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Lee's Summit Municipal Airport April 2019 Staff Report

## **Taxiway Alpha**

In early November 2018, the taxiway opened to traffic. In the next several months, the contractor will be addressing several punch list items in addition to the establishment of a good stand of vegetation. Also as part of this project there are two KCP&L transformers that will be relocated out of the object free area of the taxiway.

#### Runway 18-36 Paving Project

Commissioning of the Runway End Identifier Lights (REIL) for Runways 18/36 took place on Wednesday, March 27. There are several punch list items to be addressed by ESS prior to the final close-out of this project. These items are expected to be addressed in the coming months.

# **Airport Incidents**

An employee was injured on March 16 as the result of an incident involving the Airport's aircraft mover. The employee received a broken leg and was transported to a hospital via an ambulance.

## **Airport Inquiries & Noise Complaints**

Two complaints were received during the month of March. One from a citizen through the City's LS Connect tool that has submitted over 8 noise complaints to the City inquiring why an aircraft was circling over his neighborhood.

The second was from a citizen off the north end of the airport regarding the number of aircraft, overall operations and why military helicopters are allowed to fly in and out of the airport.

#### **Marketing Activities**

Lee's Summit Municipal Airport will be the lead feature in the Business View Magazines G.A. Series. The interview with the Airport Manager took place on April 1 and the date for publishing isn't known at this time.

#### **Public Outreach**

On Saturday, March 3, a Pinch Hitter Course was held at the Airport for spouses of pilots in several of the local flying clubs. The program is designed to help non-pilot flying companions learn how to safely land an aircraft in the unlikely event of pilot incapacitation. It includes an introduction to the principles of flight, a basic overview of instruments and radio communications, and a scenario based training guide.

On Friday, March 15, eight students from the R-7 Summit Tech program toured the airport. The students are part of an engineering student program working with Public Works Department learning hands-on applications of engineering skills. This year's project for the students involves designing an area of airport property for future aviation development. The students learn not only engineering skills but also key elements in the development on an airport.

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On Wednesday, March 20, a group of 65 students ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade toured the facilities at Hangar 1 to learn about aviation and aircraft. The group was part of the R7's Before & After School Services Program.

On Thursday, March 28, students from Summit Christian Academy toured the Airport, and one of the Aircraft Maintenance facilities to learn about aviation and careers.