SIoux City, Iowa – Aug. 9, 2016 – The Iowa Transportation Commission today approved approximately $6.3 million for the fiscal year 2017 State Aviation Program, which includes several subprograms detailed below.

The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) will fund $4 million for aviation safety, planning, and airport development projects at 24 airports throughout Iowa. Projects funded through the AIP include runway, taxiway, and apron development; navigational aids; maintenance of aviation weather systems; runway marking; windsocks; emergency operational repairs at publicly owned airports; match for federal statewide planning studies; land-use planning; air service development; and wildlife mitigation at airports. AIP programs are funded with revenue from aircraft registration fees and aviation fuel taxes.

Aviation vertical infrastructure programs will provide $2.25 million for projects at nine general aviation airports and eight commercial service airports throughout Iowa. These programs provide funding for the maintenance and development of airport facilities, such as terminal buildings, maintenance facilities, and aviation hangars. Vertical infrastructure programs are funded from aircraft registration fees, aviation fuel taxes, and the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF).

The State Aviation Program supplements local and federal funding sources, and seeks to maintain a safe and effective statewide air transportation system. Details on the FY 2017 State Aviation Program funding can be viewed at: www.iowadot.gov/aviation/managersandsponsors/statefundingprograms.html.

Additional information regarding aviation in Iowa is available at: www.iowadot.gov/aviation.

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