

East Side Infrastructure and Hangar 2 Design Updates

The construction of the East Side Infrastructure and Hangar 2 projects officially began on April 22, 2024. This sets the estimated completion date for the infrastructure at September 18, 2024. The expected completion date for Hangar 2 is currently June 15, 2025. Due to weather delays, the area grading did not start until mid-May.

Staff has continued to meet with two independent hangar developers interested in developing up to ten hangars south of Hangar 2. Both developers have contacted our aviation consultant, CMT and Wellner Architects.

East Side Terminal

The design of the Airport Terminal (funded by an FAA Grant) is on track to be completed later this year. It should be completed in time to submit our application for a construction Grant through the FAA Airport Terminal Program (ATP) BIL program.

Powered Paragliders Operating Guidelines

Airport staff has collaborated with a local group of Powered Paragliders (PPGs) to develop rules and procedures to mitigate risk while operating PPGs at the Lee's Summit Airport. The proposed mitigation steps have been developed and submitted to the FAA for their review. The final proposed operating rules will be presented to the BOAC in June, followed by City Council adoption.



Airport Incidents & Noise Complaints

On Wednesday, May 22, at approximately 11:50 a.m., a single engine piston aircraft made a gear up landing on Runway 18. Runway 18/36 was closed for approximately two hours while the aircraft was cleared from the runway. There were no injuries associated with the incident.

Community Outreach:

On May 17 and 18, the Airport hosted a Boy and Girl Scout campout. Approximately 30 Scouts camped out on the West side of the Airport. While there, they saw an FAA drone demonstration, a helicopter, and a Powered Parachutist demonstration and toured the maintenance shop in Hangar 1. This was geared towards giving young kids exposure to the aviation industry and opportunities.

