

SESSION 10: Aviation Industry Updates

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Georgia Aviation Update

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Aviation Programs



Macon Downtown (MAC)

Aviation Program Flight Plan

- Federal & State Funding
- Reminders
- Safety & Compliance
- Highlights
- Final Approach

Federal & State Funding



**West Georgia Regional Airport (CTJ)
Carrollton, GA**

FY25 & FY26 Airport Funding

Fund Source	FY25 Requests	FY25 Program	FY26 Requests	FY26 Program
Federal	\$269*	\$41.2	\$273.4*	\$149*
State	\$92	\$24.5	\$62.5	\$30
Local	\$50	\$17.2	\$44.3	\$12
Total	\$411*	\$82.9	\$380.2*	\$192*
Total Apps	385	N/A	401	N/A

All numbers represent millions of Dollars

*Includes Commercial Service and General Aviation Airports

FY25 State Aviation Program Recap

- Thank you for your patience and understanding!
- Total Aviation Contracts – **48**
 - **46** airport development, design, or planning contracts
 - **2** statewide planning or program contracts
- Public **Airports Receiving Funding** Assistance – **39 of 103**
 - 5 Commercial Service & 34 General Aviation Airports Received Federal and/or State Funding
- Percent of Georgia Airports Receiving Funds – **38%**
- **Largest Funded Project: DeKalb Peachtree Airport, Rehabilitate Runway 3R-21L, Keel Replacement; Reconstruct Taxiway A; Total=\$12,616,946; Federal: \$9,438,586; State=\$2,110,099; Local=\$1,068,261**

FY26 Proposed Aviation Program

- **401 applications** submitted
- **203 proposed** development, equipment, and/or planning **projects** anticipated
- **State/Local Projects receiving funding-34 airport projects** at 75% state participation and a 25% local match.

All projects in FY26 must have bids or final scope & fee by March 1, 2026.

Only exception is discretionary projects or projects identified by GDOT.

Project Types by FY

Types of Airport Projects	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>	<u>FY25</u>	<u>FY26</u>
Runway Construction/Rehab	22	28	7	28
Airfield Electrical	18	29	12	10
Apron Construction/Rehab	10	21	8	15
Obstruction Removal	10	15	4	28
Taxiway Construction/Rehab	9	15	5	27
Crack Seal and Remark	8	4	0	7
Land Acquisition	6	11	1	4
Fencing	5	10	1	5
AWOS (Automatic Weather Observation System)	3	4	2	2
Above projects are all safety related				
Planning (Airport Layout Plans)	7	12	1	13

State Funding Southern Region

State	FY26 Aviation Budgets	# of Airports
Alabama	\$17,500,000	78
Florida	\$265,358,477	128
Georgia	\$30,000,000	105
Kentucky	\$23,000,000	58
Mississippi	\$11,500,000	80
North Carolina	\$152,000,000	62
South Carolina	\$103,350,000	58
Tennessee	\$176,250,000	76

Aviation Funding Sources

Federal AIP (FY25 \$4B; FY26 \$4B proposed)

