

CITY OF AURORA
COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
(AVIATION SERVICES)

The Jerry Sumners Sr. Aurora Municipal Airport is located in the southeastern part of the city and serves business and general aviation needs for the community and surrounding area.

The airport runway is of a north-south orientation, is 3002 feet in length and 60 feet wide. The runway was reconstructed in the fourth quarter 2001, with seal coating and new markings in second quarter 2008, along with new pilot controlled medium intensity lighting and run up areas. The runway length and width currently meet B-I requirements but is commonly used by aircraft that fit the B-II category which need more length to operate safely. The fuel facility was updated with a high flow pump in 2003 to service larger aircraft.

The airport currently bases 36 aircraft, has over 10,000 operations annually and is served by two instrument approaches for low visibility (bad weather) arrivals and departures.

Services are provided by a full time, Fixed Base Operator (FBO) and include aircraft maintenance, aviation fuel sales, flight training, aircraft rental, hangar rental, courtesy transportation, pilot supplies, WiFi, conference/planning room, passenger terminal with restrooms and a Lasergrade testing facility.

The airport board looks toward land acquisition as its most immediate need to accommodate an increasing number of based aircraft with additional hangar construction, automated weather service and improved runway facilities. At the same time this added land will help to alleviate some of the airspace and building set back needs, as required by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The City's current master plan and airport layout plan, completed for the city by an engineering consulting firm, and approved by Missouri Department of Transportation in 2005 addresses planning concerns for the next 15 to 20 years. The majority of funding for all construction or upgrades on the plan will be via federal and state entitlements and grants having only a 5% or 10% city funds match.

By increasing the number of based planes at the airport, the city will see an increased revenue stream from hangar rents, fuel flow fees, personal property taxes and more grant monies readily available because of based plane numbers and increased activity.