



April 21, 2022

Congressman Sam Graves  
Missouri 6<sup>th</sup> District  
St. Joseph District Office  
411 Jules, Suite #111  
St. Joseph, MO 64501

Dear Congressman Graves:

On behalf of the St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization (MPO), I am writing in support of the City of St. Joseph's request to fund a T-HUD Appropriations Community Project. This funding would be used for construction of a new air traffic control tower, terminal, snow removal equipment building and electrical vault.

The City of St. Joseph owns the existing air traffic control tower facility and participates in the federal contract tower program. The existing tower was constructed in 1952, is approximately 70 years old and has been exposed to numerous flood events. The airport's Existing Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) needs extensive renovation on its major building systems and the exterior of the building. The current cab height does not meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) required line of sight criteria to the airfield. Due to the cab equipment and exterior needing upgrades and repairs, leaking occurs in the tower cab and in other areas of the building. The existing tower does not meet any Americans with Disabilities Act requirements (ADA), environmental, energy efficiency or utility standards and does not provide adequate security. The tower is also used for a restaurant and airport administration offices. Given the extensive renovations needed, it is more feasible to construct a new ATCT and support facilities. Reconstructing St. Joseph's ATCT is crucial to improving airfield safety and continuity in airport operations to bring the tower up to airfield, environmental, ADA and utility standards. The tower includes the reconstruction of the terminal, Snow Removal & Equipment Building and electrical vault. The airport is home to the Missouri Air National Guard, corporate tenants, and aviation businesses. These improvements will benefit all operations and services the airport provides.

This project is actively being pursued by the City of Saint Joseph, the St. Joseph MPO and other organizations through the Rosecrans Memorial Airport. The State of Missouri has already provided 2.5

million dollars for the design and utility relocation of this project. This ATCT would be an incredible investment for residents and the Missouri Air National Guard of the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

Please accept this letter of support for the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chance Gallagher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Chance Gallagher

Transportation Planning Manager, St. Joseph Metropolitan Planning Organization



# ST. JOSEPH

## Chamber of Commerce

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April 22, 2022

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Natalie Redmond  
President/CEO

