

# THE Messenger

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## **More improvements are coming**

### **Fort Dodge Regional Airport must remain state-of-the-art**

Fort Dodge is fortunate to have a state-of-the art airport featuring direct commercial passenger flights to major airline hubs. Our airport also has first-rate facilities to serve the varied needs of private and corporate aviation.

The inescapable truth is that even those Fort Dodgers who never personally board a plane here have an enormous stake in the success of the Fort Dodge Regional Airport. The economic prospects of our town and the prosperity of neighboring communities are enhanced by the presence of commercial air service and a well-run, up-to-date airport.

Consequently, it's very good news that on Aug. 14 the Iowa Department of Transportation approved two grants that will enable additional maintenance and improvements at the airport. Meanwhile, an important construction project at the airport is nearing completion. The air carrier apron is being replaced.

The Messenger applauds these enhancements to the airport. Keeping it topnotch is a crucial part of the strategy for keeping the regional economy booming.

Relatively few communities the size of Fort Dodge can boast of airport facilities that equal those at the Fort Dodge Regional Airport or as much commercial air service. Companies seeking to expand or relocate consider the quality of the airport and air service a community possesses to be important decision factors in choosing where to invest. Our airport gives Fort Dodge a major advantage in the competition for future corporate investment dollars.

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