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#### \$38,400 Goes Towards Rehabilitation of Runway

LYONS - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that the Lyons-Rice County Municipal Airport has received a \$38,400 grant for runway improvement and rehabilitation. The funding comes from the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) of the Federal Aviation Administration.

"Maintaining air service in our small communities like Lyons 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 rehabilitate the runway by applying a seal on the taxiway and apron, as well as remarking and repainting the areas upon completion. The seal will help extend the life and improve the safety of the runway.

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