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\$36,000 Goes for Preliminary Work to Extend Runway

SMITH CENTER - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that the Smith Center Municipal Airport has received a \$36,000 grant for airport improvements and upgrades. The funding comes from the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) of the Federal Aviation Administration.

"Maintaining air service in our small communities like Smith Center is important for area residents as it brings new business opportunities, helping the local economy," Moran said. "Improvements to safety and efficiency at our Kansas airports will help keep air service available to Kansans."

The airport applied for the grant funding through the AIP. The program reinvests revenues collected from the aviation industry and air travelers in capacity and safety projects at U.S. airports. The U.S. House recently passed legislation, sponsored by Moran, to increase funding to this program for smaller airports.

This grant will allow the airport to update the Airport Layout Plan and Narrative Master Plan Report. These projects are necessary as the airport works towards extending the current runway and making other improvement projects.

Moran is a member of the U.S. House Transportation Subcommittee on Aviation.

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