



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Media Contact:** Shannon Braun  
952-346-6081, [sbraun@webershandwick.com](mailto:sbraun@webershandwick.com)

## **Des Moines International Airport Completes Second Phase of Primary Runway Reconstruction Project**

**Des Moines, Iowa** (November 1, 2018) – The Des Moines International Airport has reopened its primary runway following construction throughout the summer months. This completes phase two of the three phases of reconstruction on runway 13/31 (running from the southeast corner of the property to the northwest corner), which is on track for completion in fall of 2019.

“This phase of construction was completed on time and on budget, and we are likely to see the same success as we move forward with additional improvements to our current airport facility,” said Kevin Foley, Des Moines Airport Authority executive director. “We are growing even faster than initially predicted, so the ability to undertake and complete these improvements is vital in preparing for our continuing increase in passengers.”

The Des Moines Airport Authority (DMAA) spent approximately \$15.5M to complete the second phase of the 13/31 runway reconstruction project, which is estimated to cost \$45.7M for all three phases of work. A total of \$124M will be invested through 2023 in improving and renewing the airport’s runway and taxiway system.

In addition, DMAA has begun the implementation of a vacancy lighting system in its long-term parking garage. The system will include colored lights at the top of each stall – green for vacant, red for occupied, blue for handicap availability – as well as indicators on each floor, allowing for a swifter and more efficient parking process for drivers. The installation, which will be available throughout the long-term parking garage by fall of 2019, is one of the current facility’s many developments in maintaining its positive passenger experience.

Photos of the runway’s reconstruction can be [viewed and downloaded here](#).

### **About the Des Moines Airport Authority**

The Des Moines Airport Authority is an independent entity that oversees the operations and maintenance of the Des Moines International Airport. The Airport Authority works to improve the quality of air service and make air travel to and from Des Moines more convenient and pleasurable. For more information, visit [www.dsmairport.com](http://www.dsmairport.com) and follow [@dsmairport](https://twitter.com/dsmairport) on Twitter and [DSM International Airport](https://www.facebook.com/dsminternationalairport) on Facebook.

###

