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TO: South Dakota Aeronautics Commission
FROM: Jack Dokken, Office of Aeronautics
DATE: May 21, 2026
SUBJECT: Watertown Regional Airport Fuel Tax Funding Request

Watertown Regional Airport is requesting the use of \$24,930.65 of their fuel tax funds for pavement maintenance in their hangar area. The current balance in their fuel tax account is \$92,136.39.

The Department of Transportation recommends approval of the fuel tax fund request in the amount of \$24,930.65.



TO: Jon Becker

South Dakota Department of Transportation
Becker-Hansen Building
700 E. Broadway Ave.
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Good afternoon,

As part of our annual maintenance program, we conduct routine inspections of all airport-owned facilities. During this year's inspection of the second-generation T-hangars, we observed increased pavement heaving compared to prior winters, resulting in cracking and uneven joints.

While we have addressed similar issues in the past with localized patching, the pavement has reached a condition where full slab replacement is warranted. This need is consistent with findings from our 2024 PCI study (Item 945), which assigned a PCI rating of 5 to the area adjacent to the T-hangars. Given the severity of deterioration, continued spot repairs would be a temporary solution and would not adequately address safety concerns.

To resolve the issue properly, we have obtained a quote to replace the entire slab surrounding the third-generation T-hangars. The total cost for this work is \$24,930.65. Due to current budget constraints, I am requesting that this expense be covered through our fuel tax revenue balance.

Although the GA apron is currently scheduled for rehabilitation in FY2030, the condition of this specific area necessitates more immediate action. Delaying repairs for several more fiscal years would pose ongoing safety and operational concerns.

For your review, I have attached the contractor quote and the relevant PCI study.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Maintaining safe, efficient, and accessible infrastructure remains a top priority. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,

Ian Meriwether-Chalfant

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Airport Manager, Watertown Regional Airport

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Project: Watertown Airport Hangar Apron Replacement

Scope of Work

Includes:

- *Removal of Existing Concrete Apron*
- *Haul Demo'd Rubble Off-Site*
- *Form & Pour New Apron*
- *Cut Control Joints*
- *Concrete to Have Medium Broom Finish*

Demo & Prep

	Quantity	Total Cost
Demo and Removal	1,959.6 sq ft	--
Haul & Removal Fee	1 ea	--
Gravel	50 ton	--
		\$7,849.41

Concrete

	Quantity	Total Cost
Reinforced Concrete - 5"	1,959.6 sq ft	--
Equipment & Mobilization	1 ea	--
		\$17,081.24

Notes

- * ***Exclude all work, materials, and services not specifically noted in the scope of work listed above.***
- * ***All scope and pricing is based on final grading by others being within ±1".***
- * ***ERC is not responsible for concrete surface imperfections caused by aggregates or the use of deicing chemicals.***

- * Owner is responsible for maintaining and protecting finished concrete from damage, staining, or cracking.**
 - * ERC is not liable for concrete damage caused by other trades or equipment.**
 - * ERC is not responsible for any subgrade compaction or soil failure caused by others.**
 - * ERC reserves the right to rescind the quote if the project does not align with current manpower.**
- * Quote valid for 60 days from date of proposal.**

Summary

Subtotal \$24,930.65

\$24,930.65

Accepted By

Date

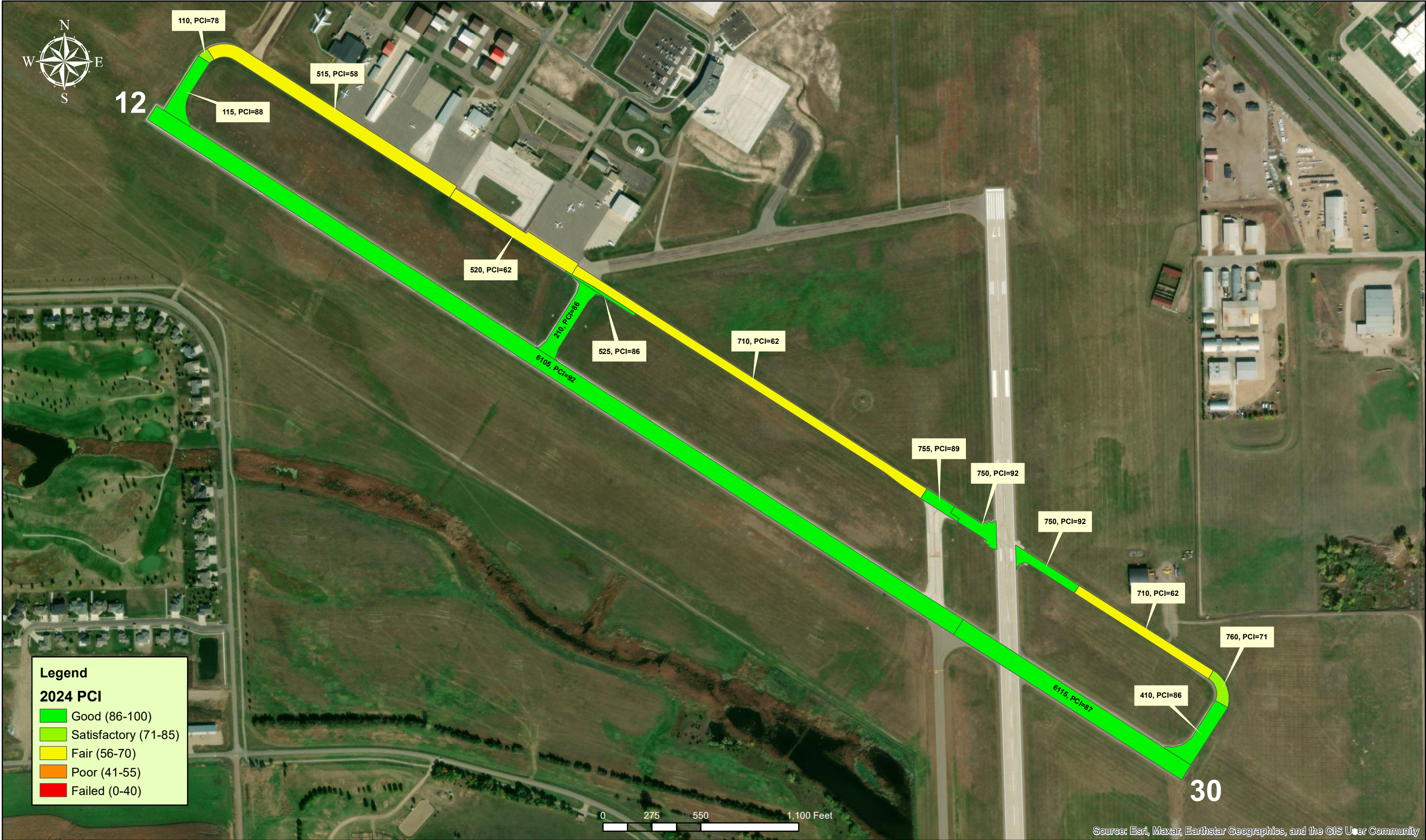
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Watertown Regional Airport (ATY)

