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## **The City of Durant Celebrates Economic Development Week**

DURANT, Oklahoma - Economic Development Week 2021 is here! Discover the Durant Difference during the week-long showcase of the programs – and the people - who make our community stronger!

What is Economic Development? It is the intentional practice of improving a community's economic well-being and quality of life. It includes a broad range of activities to attract, create, and retain jobs, and to foster a resilient, pro-growth tax base and an inclusive economy. The practice of economic development comprises of a collaborative effort involving industry, government and community stakeholders.

### **Tuesday's Focus - Transportation**

Transportation is vital to any growing community's economic development. Whether you plan on travelling by road, foot or sky, Durant has you covered.

Street and sidewalk enhancement projects are in the works to ease both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Construction at University Blvd between Westside Drive and Gates Avenue will include widening, storm drainage and sidewalks. Expected start date is late this summer.

Durant's Eaker Field Regional Airport spans 800 acres and boasts the 8<sup>th</sup> longest runway in the state of Oklahoma. Eaker Field is currently the home airport for over 100 aircraft and has recently added a new aircraft fuel pump to assist pilots during an already busy travel season. The airstrip is built for not only small commuter plane landings, but can easily accommodate small commercial planes as well.

Durant's infrastructure is well on the way to being able to support even more business expansions, attract private investment and create jobs in Durant.

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