



Home > News : Story

\$5.5 million project at Keokuk airport

by Jim Whitfield

Posted: 02.28.2012 at 4:56 PM

Updated: 02.28.2012 at 5:00 PM

save send print



Jim Whitfield

Jim Whitfield is a News Reporter for KHQA.

read more >

Become a Fan

Follow Us

Subscribe

Jim's feed

SUBSCRIBE

0 comment 0 Tweet 0 Share +1 Recommend Confirm 1 0



Photo: 1 of 2

More slideshows >

Read more: Local, State, Business, Keokuk, Iowa, Airport, Runway, Repaving, New, Lighting, \$5.5 Million, City, Matching Funds, Tom Marion Mayor, Greg Gobble, Airport Manager

KEOKUK, IOWA -- Although there isn't any commercial traffic in and out of the Keokuk airport, there's plenty of private planes that use it every day. So that's why a project to repave the main runway and upgrade lighting is so important.

Greg Gobble is the airport manager and he said the rating of the current runway is at a level where a total reconstruction isn't required.

"It's like any kind of construction project like this. The deterioration is going to continue and construction costs of course are predicted to increase over the future as would anything. So currently we rate very highly on our project scoring highly with the FAA as a needed project," Gobble said.

At first the city expected to fund 5% of the project. But recent changes at the federal level now has Keokuk looking at having to fund 10% of the project. So instead of having to come up with about \$260,000, Keokuk is going to have to come up with \$533,000. So the mayor and council have to figure out where the extra money is going to come from.

"There's a consensus of the council that we go ahead and do this. We're looking at possibly doing a line of credit with banks. Where we can get a line of credit for a million dollars and if we use \$26,000 of it, we're paying just the interest on that

Most Popular

Most Read

Most Commented

Palmyra man fined for cobra, gators

Palmyra High School teacher under investigation

A March court date for men accused of shooting big buck

Keokuk family safe after early morning fire

Fire engulfs rural Marion Co. home

ADVERTISEMENT

Expert Connect

Find it, click it, use it... your neighborhood business guide.

Auto	Dining & Entertainment
Financial Services	Health & Beauty
Home & Garden	Legal
Recreation & Travel	Retail
Senior Living	

Special Features

Beauty & Wellness: Beauty and wellness info from our experts. View Details

Bid to Buy: Online auctions from KHQA and ConnectTriStates.com. View Details

Expert Connect Legal: Legal info from our experts. View Details

Double Dollar Deals: featured Double Dollar Deal. View Details

ADVERTISEMENT

small amount rather than the full million," Keokuk Mayor Tom Marion said.

The last major construction project at the airport was back in the late 1980's. This current project should last the airport at least 20 years and let the facility accommodate larger planes. Gobble said the airport is something that the city can't afford to lose, as many look at it as being another tool in the economic development toolbox hoping to attract more business.

★ save | ✉ send | 🖨 print | [f](#) | [t](#) | [in](#) | [+](#) | [+](#) more

Comments are the sole responsibility of the person posting them; they are not reflective of the views or opinions of Barrington Broadcasting, KHQA, its directors or employees. If you believe a comment violates the [Barrington Terms of Use](#), please flag it below.

[Sign Up for Facebook](#)

[Facebook Comments FAQ](#)

Posting as Rick Murray (Change)

Post to Facebook

Facebook social plugin

Latest Headlines

Local & State

National & World

[Junior High teacher named new QND principal](#)

[Fire engulfs rural Marion Co. home](#)

[Tornados blamed for deaths in Southwest Missouri, Southern Illinois](#)

[Palmyra High School teacher under investigation](#)

[Palmyra man fined for cobra, gators](#)

[More stories »](#)

Video Headlines

[Judge releases records on alleged school shooter](#)

[Davy Jones, Monkee's heartthrob, dead at 66](#)

[Raw Video: Deadly Weather in Tennessee](#)

[Judge Blocks Graphic Images on Cigarette Packs](#)

[Former Scientology Exec Speaks Out](#)

[Costa Exec Praises Captain, Crew](#)

[More videos »](#)

About Us

- [Our Team](#)
- [Contact Us](#)
- [Jobs at KHQA](#)
- [Advertise With Us](#)
- [Program](#)
- [Schedule](#)
- [Email Newsletters](#)
- [RSS Feeds](#)

News

- [AP Video](#)
- [Pothole Patrol](#)
- [Ask the Doctor](#)
- [Legacy Living](#)
- [Live Well](#)
- [AirFoil in Action](#)
- [Working Cash Bonds](#)
- [Forum](#)

Sports

- [Duerrisms](#)
- [OVERTIME](#)
- [Student Athlete of the Week](#)
- [Sensational 7](#)
- [KRES 104.7](#)
- [Basketball](#)
- [Hoops Madness](#)
- [Tournament](#)

Weather

- [Stories](#)
- [Radar](#)
- [Agriculture](#)
- [uConnect](#)
- [Wright Furniture Sleep Center Weathercam](#)
- [School Closings](#)
- [Storm Spotters Classes and Weather Radios](#)

Neighborhood

- [Birthdays](#)
- [Event Calendar](#)
- [uConnect](#)
- [See Quincy](#)
- [KHQA on Facebook](#)
- [YWCA Cake-A-Palooza](#)
- [Contests](#)
- [Win Your Wedding](#)
- [Takeoff and Travel](#)

Expert Connect

- [Auto](#)
- [Beauty](#)
- [Entertainment](#)
- [Financial](#)
- [Home](#)
- [Legal](#)
- [Seniors](#)
- [Travel](#)
- [Retail](#)
- [KHQA Deals](#)