Entitlement Remains at \$150,000 per year

State Apportionment-increased from \$5.5M to \$13M

Discretionary Planning Level is \$8-11 million per year

Total AIP Funding per year is Approximately \$40M

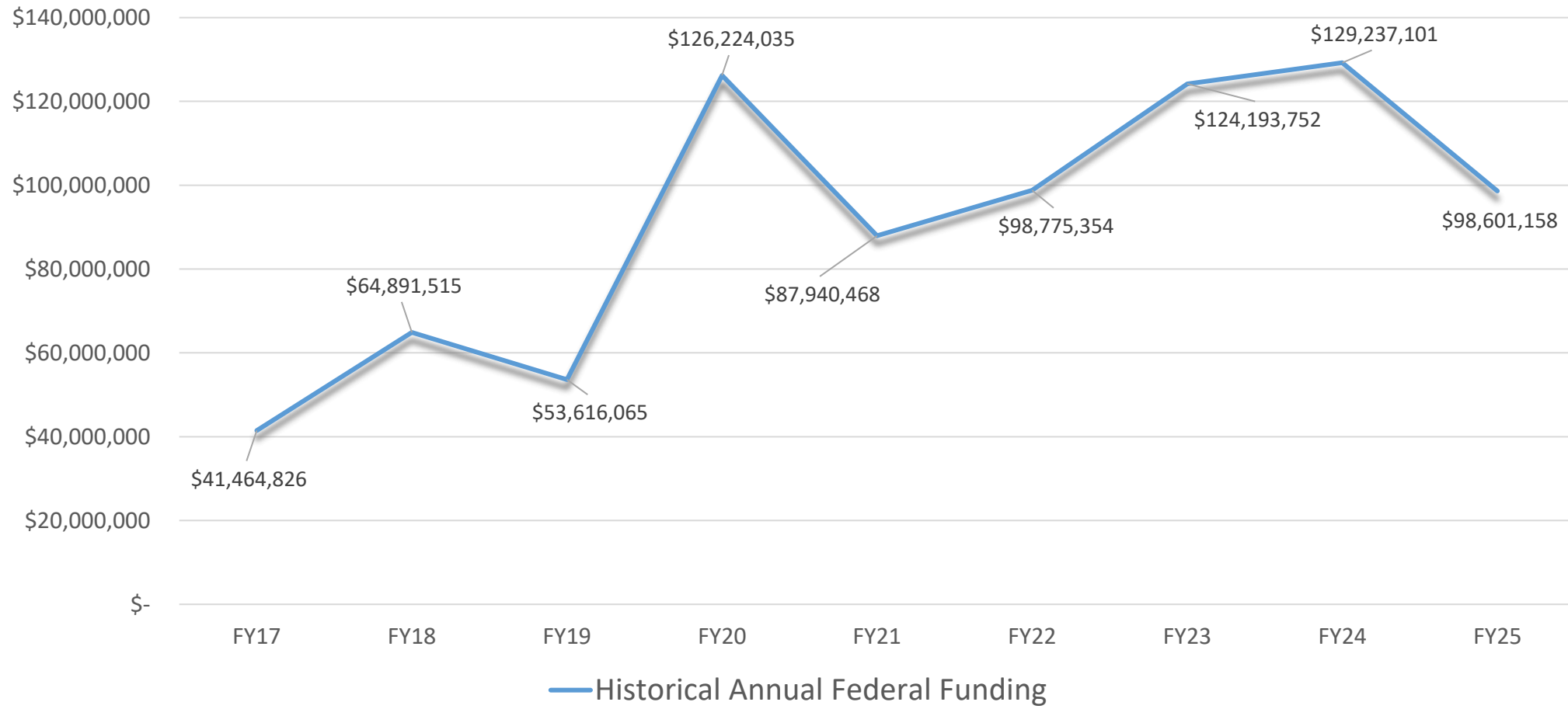
State Airport Aid

FY24 \$124M; FY25 \$34M; FY26 \$30M

IIJA/AIG Funding (a Five Year Allocation of Funding based on an Airport's Federal Airport Classification)



Historical Annual Federal Funding (-ATL)



FY20-FY21 Includes Economic Recovery-CARES, CRRSAA, ARPA. FY22 IIJA/AIG starts.

