



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

FROM: Brett Soukup – Airport Director

DATE OF MEETING: October 9, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Strategic Planning – Airport CIP Project Prioritization – 2026 thru 2036

DISCUSSION:

Strategic planning is a critical process that establishes a long-term vision for the City and its departments, ensuring that development and investment decisions are part of a coordinated, forward-looking strategy. An updated plan is vital for informed decision-making, enabling the City of Independence to position itself more competitively for future state and federal funding. The following projects represent the airport's proposed capital improvements, which need to be prioritized to guide Staff as we work to prepare the upcoming 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Proposed Airport CIP Projects

The Airport Board, in conjunction with Director Brett Soukup, has proposed the following projects for the Strategic Planning discussion:

- Airport Master Plan
- Rehabilitation Runway Taxiway (joint sealing, crack sealing, and patching)
- Hangar Expansion
- Construct Large Hangar (100' x 100')

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.