



MONTHLY **UPDATE**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT + TOURISM

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FAA Land Release

FAA approval is in process with a public notice announcing a 790 proposed land release. This is expected to be published in the Federal Register soon. Once published, the notice will be open for a 45-day public comment period. Following successful completion of the public comment period, the FAA is expected to initialize the land release determination. The release will then proceed through formal documentation and recordation, allowing the property to move forward for non-aeronautical use. [More Details Here](#)

Playbook for Public Art Masterplan

Work was done to develop a Project Outline for mapping project tasks to pair with a tentative schedule.

- o A project timeline was developed to identify key deliverables and deadlines for coordinating with ED Commission or a City Council meeting.
- o Research Phase of project initiated: Key Terms and Definition Existing Public Art Inventory [More Details Here](#)



Legislative Lunch on the Lawn

The AZ Assoc. of Economic Development (AAED) Legislative Lunch on the Lawn in Phoenix was attended by the City of Kingman Economic Development team alongside the Mohave County Economic Development team. They met directly with state legislators to discuss the City of Kingman's economic development priorities. Conversations focused on infrastructure funding needs related to the new Flying Fortress Interchange off of I-40 which is being funded to extend Flying Fortress to Airway. Additional funding will be needed to continue Flying Fortress beyond Airway to serve the FAA Land Release area / Phase II of the Industrial Park. Legislators shared that the State is currently facing a \$1.6 billion budget deficit. However, they encouraged continued engagement, maintaining the dialogue, and revisiting funding discussions during future budget cycles next year. The legislators were invited to visit Kingman to tour the Airport, Industrial Park, the new Interchange areas, and other active development areas.

ASU Masters of Urban Planning (MUEP) I-11 / I-40 Interchange

The Economic Development team gave a 25-minute shark tank style presentation to the MUEP students to pitch their involvement in a new Kingman project. Staff then attended a kick-off meeting in Tempe with six students who chose to work with the City to develop a vision for the affected I-11 / I-40 / US93 Corridor. The students have been tasked with:

- Researching existing conditions related to: Land-Use Planning; Multimodal Access; Trail Connectivity; Historic Resources; Recreational Assets, and Gateway Signage.
- Developing an understanding of the impacts of changes in traffic patterns and volume.
- Conducting peer community research, stakeholder interviews, and targeted surveys.
- Creating a report with planning and policy recommendations that the City can evaluate and consider for future action. [Click Here](#)

City staff are supporting the effort to coordinate and obtain data that is being requested by the ASU project team.

International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)

The ECDEV team is preparing for the ICSC trade show in Las Vegas May 18-20, 2026. This trade show serves as a primary venue for exhibit booths, scheduled meetings, and on-floor deal making among cities, developers, brokers, and retailers. The City of Kingman has secured booth space and is working with a local business to design and produce a booth and supporting visual materials. In preparation for the event, staff has reached out to other cities to better understand the costs and time commitments associated with having a booth at ICSC and is developing marketing materials to support on-site discussions. Meetings are in process with developers who are promoting commercial properties within Kingman. The goal will be to showcase multiple development opportunities and to promote sites suitable for attracting new retail, restaurant, and commercial businesses desired by the Kingman community.

I-40 / Flying Fortress Interchange **Developer Coordination**

A meeting was held with several property owners and developers who have land adjacent to the I-40 / Flying Fortress Interchange to initiate coordination on future retail, restaurant, and commercial development opportunities. These meetings are focused on connecting developers with Retail Coach to support market positioning and development strategy along the interchange. To date, staff have met with two developer groups, including an initial introduction to Retail Coach for the start of preliminary discussions. Work with Retail Coach and participating developers will continue. The goal is to develop marketing materials for use at the upcoming ICSC conference May 18-20, 2026 in Las Vegas. [More Details Here](#)

Visitor Center's 2025 End of Year Stats

Category	2024	2025	Growth
Visitation	200,438	231,714	31,276 (15.6%)
Sales	\$432,446.51	\$461,038.75	\$28,592 (6.61%)
Tour Bus Activity	445	534	89 (20%)

Tourism Marketing

The tourism team completed initiatives that included:

- An Expedia campaign co-op with the Arizona Office of Tourism
- Work with a Hopper micro-site that included deal offers
- A Kingman Wiebo (Chinese Market) 2025 - Q4 report showing an increase in social media followers to 57,059 which is up from 55,561 in September of 2025.

Go West Summit

Josh Noble is attending this conference March 31st in Las Vegas that focuses on connecting with the tourism industry that supplies buyers and media worldwide. [More Details Here](#)