

Lee's Summit Airport

Runway Closures FAQs

The closure of runway 18/36 will begin on approximately Monday, April 3, weather permitting, and is expected to last until approximately September 2017. Additionally, the intersection of both runways 18/36 and 11/29 is tentatively scheduled to close beginning Wednesday, April 12, weather permitting, and will be closed for approximately 21 days. During the closure of both runways, construction will take place seven days a week, weather permitting. After those 21 days, runway 11/29 will re-open while runway 18/36 will remain closed until construction is completed. City staff and the consultant CMT worked diligently during the design process to phase the projects to reduce impact to users and tenants.

While the short-term runway closures will be an inconvenience to all, the long-term benefits of the Airport improvements will result in LXT being a first-class general aviation airport of which the aviation community can be proud.

We anticipate there may be questions from Airport users and tenants about the closure, and what considerations have been given for them to access their airplanes and hangars.

How long has this project been planned?

Ultimately, this project has been planned for more than twenty years. The extension of runway 18/36 is included in both the Airport Master Plan and the Airport Business Plan. During the development phase of both plans, public participation was solicited prior to City Council approval.

Has this project been communicated to Airport users and tenants?

Yes, the project has been discussed for many years. Most recently, all tenants were invited to informational meetings in October 2016, and March 2017, to discuss Airport construction. In addition, one additional meeting will be scheduled sometime in summer 2017. Email communication will be sent regarding the meeting and other important construction information and updates.

Will I still have access to my airplane and/or hangar during the runway closures?

Yes, you will still have access to your airplane and/or hangar; however, during the 21-day runway 18/36 and 11/29 closures, no take-offs or landings are possible. As a reminder, runway 18/36 will remain closed until approximately September 2017 and no take-offs or landings are possible.

Why can't runway 11/29 be used during the 21-day intersection runway closure?

Intersection work for runways 18/36 and 11/29 will take place which will prohibit safe, usable runway for take-offs and landings. Further, due to the intersection work other improvements to runway 11/29 will take place, such as joint work and re-striping.

Can the taxiways be used for take-offs and landings during the closures?

No, taxiways cannot be used for take-offs and landings during the runway closures because construction vehicles will be using taxiways Alpha and Charlie.

Will the entire Airport be closed during the closures?

No, the Airport will be open and will be staffed during normal business hours from 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. seven days per week. Building and ground maintenance will continue during this time. The terminal building will remain open 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

How can I access runway 11/29 while runway 18/36 is closed?

Access for runway 11/29 will be via taxiway Bravo from the terminal ramp.

Will I get a refund/waiver for hangar rent and/or ground leases during the 21-day closure?

We researched the practices of several other Airports during similar short-term runway closures, and there were no refunds/waivers provided. The Lee's Summit Airport will not be offering any refunds/waivers during the closure.

Are there any nearby airports available for use during the Lee's Summit Airport's runway closures?

Lee's Summit Airport staff researched available options for temporary relocation. The Kansas City Downtown Airport (MKC) is the only Airport that will have adequate ramp space to accommodate tenants wishing to relocate during the 21-day closure. Ramp space at MKC is controlled by two FBO's and the City of Kansas City. East Kansas City (3GV), Midwest National Air Center (GPH) and Harrisonville (LRY) have limited space.

Will there be future communications about the project's progress?

Yes, information will be sent to Airport users and tenants via email, informational boards at the terminal building, and NOTAMs. Another tenant meeting will be scheduled for mid-summer 2017. Airport users and tenants can expect an invitation to a ribbon-cutting for Airport runway improvements in fall 2017.

Will the T-hangars be removed as part of this project?

No, hangar removal is not part of this project. Hangar removal is part of the taxiway Alpha reconstruction, which is currently only in the design stage. Pending state and federal grants, that project is anticipated to begin in spring 2018. More information will be shared at future tenant information meetings.

If you have further questions, contact John or Joel at 969-1186.