Historical Annual State Funding



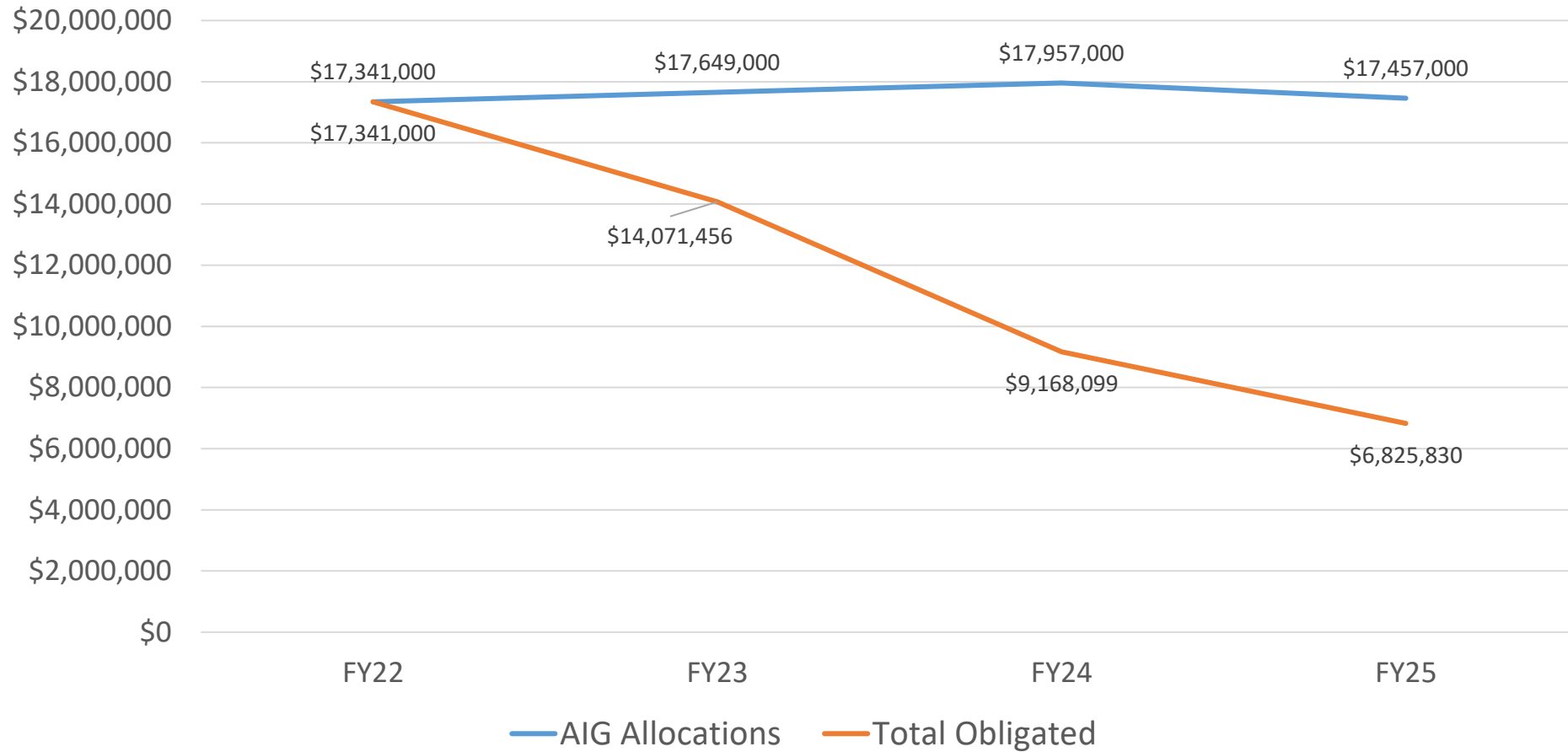
FY22 – FY25 budgets all had funds added in the mid-year budget

\$15B Airport Infrastructure FY22-FY26

- Total allocations to Georgia \$485,918,971 (all airports)
- Total commercial service \$415,794,971
- Total general aviation \$70,124,000 (FY22-25)
 - ~\$17M per year
- Awarded to Date \$47,126,385 (67% as of Oct 2025)
- Allocations to GDOT (as of Oct 2025)
 - FY22 100%
 - FY23 80%
 - FY24 50%
 - FY25 40%



IJA/AIG in Georgia (Non-Primary Airports)



FY22 balance \$0
FY23 balance \$3.57M

FY24 balance \$8.78M
FY25 Balance \$10.6M

Reminders



Kaolin Field (OKZ)
Sandersville, GA

FAA State Block Grant Program MOA

- Revised/Signed June 17, 2025; good for 5 years
- Requires States to pass along grant assurances/special conditions
- States must follow FAA national priority rating system when scoring & selecting projects
- FAA will only issue NPE if the airport has a project within the following 12 months, or FAA will carry over
- FAA will be lead agency for environmental oversight on all discretionary funded projects
- Section 743 replaced Section 163; interim guidance



2023
GEORGIA STATEWIDE
HANGAR INVENTORY AND
DEMAND ANALYSIS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



2024 GEORGIA STATEWIDE AIRPORTS
RATES AND CHARGES STUDY
**TECHNICAL
REPORT**



ADVANCED AIR
MOBILITY STUDY
APRIL 2024
**EXECUTIVE
SUMMARY**



**2024 COMMERCIAL
SERVICE AIRPORT**
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
FUNDING ANALYSIS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FY27 Applications

- Notification to be sent in August
- BlackCat opened October 1, 2025
- Projects should be “ready” –
AIP eligible, on ALP, environmental determination (CatEx or EA)
- Applications must include:
 - Federal 424 Application or Application for State Assistance
 - Project **Justification**
 - Project **Narrative**
 - Project **Sketch**
 - Updated Detailed Estimate

