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MKC TENTATIVE RUNWAY CLOSURES FOR RELEASE JUNE 14, 2016

With construction of Runway 1/19 completed in 2005/2006, it is necessary at this time to perform periodic maintenance in order to preserve and extend the life of the pavement. The Aviation Department therefore plans to replace the pavement joint sealant, repair some spalling and cracks that have appeared in the runway, remove excess paint build up and repaint runway markings to new FAA standards this summer. This work is has been tentatively scheduled to begin on **Monday, July 11, 2016**.

Coincidental with the above work, the Aviation Department plans to continue the work begun last summer on the 48 relief wells strategically located along the perimeter of the levee that provides flood protection to the airport. This will involve drilling and sinking 5 new relief wells, cleaning and retesting 11 existing wells, and conducting 7 pilot borings for future relief well construction. As a number of these wells are located in a Runway Protection Zone and will require a drill rig extending up to sixty feet above ground level, the FAA will require that the runway be closed while this work is in progress.

We are combining both of these projects to the extent possible to avoid the necessity of separate and prolonged runway closures. With a few exceptions, all work requiring the closure of Runway 1/19 will be scheduled overnight from **2200 hours to 0600 hours** daily, 7 days a week, to minimize the impact to airport operations. The exceptions are:

- Work in the intersection of Runway 1/19 with Runway 3/21 will require the closure of both runways over three weekends from 2200 hours to 0600 hours daily on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This will effectively close the airport to fixed wing operations during the three specified weekend nights.
- Once the joint seal work is completed, the continuous closure of Runway 1/19 will be required over two weekends from 2200 hours Friday to 0600 hours Monday to remove and repaint runway markings.

When the relief well work requires the closure of Runway 3/21, the runway will be closed during the daytime so it will remain open and available for use overnight during the Runway 1/19 closures. The exception will be during the joint seal work on Runway 1/19 in the intersection of the runways requiring the closure of both runways overnight.

Runway 1/19 night and weekend closures will be conducted in 5 phases. We will be providing more detailed information in advance of each successive phase as to the associated taxiway closures for that phase and the estimated duration.

As soon as the contractors involved in the joint seal and relief well work are mobilized, we will be able to provide more information as to the schedule. There may be some latitude in determining on which three weekends both runways will need to be closed overnight, or the two weekends when Runway 1/19 will need to be continuously closed, but we are unable at this time to propose possible dates for these weekend closures. For this reason, we will be working closely with our FBOs, the KCBAA, and concerned tenants as to obtaining the input of our valued airport users.

The overall duration of these projects is estimated at sixty days with a target completion date of mid-September.

The Aviation Department understands that these runway closures may pose operational challenges to our users and sincerely regrets the necessity of these actions. It is solely for this reason we are contracting at premium rates for overnight and weekend work. As soon as we have additional information to share, we will be providing updates as we have done previously.

Please contact my office at 859-7610 or at michael.roper@kcmo.org with any suggestions or concerns as to the above. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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