



JACK KUSTROM ■ FOR BUSINESS FIRST

Airport administrators Mike Eppley and Doug Hammon, right, will oversee a three-phase, \$15 million overhaul of OSU's Don Scott Airport in northwest Columbus. The first phase will include doubling the field's north runway's length to 6,000 feet.

OSU plans \$8.4M runway repaving and expansion project at Don Scott

BY JEFF BELL ■ BUSINESS FIRST
jbell@bzjournals.com

Ohio State University expects to spend \$8.4 million on the first phase of a runway expansion and repaving project at its Don Scott Airport.

The work, said Airport Director Doug Hammon, will address safety, noise and business development issues at Don Scott, which sits off Route 161 in north-

west Columbus. It is part of a three-phase runway improvement program with a price tag that could reach \$15 million over the next five years, he said.

OSU trustees Feb. 7 are expected to authorize university administrators to seek proposals from engineering firms for the project.

Repaving work on a runway and four or five taxiways could begin as early as summer, Hammon said.

Phase one is also to include the start of a doubling of the length of Don Scott's north runway to 6,000 feet. Hammon said construction may not begin there until spring 2004, however, because an environmental impact study likely won't be completed until the end of this year.

Lesser noise, greater safety

A longer north runway would
SEE AIRPORT, PAGE A35