**Incomplete applications requesting funding in
FY27 will be passed over**

****Due November 5, 2025****

Updating Airport and CIP Information

- Update airport contact information
- Projects on CIP should be current (FY27-31)
- All projects should be moved to future year or removed
- If you need a project removed, contact Alan Hood
- Sponsors must submit projects - consultants do not have permission to submit projects

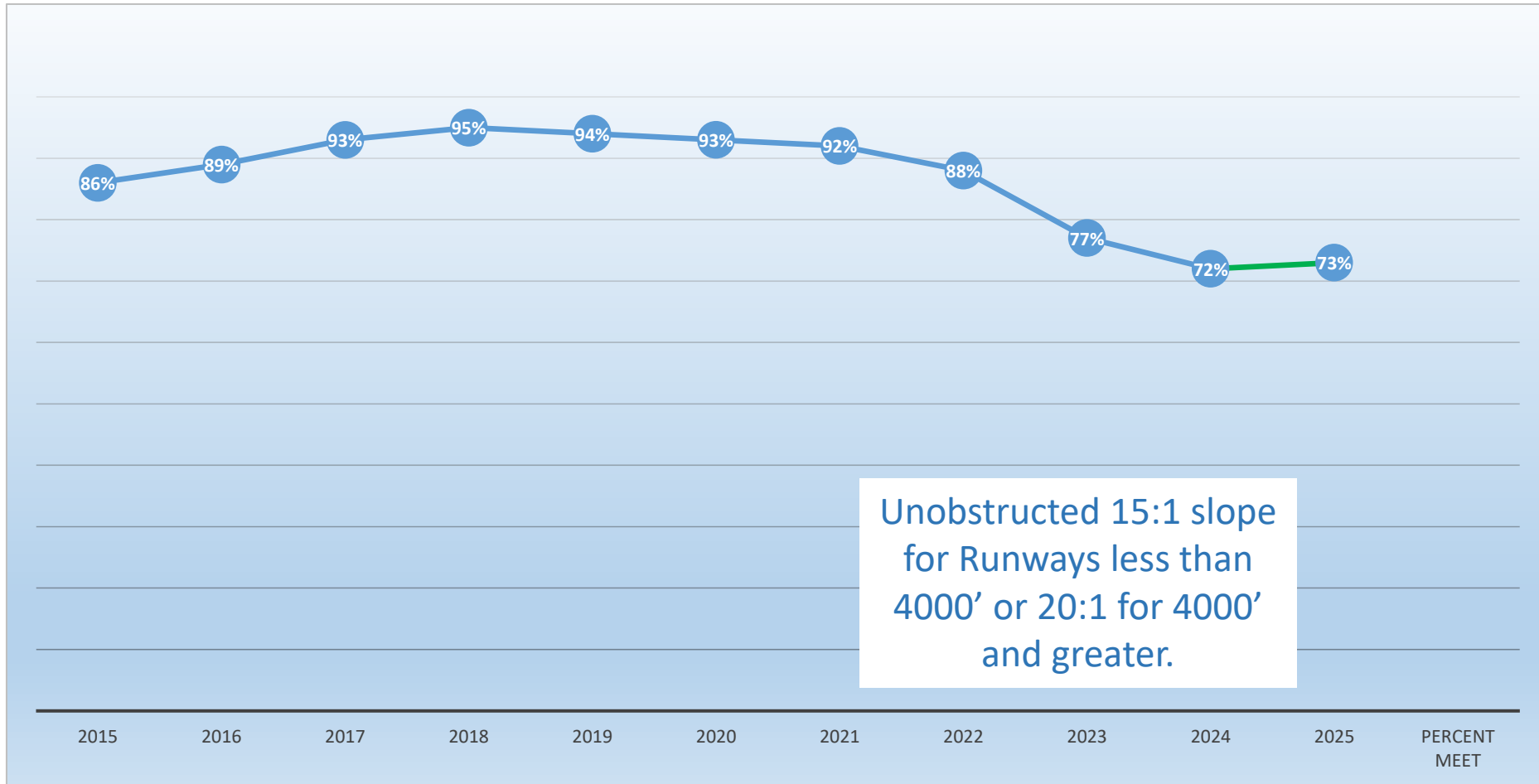


Safety & Compliance



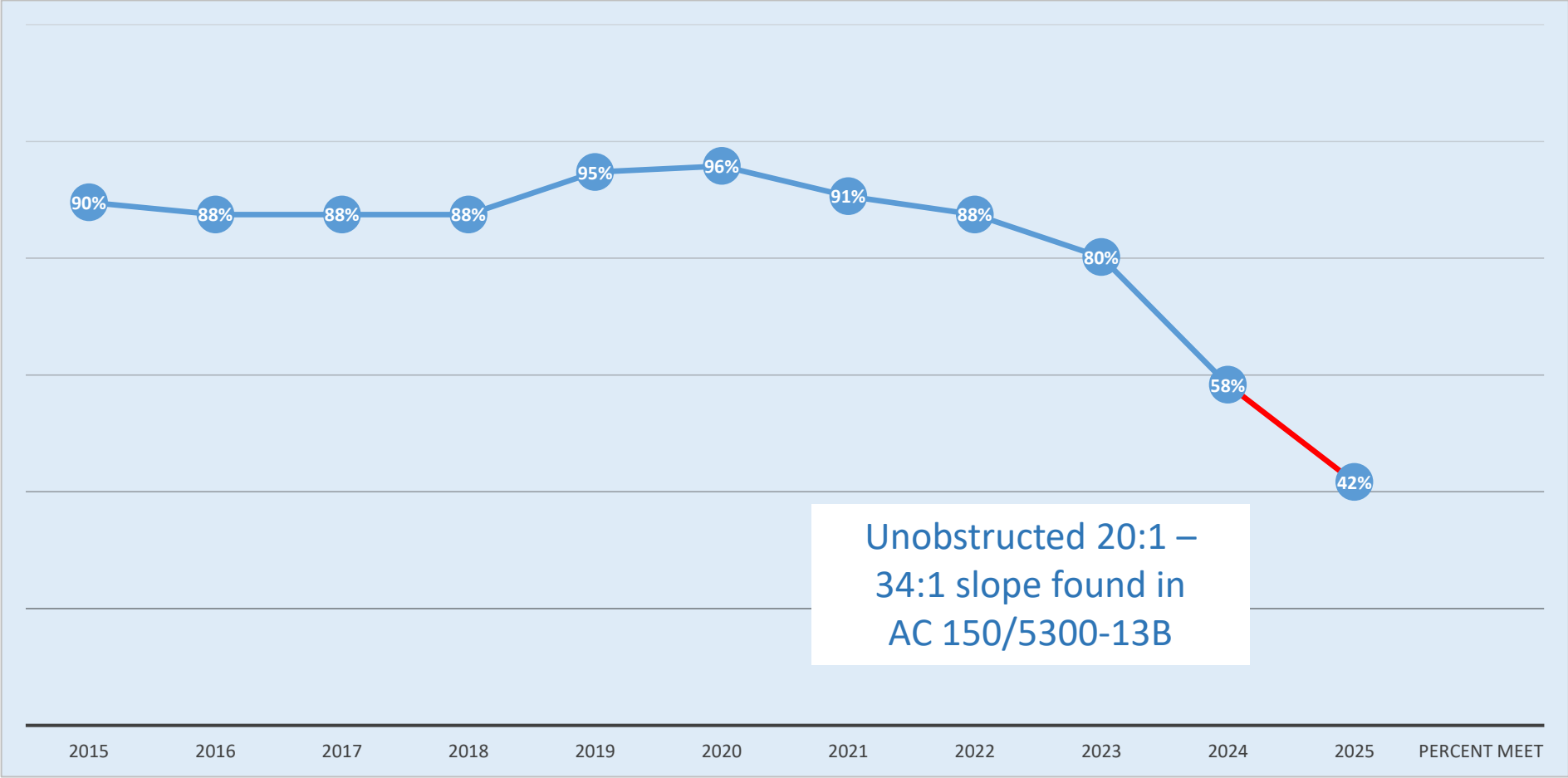
**W.H. 'Bud' Barron Airport (DBN)
Dublin, GA**

State Approach Surface



Use of LiDAR found obstructions in State Approach otherwise not seen

Threshold Siting Surface



Before FY24 – Only inspected with displacements. Use of LiDAR found obstructions otherwise not seen

Exhibit “A” Project

- Under SBGP MOA and per FAA Grant Assurances, sponsors are to update and maintain an Exhibit “A” Airport Property Inventory Map.
- FAA grant assurances: 4-Good Title; 29-Airport Layout Plan; 31-Disposal of Land

What we found

- Missing property records or historical records
- Sponsors did not hold good title
- Surplus property not properly released
- Non-aeronautical use of property
- Non-compatible use of property
- Parcels that need release or change in use

Exhibit “A” Project

Federally obligated land

- Acquired via federal grant or surplus property
- In an area of future or potential development for airport
- In an area of interest (existing/ultimate RPZ)

FAA Approvals

- FAA guidance requires a release of obligations for any property that falls under these categories.
- Federally obligated property requires an approved release or change in use request for non-aeronautical use.

