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**RE: \*\* External Email Alert \*\* "governor's plane"**

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To: Dinkla Alex <dinkla@dps.state.ia.us>

Fri, Feb 20, 2026 at 3:15 PM

Here is a longer excerpt from the Des Moines Register article:

Des Moines International Airport is not the only aviation hub in the Des Moines metro with plans to expand.

Ankeny Regional Airport will add 500 feet to the north end of its main runway and repour the existing stretch with new, thicker concrete this year. The work will allow the airport to serve bigger private jets.

Manager Dave Kalwishky said Ankeny airport offers the ability to board and depart on one's own schedule. There is no scheduled passenger airline service and only limited cargo and other flights to work around, unlike at Des Moines, which in 2025 saw [record passenger traffic](#) for the third year in a row.

The Iowa State Patrol has a hangar in Ankeny for the governor's plane, and Kalwishky said the Iowa Air National Guard will break ground in March on a hangar for an executive plane to serve high-ranking officers.

What is "the governor's plane"? I have never heard of that. When was it purchased, and by which state entity?

Yours,

Laura

On Fri, Feb 20, 2026 at 3:13 PM Dinkla Alex <dinkla@dps.state.ia.us> wrote:

Laura – I am not sure what this article says...I don't have a subscription to DSM Register.

Alex

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Hello Sgt. Dinkla,

I was confused by this part of a recent Des Moines Register article:

The Iowa State Patrol has a hangar in Ankeny for the governor's plane, and Kalwishky said the Iowa Air National Guard will break ground in March on a hangar for an executive plane to serve high-ranking officers.

<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/local/ankeny/2026/02/16/ankeny-airport-expansion/88605529007/>

What is the "governor's plane"? I am not aware of any state-owned plane for Governor Reynolds to use, or any private plane owned by the governor.

Thanks in advance for any clarification or comments you can provide.

Yours,

Laura

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