

Expansion starts at local airport

Officials broke ground Friday, Sept. 29, on the second phase of a \$1.6 million apron expansion project at Huntington Municipal Airport, which will literally pave the way for larger aircraft to use the airport.

Work began on Monday, Oct. 2, and the apron is expected to be useable by aircraft by the end of this year and fully completed in spring of 2018. E&B Paving is the contractor for the project.

Phase I, which cost \$700,000, has already been completed. Once Phase II, which will cost just shy of \$1 million, is completed, the airport will be able to accommodate the maneuvering of larger-sized aircraft.

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Ninety percent of the funding on the project came from the Federal Aviation Administration. Another 5 percent was provided through the Indi-

ana Department of Transportation and the remaining 5 percent from the airport itself and user fees collected.



Helping to break ground on Friday, Sept. 29, for Phase II of an apron expansion project at Huntington Municipal Airport are (from left) Tony Korba, E&B Paving; Tom Mettler, Mettler Agency Inc.; Mark Wickersham, Huntington County Economic Development; Chris Crabtree, representing Congressman Jim Banks; Ind. Sen. Andy Zay; Ind. Rep. Dan Leonard; Gregg Koppelman, E&B Paving; Ken Ross, vice president, NGC Corp. Aviation Consulting; Junior Geiger, president, Huntington Municipal Airport Board of Aviation Commissioners; and Huntington Mayor Brooks Fetters. Photo by Rebecca Sandlin.

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