Releases/change in use can only be approved by FAA

Project Highlights



Rehabilitate Runway 5-23
\$2.8M

May 2025

Plantation Airpark (JYL)
Sylvania, GA





Atlanta Regional-Falcon Field (FFC) Peachtree City, GA

Expand Terminal Apron
\$3M

October 2024





**W.H. Bud Barron Airport (DBN)
Dublin, GA**

**Replace Airfield Lighting,
Signs, MALSR, Vault
\$1.3M**

July 2025





**Swinton Smith Field at Reidsville
Municipal Airport (RVJ)
Reidsville, GA**

**Terminal Building & Landside/Airside
Improvements
\$2.3M**

March 2025





Covington Municipal Airport (CVC) Covington, GA

**Construct Taxiway B and Compass
Calibration Pad
\$1.5M**

May 2025





Atlanta Speedway Airport (HMP) Hampton, GA

Rehabilitate Runway 6-24

\$2.2M

April 2025





**Airport Entrance Road
\$530,000**

January 2025

Roosevelt Memorial Airport (5A9) Warm Springs, GA



Final Approach



Dalton Municipal Airport (DNN)
Dalton, GA

Final Approach. . .

Customer Service survey. Let us hear from you.

*Procurement of **aircraft counter systems** to be advertised this month.*

***2026-2027 Georgia Airport Directory** is underway. Please review your information.*

*New modules coming to **BlackCat Aviation** Data Management System.*

***FAA Snapshot** - validate your based aircraft no later than **December 1, 2025**.*

***2025 Airport licenses** have been mailed.*

***7460'S** MUST be reviewed by GDOT before FAA will open cases.*

*Please remember to coordinate **non-aeronautical events** with our office. GDOT will then coordinate with FAA. Please allow at least a **120-day review** time.*

***DBE Interim Final Rule.** Stay tuned.*

***Hangar loan program** thru GTIB. Application window to open SOON!*

Thank you

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Legislative Update

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AAM Multistate Collaborative Overview

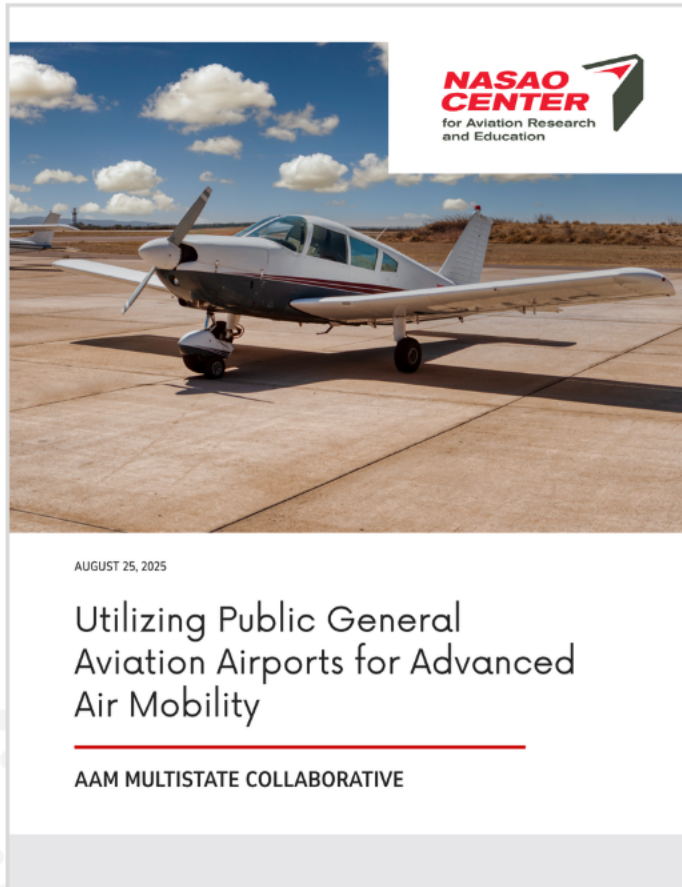
- A forum for states to discuss state-level policies and infrastructure needed to support AAM operations, supported by private sector experts
- Governed by a steering committee, comprised of state aviation directors and NASAO
- Housed under the NASAO Center for Aviation Research and Education and operates – deliberately – as an informal study group



