



MISSOURI AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS 139TH AIRLIFT WING
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Colonel John A. Cluck
Commander
139th Airlift Wing
705 Memorial Drive
Saint Joseph MO 64503

The Honorable Sam Graves
United States Congressman
411 Jules Street
Room 111
St. Joseph, MO 64501

Dear Congressman Graves,

On behalf of the 139th Airlift Wing, I am writing to support the City of St. Joseph's earmark request to renovate the Air Traffic Control Tower. This renovation project will greatly improve the safety and security of the facility and will have a lasting impact on our mission as well as on the members who are currently working out of the City tower.

The Air National Guard controllers operate out of the air traffic control tower, but our mission in the facility is challenging due to the age and condition of the building. Constructed in 1952, the tower needs new windows, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, roof, and tower CAB. The controllers operating in the tower provide for the safety of the air traffic in support of the Air National Guard training mission, as well as training air traffic staff itself. In addition to supporting the mission of the Air National Guard, the tower also supports the local air safety needs.

The Air National Guard is currently in the process of leasing the space that is utilized by the Air Traffic Control staff of the 139th Airlift Wing. This earmark will vastly improve the facility prior to being leased by the federal government, which in-turn will greatly cut down on the number of potential maintenance items and the need for the Air National Guard to renovate the facility for many years in the future.

The 139th Airlift Wing stands behind this investment and would appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. CLUCK, Colonel, MOANG
Commander



Buchanan County Commission

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Western District

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Presiding Commissioner

Scott Burnham
Commissioner
Eastern District

United States Congressman
Sam Graves
1135 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

March 26, 2021

Dear Congressman Graves:

On behalf of Buchanan County, we are writing in support of the City of St. Joseph's earmark request to continue investing in safety and security for the Rosecrans Memorial Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Renovation.

Rosecrans is one of Missouri's largest general aviation airports and is home to the 139th Airlift Wing. The Air National Guard operates the air traffic control tower, but meeting mission objectives are being challenged due to the tower facilities the age and condition. Constructed in 1952, the aging tower facility needs new windows, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, roofing, and tower CAB. The air traffic controllers operating in the tower do so for all air traffic's safety, to support the many missions of the 139th Airlift Wing, and for training new and upcoming controllers. Essentially the tower provides support for both local air safety needs and the national security mission of the Air National Guard. Additionally, there is considerable private aircraft traffic and small airline operations have considered the airport for their services.

A recently completed business plan for Rosecrans has recommended investment in the tower facility as one of several key strategies for air service development. Thousands of jobs are associated to the Rosecrans Memorial Airport operation and its housing of the 139th Airlift Wing and are a key to St. Joseph's economy.

Buchanan County is very supportive of the investment and would encourage Congressman Graves to support it as well.

Sincerely,

Lee Sawyer, Presiding Commissioner
County of Buchanan, Missouri

Scott Burnham, County Commissioner Eastern District
County of Buchanan, Missouri

Ron Hook, County Commissioner Western District
County of Buchanan, Missouri



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March 26, 2021

Dr. Douglas Van Zyl
St. Joseph School District
925 Felix St.
St. Joseph, MO 64501

Dear Congressman Graves:

On behalf of the St. Joseph School District, I am writing in support of the City of St. Joseph's earmark request to continue investing in safety and security for the Rosecrans Memorial Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Renovation.

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The SJSD is very supportive of the investment and would encourage Congressman Graves to support it as well.

Sincerely,

Dr. Douglas Van Zyl, Superintendent
St. Joseph School District



ST. JOSEPH

Chamber of Commerce

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March 25, 2021

The Honorable Sam Graves
U.S. House of Representatives
1135 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Congressman Graves,

On behalf of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in support of the City of St. Joseph's earmark request to continue investing in safety and security for the Rosecrans Memorial Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Renovation.

Rosecrans is one of Missouri's largest general aviation airports and is home to the 139th Airlift Wing. The Air National Guard operates the air traffic control tower, but meeting mission objectives are being challenged due to the tower facilities age and condition. Constructed in 1952, the aging tower facility is in need of new windows, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, roofing, and tower CAB. The air traffic controllers operating the tower serve all air traffic, support the many missions of the 139th Airlift Wing, and provide training of new controllers. Essentially, the tower provides support for both local air safety needs and the national security mission of the Air National Guard.

