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## **City Installs State-of-the-art Runway Approach Lighting at Airport**

TAYLOR, Texas – The City of Taylor has completed installation of new runway approach lighting, Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPIs), at the Taylor Municipal Airport and is the first airport in the nation to have this type of lighting.

The baffled LED PAPI-2 lights, which are installed near the approach path of a runway, are used to visually inform pilots if their landing trajectory is too low, too high, or on point for a safe landing.

To install the efficient lighting, the City partnered with the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division and was awarded Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant funds that covered 90% of the project costs.

To verify proper installation, a Lear Jet from FAA Flight Check Services made multiple passes over the runway. Taylor Airport Manager, David Cornelius, reported passing grades from the FAA Flight check. The PAPIs are now operational and in full use.

The idea for LED usage stemmed from Cornelius and Taylor-based project management firm, Sledge Engineering, who has worked on several sustainable projects throughout the state. The use of LED lights will decrease energy costs, reduce required maintenance, and greatly extend the life of the lighting for the City.

The project was designed by Austin-based KSA Engineers and constructed by BC Company from Ft. Worth.

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