34+ States
Participating

Goals of the Collaborative

- 1 Create interoperability of policy and infrastructure across states
- 2 Provide a roadmap to harmonize AAM policy across the participating states
- 3 Provide a strategy to develop the minimum viable infrastructure and service levels across the participating states
- 4 Provide discrete feedback to the FAA and other federal partners to inform rules, policies, and standards



Topic Papers

The Multistate Collaborative recently published four papers through the NASAO Center:

- 1 Scope of AAM and Role of the States
- 2 Policy Harmonization
- 3 Physical and Digital Infrastructure
- 4 Leveraging Current General Aviation Infrastructure

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NASAO **Airport
Partner Program**



What is the Airport Partner Program?

Started in 2023, the Airport Partner Program is open to all U.S. airports and offers **educational** and **legislative resources** to **airport staff**.



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Advocacy

NASAO is dedicated to representing **the interests of the states** and the **public** before policymakers at the **federal level**

- Access key federal aviation-related bill summaries and analysis
- Receive the latest developments on Capitol Hill
- Collaborate with peers and state government officials to address common challenges through NASAO Committees



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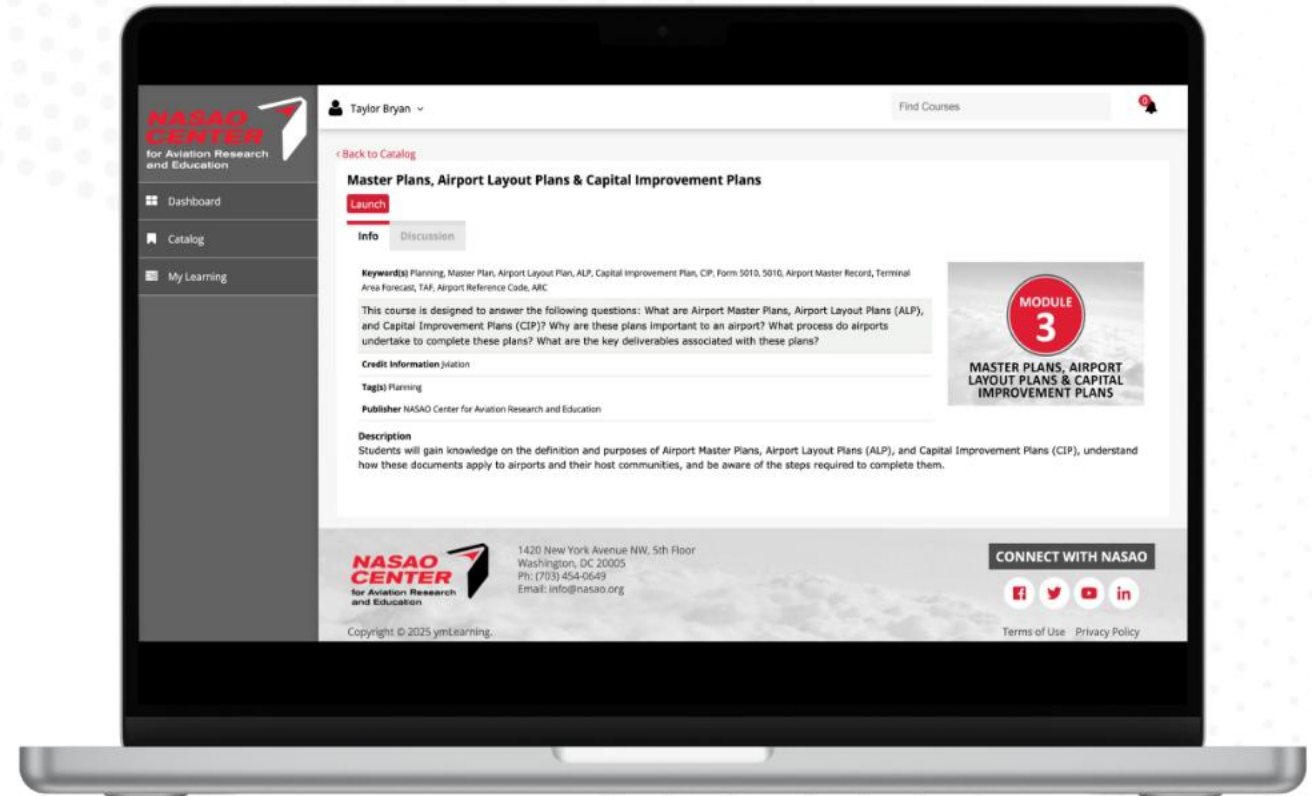


