

City of Independence - Strategic Planning Project Information Sheet

Project Title: Hangar Expansion

Department: Airport

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Estimated Total Cost: \$200,000 (entirely local, not eligible for FAA assistance)

Project Timeline: Calendar Years 2026-2030 – 6 months to complete

The project cannot be split into phases.

Project Description:

This project would expand the current vault building by 40' x 60' and include the addition of restrooms. The goal is to provide adequate space for potential mechanic services and accommodate larger aircraft without needing to relocate operations back to the terminal building. The expansion would better meet tenant needs, improve functionality with on-site restrooms, and support continued leasing to larger aircraft.

Project Justification / Community Benefit:

Currently, space for mechanics and larger aircraft is limited. This expansion would allow mechanics more room to maneuver aircraft and work on multiple planes simultaneously. By creating a more functional and efficient facility, the airport could attract additional aircraft for maintenance, support aviation businesses, and bring more activity to Independence.

Key Dependencies or Potential Roadblocks:

The primary challenge is securing funding, as entitlement funds cannot be used for this project. It would rely solely on local government funding sources. However, costs could be gradually recouped through rental income as an ongoing revenue source.