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Your City at Work for You

SPRINGFIELD, OH — (June 21, 2016) – The Springfield Beckley Municipal Airport will be undergoing major pavement repairs starting June 20th. Taxiways Bravo (B) and Foxtrot (F) will be affected by this construction. “These taxiways were built in the early 1990’s, but have developed serious cracks that need to be addressed,” said Airport Manager, Don Smith. The project will aim to rehabilitate more than 150,000 square feet of pavement. The City of Springfield has successfully leveraged State funding from Ohio’s Department of Transportation’s Airport Grant Program. The provisions of this program provide reimbursement for ninety-five percent (95%) of the total construction cost, or \$491,890.00 for the two projects. The Shelley Construction Company of Sidney, Ohio will oversee the construction.

The City of Springfield owns and operates the Springfield-Beckley Airport complex. Conveniently located 4 miles south of I-70, Springfield-Beckley represents an unparalleled blend of an airport, industrial park and joint military base, comprising approximately 1,800 acres. Nestled between Dayton and Columbus, the airport is just a 20-minute drive from Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Springfield receives recognition as Promise Zone Finalist

In other news, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has named Springfield a Promise Zone finalist. This doesn’t name the city as a Promise Zone, but being named a finalist reflects on the strength and determination of those in Springfield working to better the community. “Congratulations on the fine work and collaboration that has resulted in your community being named a Finalist. On behalf of all of the participating [Federal] agencies, we look forward to working with you and your community,” said a spokesperson from HUD.

Over the coming days, the application team will coordinate with HUD to schedule a debrief on the application and will continue to share information as it becomes available.

Traffic Signal Battery Back-Up Systems

The summer has begun with favorable weather to enjoy the many outdoor activities available in the City of Springfield. As we have all seen in Ohio, this can quickly change and our fun can be dampened by inclement weather. The heavy rain and lightning associated with thunderstorms can prompt our City Service Department employees to respond to various issues, including clogged street drains, downed trees and traffic signal malfunctions.

Over the past six years the city has worked with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to secure federal funding for the installation of battery back-up systems at our 25 busiest intersections. These systems help better utilize resources and maintain a safe environment for the motoring public by allowing traffic signals



to function normally for up to 12 hours in the event of a power outage. With this back-up measure in place, city crews are able to focus their efforts on other issues that may arise during a storm.