Online Aviation Training Program

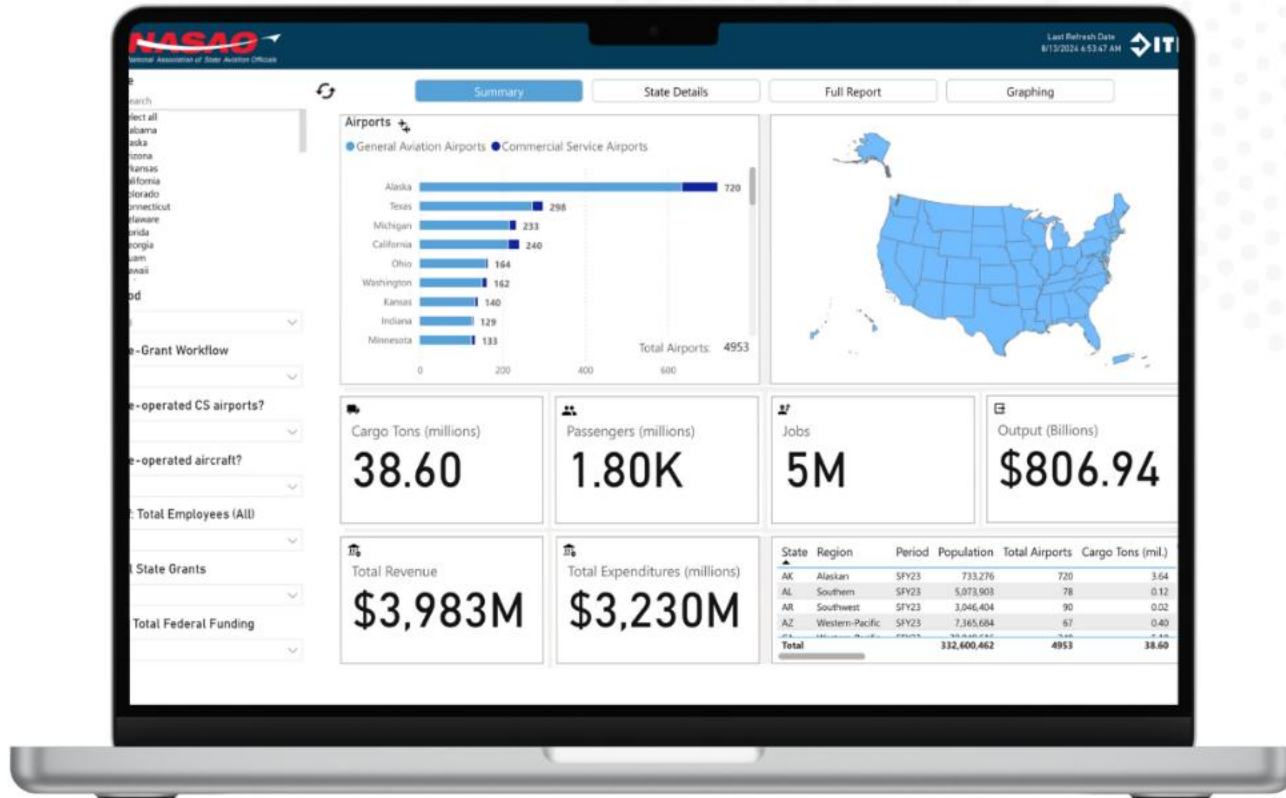
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COURSES INCLUDE:

1. Airport Setting
2. Partners
3. Planning
4. Environmental Planning
5. Engineering



PROGRAM BENEFITS



State Aviation Databook

← Released in 2024!

How much will it cost for my airport to join?

INDIVIDUAL AIRPORTS	ANNUAL DUES	*EMPLOYEES
Primary	\$500 per airport	20
Nonprimary Commercial	\$200 per airport	10
Nonprimary (no Commercial Service)	\$200 per airport	10

*Number of included employee accounts

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