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Temple Airport Receives Matching Grant to Construct New West Side Entrance

(TEMPLE, TX – December 6, 2012) Tonight, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Temple City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a TxDOT Aviation Division Routine Airport Maintenance Grant in the amount of $100,000. This grant will assist with improvements to the new west side entrance at the Draughon-Miller Central Texas Regional Airport. These improvements will include new signage, lighting, road improvements and landscaping at the new west entrance.

In October of 2011, City Council awarded a bid for development of the new corporate hanger area at the airport. "This project was initiated based on customer demand for development of private corporate airplane hangars," states Airport Director Sharon Rostovich. "This facilitates the City's economic development initiatives in such a way that it allows immediate and future development opportunities for other new businesses on the Airport grounds."

The project scope included taxiway and apron construction, roadway improvements, security fencing, drainage improvements and utility relocation and upgrade. After completion of the project, the footprint of the airport was changed significantly. This will require a new second entrance to accommodate the businesses located on the west side of the airport.

The corporate area hanger project was completed in the summer of 2012. Total project savings allow for the City to leverage those savings as the match for this awarded grant. The City will contribute $50,000 toward the $100,000 project. Work is expected to begin in February and be completed by the summer of 2013.

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