Attachment #4

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TO: South Dakota Aeronautics Commission

FROM: Jack Dokken, Office of Aeronautics

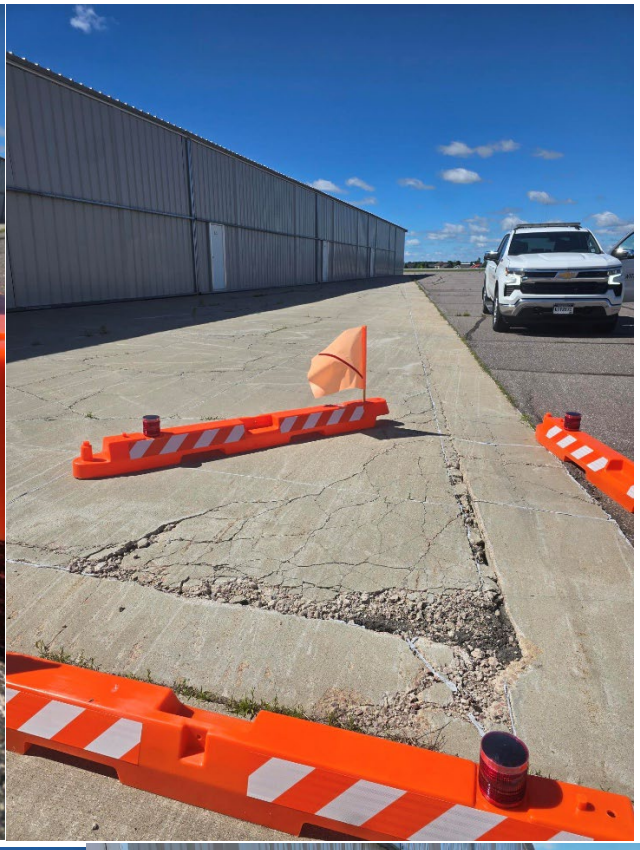
DATE: October 15, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration of Watertown pavement maintenance fuel tax request

The Watertown airport has identified localized pavement deterioration around their T-hangar apron area. This area has also been identified on the 2024 PCI study but cannot be funded using AIP for several more years. Because of the severity, the airport will need to repair this area immediately and is requesting to use fuel tax funds. Three quotes were received to perform the work with the winning quote being $34,898.03. Watertown's current fuel tax balance is $71,338.43. The city requests $34,898.03.

Photos of the pavement are attached below:









CITY OF
WATERTOWN
PUBLIC WORKS - AIRPORT

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 west of the third-generation T-hangars. The total cost for this work is $34,898.03. 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.

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