

ADOT AERONAUTICS



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Group Manager's Report

It's hard to believe 2025 is already here! Equally surprising is that I've been with ADOT for over six years, serving as the Group Manager for three and a half years. As we kick off the year, I'm looking forward to a successful and productive 2025. Here's a quick look at what's happening in Aeronautics:



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The Land Use Study is on schedule for completion later this month and will soon be available on the ADOT website at azdot.gov. We'll also host a webinar to dive deeper into the findings—stay tuned for details on the date and time.

State Aviation System Plan (SASP)

The SASP is progressing well, with the inventory phase nearly complete. The full plan is on track for completion by summer 2026.

Triennial Study

I'm thrilled to announce that Applied Pavement Technology has been awarded the contract for the Triennial Study. Work on this important initiative will begin soon.

Grants Manager Team Expansion

We're actively interviewing candidates for a third Grants Manager position and look forward to welcoming a new member to the team in the very near future.

We're excited to connect with you at the Spring AzAA Conference at the end of April and to continue working together to advance Arizona aviation. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or feedback. **Here's to a fantastic year ahead!**

Engineer's Corner

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with friends and family. I'm excited to announce Odin Paul's arrival on November 27th at 4:08am. He was 7 lbs 3.6oz and 21 inches long. We are settling in and enjoying every minute with him. I plan to return full time in early March, however I will be working part time for the remainder of January through February.

Stay tuned for invitations to 30-minute monthly training sessions on grant agreement requirements. They will start in March and will run through the end of the year. Each month will cover a different topic.

Reminders:

- I am still out on maternity leave with a plan to return full time in early March. During the remainder of my absence I will still rely heavily on Matthew Munden along with your assigned Grants Manager however I plan to start jumping in on document reviews as soon as possible.
- If you have received a FY 2024 Federal grant and have not yet sent your match request, please do so as soon as possible.
- If you submitted a draft grant application to the FAA for a FY 2025 grant, please send a copy of the application to your assigned ADOT Grant Manager (Sonia Pizano or Jeff Webbe) with a copy to me for our records.
- We are still on track to start site visits and pavement evaluations for the Triennial Study early this year. I'll provide updates upon my return from leave.



Carmen Rose
ADOT Aeronautics
State Airport Engineer



Land Use Study Update — WEBINAR SESSIONS

As the project nears completion, ADOT Aeronautics, along with Kimley-Horn, will be hosting a **webinar for airport representatives** on **January 21, 9am-10am**. The purpose of this webinar is to offer important information and resources as it relates to land use compatibility and the resources of the Airport Land Use Manual. To register, please use this [invite link](#) to reserve your spot.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1117825689729?aff=oddtcreator>

Additional Webinars for Government & Developers

Local Government webinar:

January 21st 12pm-1pm.

Real Estate Professionals and Developers
webinar: January 23rd, 9am-10am.

Sponsors, do you have municipal planners, executive leadership or elected officials that could benefit from this training and resources? Or do you work with developers/real estate professionals? Well you're in luck! We are hosting two additional webinars, specific to local government personnel and real estate professionals and developers. Please consider forwarding them the [invite link](#) so they can register.



Regulatory Roundup

Fun Fact: If you have an ADOT grant agreement, you are required to send either weekly or monthly reports to your grants manager!

WEEKLY	MONTHLY
Construction Projects	Design Projects

Airport of the Year 2025

We are thrilled to draw your attention to the upcoming Airport of the Year nominations — an initiative crafted to recognize and celebrate excellence within the aviation industry. We'd like to take this opportunity to outline the myriad of benefits and immense value associated with being honored as the ADOT Airport of the Year. The nomination window will open January 31, 2025 and close March 1, 2025.

For over 30 years, ADOT's Airport of the Year award has been bestowed upon deserving recipients, offering a multitude of benefits. To commence, the winner will receive a prestigious plaque and sign, to be prominently displayed at the airport—a symbol of your unwavering commitment to excellence. The Aeronautics Group Manager will personally visit the winning airport to deliver the plaque and sign, creating a unique opportunity for a collective celebration of this remarkable achievement.

Furthermore, the Airport of the Year will be featured in a dedicated article in the Aeronautics Quarterly Newsletter, spotlighting the exceptional accomplishments and innovations that led to this well-deserved recognition.

Beyond these tangible honors, winning the Airport of the Year award brings forth another significant benefit—recognition from City leadership, city council, or your airport authority. This accolade not only elevates your standing within the aviation industry but also captures the attention and commendation of key stakeholders at the local level. The support and acknowledgment from City leadership, city council, and your airport authority further solidify your airport's positive impact on the community, fostering collaborative relationships and showcasing your airport as a valued contributor to the broader civic landscape.

We appreciate your continued efforts in making our airport community a beacon of success. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to celebrate your achievements and recognize the exceptional work of our fellow airports. Be on the lookout for the next email with additional information!

Manager Spotlight



Jeff Webbe

ADOT Aeronautics Grants Manager

Jeff has been with ADOT Aeronautics for a year and a half and has played a vital role in managing the grants that fund essential projects across Arizona's airports. Working closely with these airports, Jeff finds the most rewarding part of his job is developing relationships with the airport sponsors and consultants. Jeff has a passion for aviation and visiting his airports is one of his favorite parts of the job! Outside of work, Jeff enjoys spending time with his wife and three kids (21, 19 and 16). Jeff has been a pilot for over 25 years and is a certified flight instructor. Although he doesn't fly as much these days, he still keeps his instructor certificate current (because you never know!) and he's working on completing his AAE.

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