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McKinney National Airport receives \$15 million in state funding

McKINNEY, Texas (Nov. 8, 2019) – The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has approved a grant of \$15 million in state funds from its Aviation Facilities Grant Program for the McKinney National Airport. The funds will be used to extend the existing runway from its current length of 7,002 feet to 8,502 feet.

The first step of the process will be an environmental assessment, followed by design and construction. Construction will likely begin in late 2021.

“Today, business aircraft intending to operate out of McKinney must add congestion to one of the commercial service airports if their operations require additional runway length,” said Airport Director Ken Carley. “We are thrilled and extremely grateful to receive the funding for this project. It is evidence the state recognizes the contributions McKinney National Airport makes to the regional airport system and understands the importance of investing in the airport’s future. Extending the runway by 1,500 feet will benefit the entire DFW area by allowing the airport to more effectively serve its role as a reliever for the region’s commercial service airports.”



Grant funding from TxDOT requires an airport sponsor to contribute a minimum of 10 percent in matching funds. The McKinney City Council approved its matching funds to add to the project in September. TxDOT expects to provide approximately \$60 million in funding for planning, constructing, and maintaining community airports this year. About 275 community airports in Texas are eligible for this grant.

Operational activity at the airport is projected to grow throughout the 20-year planning period with increased use by business jets needing longer runway lengths to accommodate heavier loads and longer stage lengths. The current Airport Master Plan recommends accomplishing the runway extension in the next five years to allow the airport unrestricted growth.

For additional information on McKinney National Airport and McKinney Air Center, visit www.flytki.com.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of nearly 190,000 and serves as the county seat for Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown and cultural district, diverse housing options, a trendy culinary scene, and a uniquely beautiful natural setting with rolling hills and lush trees. The city is home to the top-rated McKinney National Airport and serves as the headquarters to many Fortune 500 companies and a burgeoning set of cutting-edge technology companies. McKinney offers the perfect mix for successful business development: a highly educated workforce, availability of land for expansion, convenient location to the DFW area and a nationally-acclaimed quality of life. To learn more about the City of McKinney, visit www.mckinneytexas.org.

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