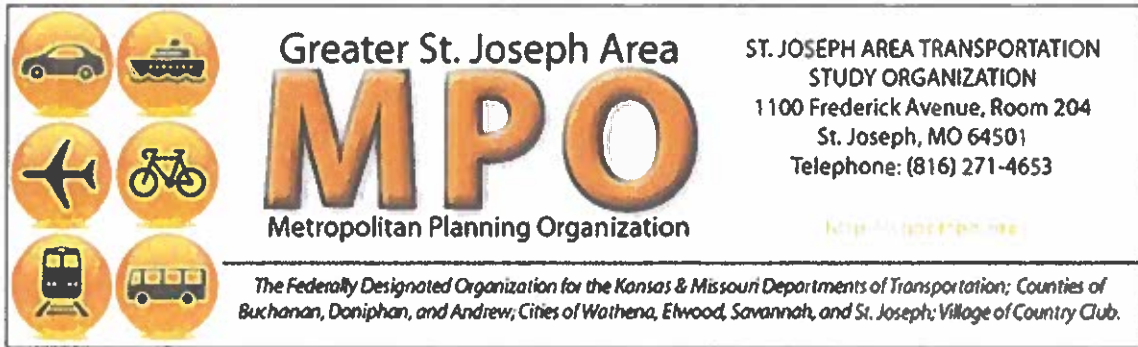
A recently completed business plan for Rosecrans has recommended investment in the tower facility as one of several key strategies for future air service development. Thousands of jobs are associated with the operation of Rosecrans Memorial Airport and its role as serving as the base for the 139th Airlift Wing. The airport is also an important element of St. Joseph's economy.

The Chamber is very supportive of the investment and I would ask for your support of this important project.

Sincerely,

R. Patt Lilly
President/CEO





3/26/2021

Chance Gallagher
St. Joseph Metropolitan Planning Organization
1100 Fredrick Ave
St. Joseph, MO 64501

Dear Congressman Graves:

On behalf of St. Joseph Metropolitan Planning Organization, I am writing in support of the City of St. Joseph's earmark request to continue investing in safety and security for the Rosecrans Memorial Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Renovation.

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The St. Joseph Metropolitan Planning Organization is very supportive of the investment and would encourage Congressman Graves to support it as well.

Sincerely,

Chance Gallagher, Transportation Planning Manager
St. Joseph Metropolitan Planning Organization

March 26, 2021

Congressman Sam Graves
Kansas City District Office
11724 NW Plaza Circle, Suite 900
Kansas City, MO 64153

Dear Congressman Graves:

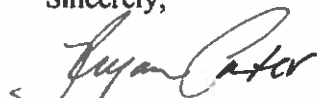
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Rosecrans is one of Missouri's largest general aviation airports and is home to the 139th Airlift Wing of the Missouri Air National Guard. The Air National Guard operates the air traffic control tower, but the age and condition of the tower are creating an increasing hinderance to their mission objectives. Constructed in 1952, the aging tower facility needs new windows, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, roofing, and tower CAB. The Air Traffic Controllers operating in the tower do so for all air traffic's safety, to support the many missions of the 139th Airlift Wing, and for training new and upcoming Controllers. Essentially, the tower provides support for both local air safety needs and the national security mission of the Air National Guard.

A recently completed business plan for Rosecrans Memorial Airport has recommended investment in the tower facility as one of several key strategies for air service development. Thousands of jobs are associated to the Rosecrans Memorial Airport operation and its housing of the 139th Airlift Wing and are a key to St. Joseph's economy.

The City is supportive of the investment and encourages you to support it as well.

Sincerely,


Bryan Carter
Interim City Manager



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The Honorable Sam Graves
1135 Longworth
HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Graves:

On behalf of The Community Alliance Partners, I am writing in support of the City of St. Joseph's earmark request to continue investing in safety and security for the Rosecrans Memorial Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Renovation.

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The Community Alliance Partners is very supportive of the investment and would encourage Congressman Graves to support it as well.

Sincerely,

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