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Construction work is winding down on the installation of several new navigation elements at the Imperial Airport.

Integrated Electric Systems of Holdrege won the bid for the project which includes a new segmented wind cone, new precision approach path indicator (papi) lighting, and end-of-runway identification lighting.

The project cost \$182,996, of which the City of Imperial will pay 10 percent with federal aviation funds paying the balance.

The new papi lighting replaces units on the outside of the runway in each direction.

The project required raising the base of the lights, along with new lighting units.

The new end-of-runway lighting will illuminate the end of the runway for pilots.

The new wind cone and segmented circle will aid pilots in determining wind direction from the air.

Ken Schilke, airport manager, said the new cone is illuminated with high-intensity LED lighting, which can be seen for several miles.

The cone is surrounded by orange and white blocks of concrete that indicate true north and south and other points around the compass.