

2020 ACA Annual Conference
Alabama Airports
Legislative Agenda Update



September 21, 2020

2020 ACA Federal Agenda

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- **Funding**
- **Infrastructure Legislation**
- **Air Service for Small Communities**
- **Regulatory Relief and Empowerment**
- **Aviation in Alabama**

Funding

- ❖ **Airport Improvement Program (AIP)**
 - ❑ Fully fund AIP
 - ❑ Fully fund Supplemental Discretionary funds
 - ❑ Contract Tower Service Program

- ❖ **TSA/DHS Funding for Leo Reimbursement and Exit Lane Staffing**

Funding

- ❖ **Support H.R. 5912, the Expedited Delivery of Airport Infrastructure**
- ❖ **Increase Entitlement to General Aviation Airports**

Infrastructure Legislation

❖ Increase Passenger Facility Charge (PFC)

- ❑ PFC to \$8.50/pax for Origin and Destination (O&D ONLY) index for construction costs inflation
- ❑ Beyond the Runway Collation
- ❑ Conservative Support for User Fees
- ❑ Rand Study – U.S. Airport Infrastructure and Financing

Air Service for Small Communities

- ❖ **Conditional Code Sharing**
- ❖ **Continue funding for the Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) Program**

Air Service for Small Communities

❖ ACI-NA U.S. Policy Council Adopts Resolution on Conditional Code Sharing

- ❑ Existing statutory authorities and regulatory tools potentially available
- ❑ U.S. Department of Transportation (Title 49 §40101) Aviation Policy

Regulatory Relief and Empowerment

- ❑ Establish a Pilot Program/Demonstration Project Granting Greater Flexibility to Airports through Economic Deregulation
- ❑ Oppose HR-5423 – the Aircraft Noise Reduction Act
- ❑ PFAS – Immunity for Airports from Liability for Use of FAA-mandated Aqueous Film Forming Foam (“AFFF”)
- ❑ Additional Detailed ACA Recommendations related to Regulatory Relief and Empowerment [Exhibit D4]
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- ❑ ACRP Report 90 Summary: Impact of Regulatory Compliance Costs on Small Airports
- ❑ Reassess the substantial reduction of eligible AIP/PFC project costs resulting from FAA

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Background

ALABAMA AIRPORT SYSTEM – 81 airports

- ❑ Commercial Service Airports – 6
- ❑ General Aviation Airports – 75

NEEDS—based on ALDOT Aeronautics Bureau and ACI-NA data:

- ❑ Annual State Airport System Funding Needs
(based upon FAA ACIP and ALDOT ACIP) - \$116,000,000
- ❑ Of this \$116,000,000 there is \$47,000,000 in Airport Pavement Funding Needs Only

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STATE RESOURCES

- State Grant Funds

- ALDOT-AB State Grant Funds* \$ 2,650,000

- *Generated primarily from aviation fuel taxes

- ADECA Grant Funds**

- **1st time funding FY20 \$1,200,000 \$ 3,850,000

NOTE: FY21 State budget also includes \$1,200,000

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Total State Grant Funds \$ 3,850,000

□ Total FAA Federal AIP Grant Funds:

- Alabama receives approximately \$56 million in AIP funds annually (5-year range - \$70m - \$45m)
- State Apportionment* \$ 3,000,000
*Final determination by FAA
- GA Entitlements 10,000,000
- Commercial Service Airport Entitlements 15,000,000
- Discretionary 28,000,000 56,000,000 \$59,850,000

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- ❑ State funds needed to match \$56 million in AIP grants - \$3,100,000
- ❑ Mississippi State Grant Program - \$5 Million
- ❑ North Carolina State Grant Program - \$30 Million for GA & \$75 Million for Commercial Service
- ❑ Wyoming State Grant Program \$15 Million for Commercial Air Service Development
- ❑ Economic Impact Study
 - Phase 1 – Alabama Commercial Service Airports/Dr. Keivan Deravi, March 2020
 - Phase 2 – All Airports/ALDOT Department of Aeronautics, Fall of 2020

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Alabama Airport System Infrastructure Funding Proposal

- ❑ Create the “Alabama Airport Improvement Program,” to be funded in the amount of \$25 million each fiscal year for the following purposes: (1) fund capital improvements, (2) pay debt service for capital improvements, or (3) fund efforts to grow and expand commercial air service in Alabama.
- ❑ Provide \$10 million to general aviation airports, to be distributed as determined by ALDOT-Aeronautic Bureau.
- ❑ Provide \$15 million to commercial service airports to be allocated among commercial service airports based on each airport’s pro rata share of entitlement funds received by the airport under the federal Airport Improvement Program for the preceding fiscal year.

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