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Williams Gateway Airport Receives FAA and ADOT Grants

MESA, ARIZ. --- Williams Gateway Airport was awarded a Federal Aviation Administration grant for \$2.43 million and a separate Arizona Department of Transportation grant for \$292,500 to fund multiple Airport projects.

The FAA grant is allocated for the reconstruction of a taxiway intersection, the design of runway safety shoulders and additional funds for construction of a general aviation taxiway. The grant requires a percentage of matching funds from the Arizona Department of Transportation ADOT and the Airport Authority, producing a funding total of \$2.56 million.

“The reconstruction of the taxiway intersection is critical to large aircraft that need access to the northwest-bound center and east runways,” said Director of Operations and Maintenance Walter Fix. “Currently, large commercial aircraft have a very difficult time navigating the tight turn.”

The \$292,500 Arizona Department of Transportation grant is earmarked for additional ramp security lighting and environmental work related to easements the Airport needs to acquire for future runway safety areas. The Airport Authority is required to match 10 percent of the grant, bringing the total project funding to approximately \$325,000.

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“Increased ramp lighting will improve Airport security and overall safety for staff and pilots using the Airport at night,” said Deputy Director Casey Denny. “The grant also will enable the Airport to begin research of any required environmental issues related to establishing an easement on property located close to the ends of the eastern runway.”

The Airport is owned and operated by the Williams Gateway Airport Authority, which includes Mesa, the Gila River Indian Community, Gilbert and Queen Creek. For more information, visit www.flywga.org.