

\$1.4 million secured for Atchison's Amelia Earhart Airport (KAIR)--More than \$1.4 million in grant monies are secured for Atchison's Amelia Earhart Memorial Airport.

The funds come through two Federal Aviation Administration grants secured by Kansas Republican leaders, Senators Jerry Moran and Roger Marshall, and Congressman Jake LaTurner.

According to a release, the grant funds will be used to complete phases 2 and 3 of construction on runway 16/34 at the airport, shifting the runway south 1,200 feet to meet FAA airfield design standards. According to the release, the project will include design of the runway and acquisition of additional land.

Moran, in the release, says the role local airports play is “vital” in “providing economic opportunities for [Kansas] and critical resources for the surrounding community,” adding that the funds serve as an “investment for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Airport” to make sure “the airport can continue to provide safe and efficient travel for Kansans and visitors to Atchison County.”

Marshall, in the release, says “updating and modernizing our regional airports helps Kansas keep up with the needs of its growing economy,” while LaTurner said the airport “is vital to growing Atchison’s local economy.”

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