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ADOT Aeronautics Group Manager

As we move through ACIP season, we hope things are progressing smoothly on your end. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to your grant manager if any issues or questions arise along the way — we are here to help.

I'd like to take a moment to share a few staffing updates. First, please join us in welcoming Jennifer, our newest grant manager. Jennifer joins us from ADOT's Multimodal Planning Division (MPD), so she is already familiar with the department, and we anticipate an easy transition into the team. We are also currently in the process of filling one additional grant manager position, so stay tuned for further updates there. Additionally, James is now in the role of Airport Planner, and Jeff is now in the role of AAM Planner.

On the planning side, the State Airport System Plan (SASP) is winding down and is expected to conclude this fall. Looking ahead, we anticipate future studies in the near term, including an economic impact study and an ADS-B study.

Thank you all for your continued hard work, and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Engineer's Corner

A couple issues have come up over the last couple months. The first is consultants and third parties reaching out to us on a specific Sponsor representing the Sponsor without copying the Sponsor or going through the Sponsor. This can lead to questions being asked or a consultant believing they have direction from ADOT with the benefit of the Sponsor knowing. The Sponsor is not only the client, but the property owner of the Airport and needs to be aware of questions asked and direction given. When we receive these in the future we will ensure the Sponsor has authorized their consultant to speak on their behalf. We are all in this together and working in a vacuum is not acceptable.



Tim Morrison
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The second is the need for airspace review for State Local (SL) grants. Because a safe National Airspace System (NAS) is our highest priority we need to make sure projects go through the FAA's Obstruction Evaluation/Airport Airspace Analysis (OE/AAA) system, typically referred to as a 7460 submittal. The link is: <https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/oe3a/main/#/home>



Some useful links we
use on a regular basis:

[Project Checklist](#)
[APMS PCI Data](#)
[Arizona Airports](#)



ADOT Aeronautics Presents at Navajo Nation Tribal Partnership Program

ADOT Aeronautics recently attended the Navajo Nation Tribal Partnership Program on May 26th in Flagstaff, where Advanced Air Mobility Planner Jeff Webbe gave a presentation providing an overview of the department's Aeronautics program, including our growing efforts in Advanced Air Mobility (AAM). The presentation was well received, sparking great questions and engaging conversation with attendees. We look forward to continuing to build on this valuable partnership.

Planning Update

With the recently created planning positions filled, ADOT Aeronautics now has dedicated resources to fulfill planning studies. The first among these will be a new Aviation Economic Impact Study (AEIS). The last AEIS was completed in 2021 and examined all 67 public airports in AZ. Arizona airports contributed \$121.4B in the state's economic activity and supported 575,826 jobs. We are excited to see how the economic landscape has changed for Arizona airports and look forward to providing a valuable resource to sponsors.

Photo: Grand Canyon Airport



Regulatory Round Up

Updates to ADOT Grant Agreement Language

Please note that ADOT Aeronautics has recently updated the grant language used in our grant agreements. These changes apply to all grants issued on or after July 1, 2026.

Key changes include:

- Quarterly status reports are now required for every grant type, and the requirement begins the moment a grant is executed — not at a later milestone.
- Plan reviews at 30% and 100% are now required only for state and local (S/L) grants. For federal, state, and local (FSL) grants, ADOT will only require submission of plans for our records — we will no longer review and concur on FSL plans.
- Several definitions have been cleaned up for clarity, including what it means to "start" or "commence" a project.

Please take time to carefully review your grant agreements when signing to ensure you understand these updated requirements. If you have questions about how these changes apply to your grant, reach out to your grant manager. And as a reminder — one thing that hasn't changed: GRRs are still due every quarter, for every grant.

ACIP Submissions Due July 31st



A reminder to all airport sponsors: your **Airport Capital Improvement Plans (ACIPs)** are due in the ADOT portal by **5:00 PM on July 31st**. Once you've submitted your ACIP, please notify your grant manager so the review process can begin promptly. After your ACIP has been accepted by ADOT, please send a signed PDF copy to the ADO. Thank you for your attention to this deadline — timely submissions help keep the review and grant process on track for everyone.



Jennifer Murietta
ADOT Aeronautics
Grant Manager

Spotlight: Jennifer Murietta

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Multimodal Planning Division (MPD), Aeronautics Group is pleased to announce that Jennifer Murietta has joined our Team as a Grant Manager. Jennifer joins us from the MPD Programming Group where she was the liaison among executive leadership, ADOT business units, MPOs, COGs, local agencies, consultants, and transportation stakeholders to ensure programming actions comply with federal and state funding requirements. She Coordinated allocation and reallocation of transportation funding across multiple federal, state, regional, and local funding sources, ensuring compliance with funding requirements, fiscal constraints, and statewide transportation priorities.

Jennifer has 20 years experience related to federal and state regulatory compliance and holds a Master of Administration in Project Management from Northern Arizona University and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Phoenix. Please join us in welcoming Jennifer to ADOT Aeronautics.

Advanced Air Mobility Planner New Role at ADOT Aeronautics



ADOT Aeronautics has created a new Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Planner position — a role established under Senate Bill 1307 to help Arizona prepare for the next generation of aviation, covering everything from drones to electric aircraft designed for shorter regional and urban trips. Jeff Webbe has been selected for the role.

Jeff brings an extensive aviation background to the position, including experience in airport administration, state grants management, and public safety aviation. He is an active commercial pilot, CFI/CFII, and FAA Part 107 remote pilot, and holds the Accredited Airport Executive (AAE) designation from the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). Jeff previously served as one of ADOT's Airport Grants Managers and spent several years as Airport Administrator at Buckeye Municipal Airport. His background also includes a successful 20-year career as a law enforcement officer for the Phoenix Police Department, where he advanced to become a detective, and a sergeant. For several years, Jeff supervised the department's Air Support Unit as Flight Sergeant of the fixed-wing section, and is also a U.S. Air Force veteran.

As AAM Planner, Jeff will serve as the point of contact for AAM stakeholders and help guide the state's approach as the industry develops. Looking further down the road, ADOT Aeronautics is planning a full statewide AAM study to help guide infrastructure and policy as this technology matures.

The AAM landscape is expected to develop quickly in this burgeoning field. One thing on the very near horizon: Utah has selected Arizona as a state partner in its uFLY consortium, tied to the eIPP (eVTOL Integration Pilot Program) effort. Arizona may see related activity as early as this fall, with more details to come as plans develop.

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Thank you for continuing to share your photo submissions! If we did not use your images in this issue, we will most likely use them in an upcoming issue.