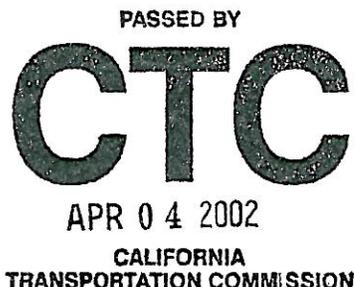


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POLICY MATTERS  
2002 Aeronautics Program Changes for  
Inclusion in Commission Program Adoption  
Action Item

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**ADOPTION OF THE 2002 AERONAUTICS PROGRAM INCLUDING  
PROJECT CHANGES FROM THE PROPOSED AERONAUTICS PROGRAM  
RESOLUTION G-02-06**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopt the 2002 Aeronautics Program with the project changes shown on Attachment A. The changes are to the 2002 Proposed Program for Aeronautics that the Department submitted to the Commission in January 2002.

**BACKGROUND**

All state grant programs for airports are funded from the Aeronautics Account in the State Transportation Fund. The Aeronautics Account is supported solely by the tax revenues which are collected on general aviation (GA) fuel. Aviation gasoline is taxed at 18 cents per gallon and GA jet fuel is taxed at two cents per gallon. These excise taxes yield about \$6.5 million per year. Besides grants, the Aeronautics Account funds the activities of the Department's Division of Aeronautics.

The Public Utilities Code specifies the priority for allocation of Aeronautics Account funds to airports:

- **Annual Grants** - The Annual Grant provides each eligible airport with \$10,000 per year.
- **AIP Matching** - This program matches eligible, Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants at non-commercial airports. The amount for Matching is set at the discretion of the Commission.
- **A&D Grants** - The amount which remains after Annual Grants and AIP Matching is programmed for Acquisition and Development (A&D) Grants. These are selected from the list of projects that are in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which the Commission approved in July 2001. Projects were selected in accordance with the priority methodology matrix that the Commission updated in 1997.

The 2002 Aeronautics Program includes specific A&D projects and a set-aside for AIP Matching. A project list and the set-aside amounts are shown in Exhibits A and B which are attached to the Proposed Program for Aeronautics (PPA) that the Department presented to the Commission in January. The Commission also allocates the funds for these projects.

**Changes Requested in this Item.** The Department provided copies of the 2002 Proposed Program for Aeronautics (PPA) to all airports, airport land use commissions (ALUCs), and regional transportation planning agencies (RTPAs). Neither the RTPAs nor the ALUCs requested any changes. The County of Marin requested that taxiway and apron reconstruction projects for Gness Field be added to the PPA because the adopted CIP did not reflect the County's intention to seek state funding for these projects. These will be funded with savings from newly withdrawn projects at the Santa Ynez and French Valley Airports. The FY 03/04 project to seal coat and stripe taxiways at the Truckee-Tahoe Airport has been moved to FY 04/05 because, in combination with this airport's other FY 03/04 project, the maximum \$500,000 would be exceeded. Six projects have been withdrawn by their sponsors since the PPA was submitted to the Commission. The savings from four of these projects are being directed to AIP Matching in FY 01/02. Savings from the other two projects are used to program new projects at Gness Field. The Commission voted to increase the FY 01/02 AIP Matching set-aside in February. The Department will recommend a second increase at the May meeting. These changes are detailed in Attachment A.

**Technical Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (TACA).** TACA reviewed these changes and the PPA at its March 6, 2002 meeting. (TACA is not aware of the changes that are related to Gness Field because the County of Marin did not submit its request until after TACA's meeting.)

Attachments

Attachment A

Recommended Changes to  
2002 Proposed Program for Aeronautics (PPA)

Airport	Sponsor	Project Description	2002 PPA Cost	2002 PPA FY	2002 Change Cost	2002 Change FY	Comments
<b>Withdrawals:</b>							
French Valley	County of Riverside	Slurry seal taxiways	\$43	00/01	delete		<b>Need:</b> Sponsor withdrew because project funded by federal grant.
Lampson Field	County of Lake	Seal coat transient parking area	33	00/01	delete		<b>Need:</b> Sponsor withdrew because project funded by federal grant.
Livermore	City of Livermore	Seal northwest apron	124	00/01	delete		<b>Need:</b> Sponsor withdrew to pursue future federal funding.
Mesa Del Rey	City of King	Slurry seal, overlay runway	500	00/01	delete		<b>Need:</b> Sponsor withdrew because project funded by federal grant.
Santa Ynez	County of Santa Barbara	Repair and rehabilitate aprons	237	02/03	delete		<b>Need:</b> Sponsor withdrew because project funded by federal grant.
Sequoia Field	County of Tulare	Reconstruct runway	206	00/01	delete		<b>Need:</b> Sponsor withdrew because the project is not feasible.

Attachment A (continued)

Airport	Sponsor	Project Description	2002 Cost	2002 PPA FY	2002 Cost	Change FY	Comments
<b>Other Changes:</b>							
Gross Field	County of Marin	Reconstruct taxiway	n/a	n/a	\$181	02/03	<b>Need:</b> The CIP inadvertently shows this project as being intended for federal funding.
Gross Field	County of Marin	Reconstruct apron	n/a	n/a	83	04/05	<b>Need:</b> The CIP inadvertently shows this project as being intended for federal funding
Truckee-Tahoe	Truckee-Tahoe Airport District	Seal coat and stripe taxiways	173	03/04	179	04/05	<b>Need:</b> An airport may receive no more than \$500,000 in any fiscal year. The PPA had two projects for this airport in FY 03/04 with a total that exceeds \$500,000. So, this lower-ranked project was moved to a later year.