

City of Independence - Strategic Planning Project Information Sheet

Project Title: Rehabilitation Runway Taxiway (joint sealing, crack sealing, and patching).

Department: Airport

Contact Person: Brett Soukup – Airport Director

Estimated Total Cost:

1. **\$750,000 total**
2. **\$390,000 Local Share**
3. **\$675,000 Federal**

Project Timeline: Calendar Year 2029 – 12 Months to complete

The project could be split into two phases, one for the runway and one for the taxiway.

Project Description:

This project involves grinding out existing cracks, resealing joints, and replacing any damaged or broken concrete panels on the runway and taxiway. While the pavement is currently in relatively good condition, the goal is to proactively address surface issues before they worsen, thereby preventing more costly reconstruction in the future.

Project Justification / Community Benefit:

Timely rehabilitation of the runway and taxiway helps extend their useful life and avoids the need for full reconstruction down the line. This proactive maintenance approach is more cost-effective and reduces the long-term burden on taxpayers. It also ensures that the airport remains safe, functional, and reliable for both residents and businesses that rely on air transportation services, aligning with the City's goals for infrastructure sustainability and economic development.

Key Dependencies or Potential Roadblocks:

- **Funding:** Success of the project depends on securing federal, state, and local funding.
- **Phasing Impacts:** If the project is split into two phases, costs could increase due to additional mobilization efforts. Some contractors may be unwilling to commit to partial work without economies of scale.
- **Coordination Needs:** Coordination with the FAA and state aviation agencies will be required.
- **Grant Availability:** Timely access to grant funding is critical to cover the majority of project expenses.