



# LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

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Date: March 21, 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 February/March 2025**

## **Upcoming Events**

On March 25, 2025, Airport Manager Joel Arrington will travel to Jefferson City along with other Airport Managers to participate in State Aviation Day. This day is used to meet with State legislators and promote aviation in the State of Missouri. While there, Mr. Arrington will meet with State Sen. Mike Cierpoint and State Rep. Kemp Strickler to advocate for the Airport and the need for State Funds to help construct unfunded projects such as the Taxi-Way Charlie extensions and Air Traffic Control Tower.

Joel Arrington, Thad Dearman, Assistant Airport Manager, and Mike Anderson, Deputy Director of Operations, will attend the annual Missouri Airport Manager's Association Meeting at the Lake of the Ozarks from March 26 to March 28.

## **East Side Infrastructure and Hangar 2**

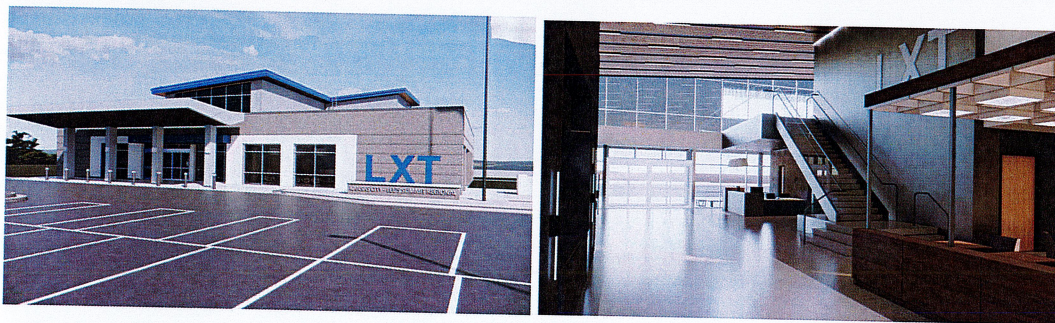
Construction on the east side infrastructure and Hangar 2 is progressing. As of March 21, the steel structure has been completed and the second-floor mezzanine has been installed.





### **East Side Terminal Development**

The staff has received the Terminal Building 100% design and plans to submit it for bids in the coming weeks. Also in the coming weeks, staff plans to update BOAC and City Council on the final design and renderings.



### **Airport and Fixed-Based Operator Re-Branding**

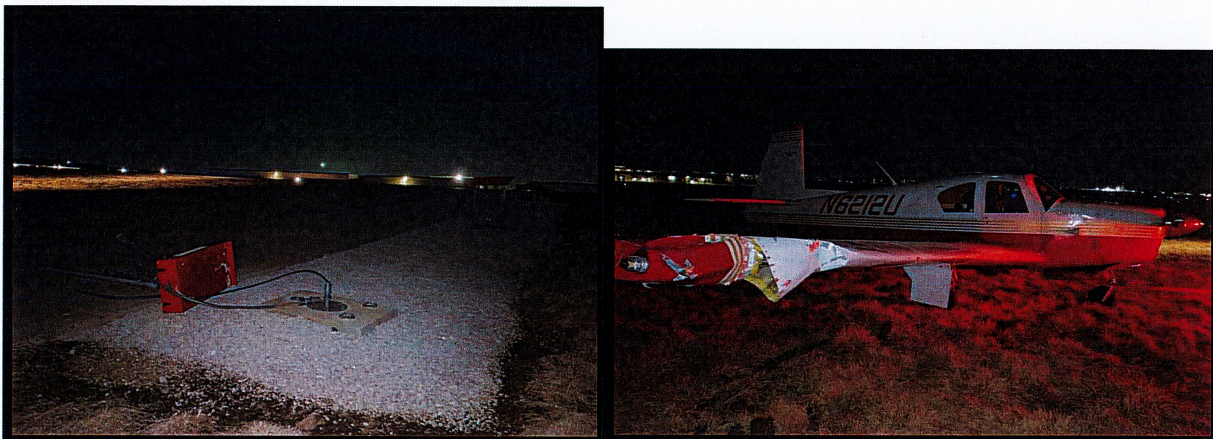
In conjunction with Creative Servies, Airport, PW staff, and Avfuel, staff has selected the Summit Aero logo and the Kansas City–Lee’s Summit Regional Airport logos below. Staff will present this to BOAC in April and then City Council.





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

During February and March, there were no noise complaints. On March 11, an aircraft lost directional control due to a faulty seat latch, and the pilot lost control of the aircraft. The aircraft departed the runway and struck a PAPI light, knocking it off its stand. Nobody was injured. The FAA will repair the broken PAPI light, and the aircraft owner will be billed for damages to the grounds and airport staff time to respond to the incident.



### **Community Outreach**

The Airport is committed to being a good neighbor. Since 2017, the airport has had a Fly Friendly Program designed to educate both pilots and residents on aircraft operations near the airport. To remain effective, the Fly Friendly Program is periodically updated based on the changing environment at the airport and feedback from the community. Recently, the Airport hosted a Lakewood resident meeting regarding noise around the Airport. Based on that meeting and other comments from residents, the airport staff felt it was time to update the Fly Friendly Program to meet the airport's growth and the residents' needs.

Staff held a combined resident and airport tenant meeting on March 20. Topics included: FBO and Airport rebranding; Fly Friendly Update, a presentation from a KCI Air Traffic Controller Supervisor; Hangar 2 and Terminal update; and provided current operating numbers for the Airport. Approximately 21 people attended the meeting, including one BOAC member and two City Council Members (Lopez and Rader).



During March Thad Dearman participated in career day events at:

- LS North High School
- Summit Christian Academy

Mr. Dearman is scheduled to attend both Blue Springs High School in April.

