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### **Williams Gateway Completes Another Phase of Sossaman Road**

MESA, Ariz.- The third phase of the main Airport road is now complete. Phase III of Sossaman Road, which is approximately three-quarters of a mile long, completes the Williams Gateway two-mile roadway project and has brought new utility services to the Airport, including electricity, telephone service, water and sewer lines.

The initial phase of Sossaman Road began in April 1998 and replaced the entrance road that originally directed Airport employees, tenants and visitors through the Arizona State University East Campus, which is adjacent to the Airport.

Funding for the Sossaman Road project came from State Appropriations and Economic Development Administration grants. The City of Mesa also contributed to the project.

Total cost for the two-mile stretch of roadway is \$8.5 million.

"Transportation is a key component in job development at the Airport," Mesa Mayor Keno Hawker said. "Sossaman Road has literally paved the way for new businesses to open at Williams Gateway."

Sossaman Road, a four-lane roadway with a divided median, is critical to the development of the Airport. As a result of the construction of Sossaman Road project, the Airport is home to more than 35 companies, five new hangar-office buildings, a passenger terminal and a seven-acre cargo apron. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring on three hangar facilities and a cargo warehouse.

The Airport is owned and operated by the Williams Gateway Airport Authority that includes the Gila River Indian Community, Gilbert, Mesa and Queen Creek. For more information, contact Marie Frank at (480) 988-7606. General Airport information can be found on the Williams Gateway Airport Web Site - [www.flywga.org](http://www.flywga.org)