
TDOT AERONAUTICS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

REMOVAL OF MORATORIUM ON GRANTS FOR NEW OR REPLACEMENT FUEL FACILITIES USING STATE FUNDING

ATTENTION: Effective today, the Aeronautics Division is removing the moratorium on grants for new or replacement/rehabilitation fuel facilities at general aviation airports.

Funding requests for fuel facilities will once again be accepted and will now be **scored and evaluated using the State Priority Rating (SPR) Model. Additional analysis of airport revenue potential and financial self-sufficiency related specifically to fueling facilities is needed** before long-term policy decisions can be made.

Please note the following updates:

- Previously suspended funding requests for fuel facilities may now proceed through the standard PSR request and SPR evaluation processes. TAC approval may be required.
- This change applies to projects previously affected, as well as projects that were under design or bidding but had not received construction approval.
- State grant funding for UST removal and mitigation remains eligible as before.
- Airport Maintenance Grant funding may continue to be used for fuel facility repairs and maintenance.

BACKGROUND

The Tennessee Aeronautics Commission (TAC) and TDOT Aeronautics Division are continuing our broader review of policy related to the use of State funding for revenue-producing projects. This includes evaluating how projects such as fuel facilities should be treated in comparison to other revenue-generating assets, and whether special exceptions are appropriate. That review remains ongoing.

We will keep everyone informed as this work progresses. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Please direct any questions to your respective Aviation Project/Technical Specialist.