

Notice of Opportunity for a Public Hearing and Notice of Availability for Public Comment for Proposed Improvements at Colonel James Jabara Airport; Wichita, Kansas

The City of Wichita, Kansas, intends to undertake the following proposed actions at Colonel James Jabara Airport:

- On the Airport Layout Plan (ALP), change a 95-acre portion of airport property from aeronautical to non-aeronautical land use.
- Construct three buildings ranging from 470,660 square feet to 509,580 square feet each for commercial, manufacturing, and/or warehouse use.
- Construct associated site improvements such as parking lots, ancillary roads, and utilities.

We are providing an opportunity for a public hearing. A public hearing will only be held if someone requests one. In the event a request for a public hearing is made by the specified date, a Notice of Public Hearing will be published in this same newspaper. If a hearing is held, we will address the proposed actions potential economic, social, and environmental impacts. In addition, we will address the project's consistency with the goals and objectives of the affected area's land use or planning strategy.

Those wishing to request a public hearing on the project must make their request by email or letter no later than July 31, 2025, to the address below.

Potentially affected environmental resources include: air quality, biological resources (including fish, wildlife, and plants), climate, hazardous materials and solid waste, land use, natural resources and energy supply, pollution prevention, farmlands, historical, architectural, archaeological and cultural resources, noise and compatible land use, socioeconomics and children's environmental health and safety risks, visual effects, water resources (wetlands and surface waters), cumulative impacts. The following measures will be used: Pollution Prevention – Obtain NPDES General Stormwater Permit and ensure all best management practices are followed. Historical, Archaeological and Cultural Resources – If historic resources are uncovered during obstruction removal activities immediately stop all activity and contact the State Historic Preservation office and Federal Aviation Administration; Visual Effects – Landscaping to be designed in accordance with Title 28-Zoning: Chapter 28.06 of the *Wichita City Code*; Water Resources – Stormwater detention design and review in accordance with the *Wichita/Sedgwick County Stormwater Manual*.

The draft environmental assessment (EA) describing the impacts of the proposed action will be available for public review until August 15, 2025. The draft EA may be viewed at *the Wichita Airport Authority Administration Building, 2173 Air Cargo Rd., Wichita, KS 67209*. The draft EA may also be viewed online in the [newsroom](#) article. Those wishing to provide comments must do so by email or letter to the address below no later than August 15, 2025.

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