2024 Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Study

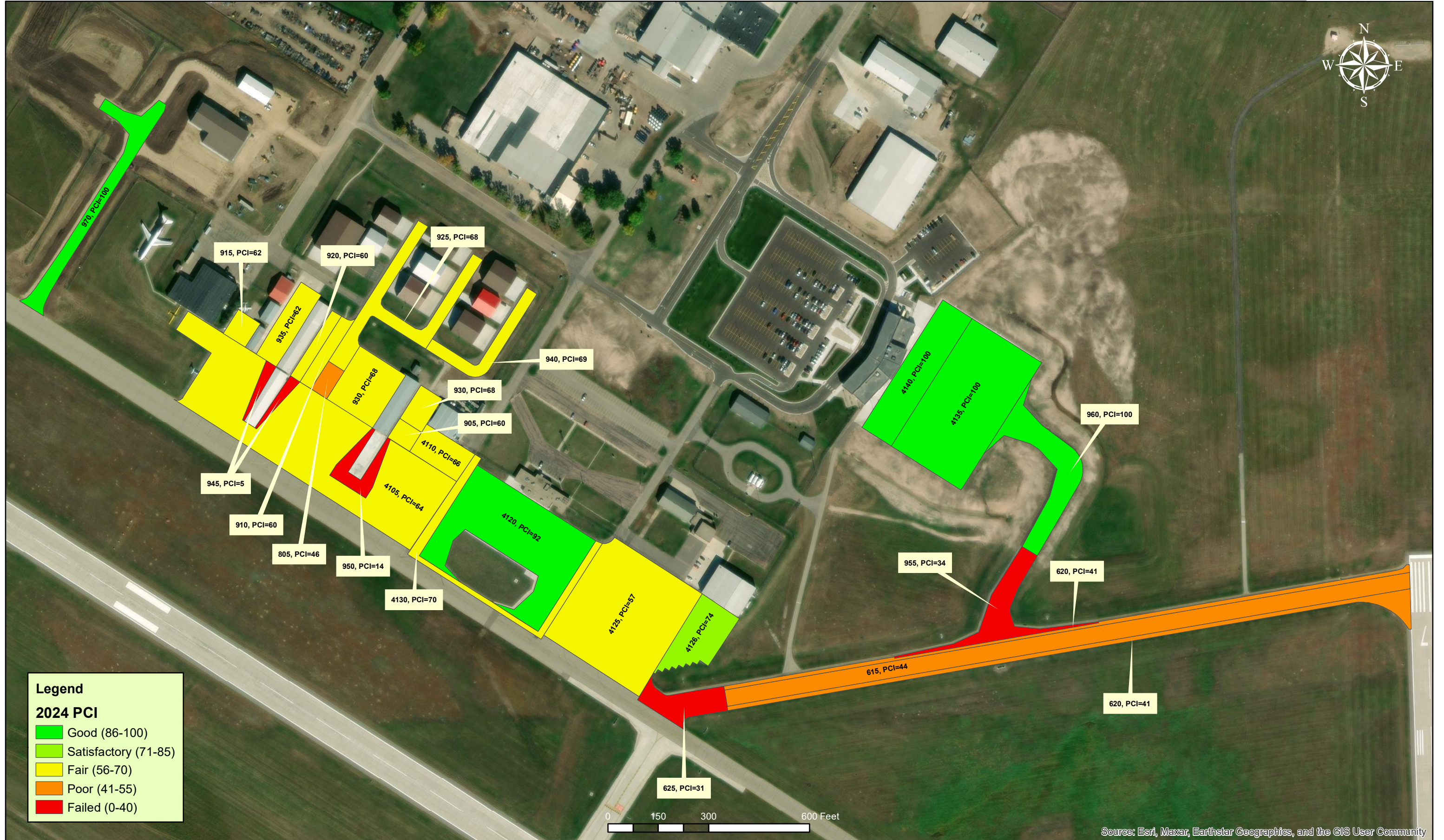




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