
TDOT AERONAUTICS ENGINEERING UPDATE

NEW ACIP SCHEDULE

The State's Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) is an internal document that serves as the primary planning tool for identifying and prioritizing critical airport development and associated capital needs for the TN public-use aviation system. It also serves as the basis for the distribution of grant funds under the TN Airport Improvement Program. TDOT and the FAA rely on the ACIP process to ensure:

- Both agencies have a global view of projects,
- High priority projects receive funding,
- Annual budgets are optimized, fully programmed, and spent effectively; and
- Airports have information when planning for and securing local funding.

Due to a few necessary changes and improvements to our ACIP planning and programming process, the TDOT Aeronautics Division will have a new ACIP process schedule this year! Changes were made by the FAA that require TDOT to provide the ACIP to the FAA earlier than previous years. Another change is that the Division will be creating a 3-year program of projects to align Aeronautics with TDOT's Integrated Program Delivery (IPD) Initiative and improve focus on other strategic initiatives. Additionally, the process will enable review and input from the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission (TAC) and FAA on statewide priorities and initiatives.

ACIP WORKING SESSION MEETINGS

The individual ACIP working session meetings will take place primarily in late June, July, and August of this year to meet our new schedule. Project Managers will be coordinating with the various stakeholders on when, where, and how to conduct these meetings. While the past year has been tough, it has also exposed everyone to innovative ways of using technology to conduct meetings. TDOT Aeronautics is supportive of and encourages the use of video conference applications so long as participants feel they can effectively conduct business.

To facilitate the development of a 3-year program, it is critical to add ACIP entries for each phase and/or amendment that is expected to develop and construct/complete the Overall Development Objectives (ODOs). Now is the time to think about major projects you would like to move forward on over the next few years.

PROJECT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 WILL BE THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE for airports to modify and/or add to the 5-year ACIP in BlackCat. The 5-year period will cover FY 2023 (starting July 2022) through FY 2027 (ending June 2027).

GENERAL AVIATION REGIONAL MEETINGS

The General Aviation Regional Meetings are important for hearing about the latest updates, guidance, and changes from Division Staff. These meetings will take place in late July and early August. Invitations will be sent out later this month, so be on the lookout!

Thank you,



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