



NORTH CAROLINA
Department of Transportation

NCDOT Aviation-N.C. Airports Quarterly Community Meeting

Nick Short, PE, Director, NCDOT Aviation

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Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina

TOPICS FOR TODAY



- NCAA Conference Review
- 2025 N.C. Aviation Art Contest
- Staffing Updates
- Continuous Improvement Committee Updates
- Guidance
- Training
- Staying Connected
- NCDOT Aviation Calendar
- Q&A

NCAA Conference Review

2025 NCAA Annual Conference



Theme: “Back to our Roots”

Wilmington Conference Center

500+ attendees

Sessions included:

- Developing your airport/business for the future
- Current and future legislation
- New TSA mandates
- FAA deep-dive



Congratulations New North Carolina Airport Professionals!

- **Carissa Barnette** Statesville Regional Airport
- **Mortaza Habibi** NCDOT Division of Aviation
- **Martha Hodge** NCDOT Division of Aviation
- **Sabrina Jackson-Harris** Concord-Padgett Regional Airport
- **Ronnie Jones Jr.** Raleigh-Durham International
- **Raymond Jordan** Fayetteville Regional Airport
- **Raj Kondapalli** NCDOT Division of Aviation
- **Gary Lewis** Lumberton Regional Airport
- **Patrick Lofvenholm** Lake Norman Airpark (14A)
- **Tanya Logan** Mid-Carolina Regional Airport
- **Janie Mason** Carteret County-Beaufort Airport
- **Erin McNally** Wilmington International Airport
- **Mary Moscato** Plymouth Airport
- **Curtis Potter** Plymouth Airport
- **Jody Powe** Concord-Padgett Regional Airport
- **Andrew Shorter** Coastal Carolina Regional Airport
- **Trinia Wolfe** Fayetteville Regional Airport

N.C. Airports Association elects 2025-2026 officers



PRESIDENT
Gage King
Global Transpark/
Kinston Regional
Jetport



**VICE
PRESIDENT**
Bill Hopper
Pitt-Greenville
Airport



SECRETARY
**Deontae
Watson**
Fayetteville
Regional Airport



TREASURER
Bob Heuts
Raleigh Executive
Jetport at
Sanford-Lee Co



**IMMEDIATE
PAST
PRESIDENT**
John Coon
Asheville
Regional Airport

2024 Project Successes



- **Video coming soon!**
- Highlight reel of 2024 projects
- Statewide successes
- Share with your community

2025 North Carolina Aviation Art Contest

Theme: Women with Wings

2025 North Carolina Aviation Art Contest

Thank you, NCAA, sponsor of NCDOT's 2025 North Carolina Aviation Art Contest!

- More than 1,000 students entered
- Three young N.C. artists won national awards!



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Sophia Garcia-Vazquez

First Place
Intermediate Category
National Award Winner

Davis Drive Middle School, Cary



2025 NCDOT Aviation Art Contest – Senior Division: 1st place - Catherine Park

Catherine Park

Third Place
Senior Category
National Award Winner

Cary Christian School



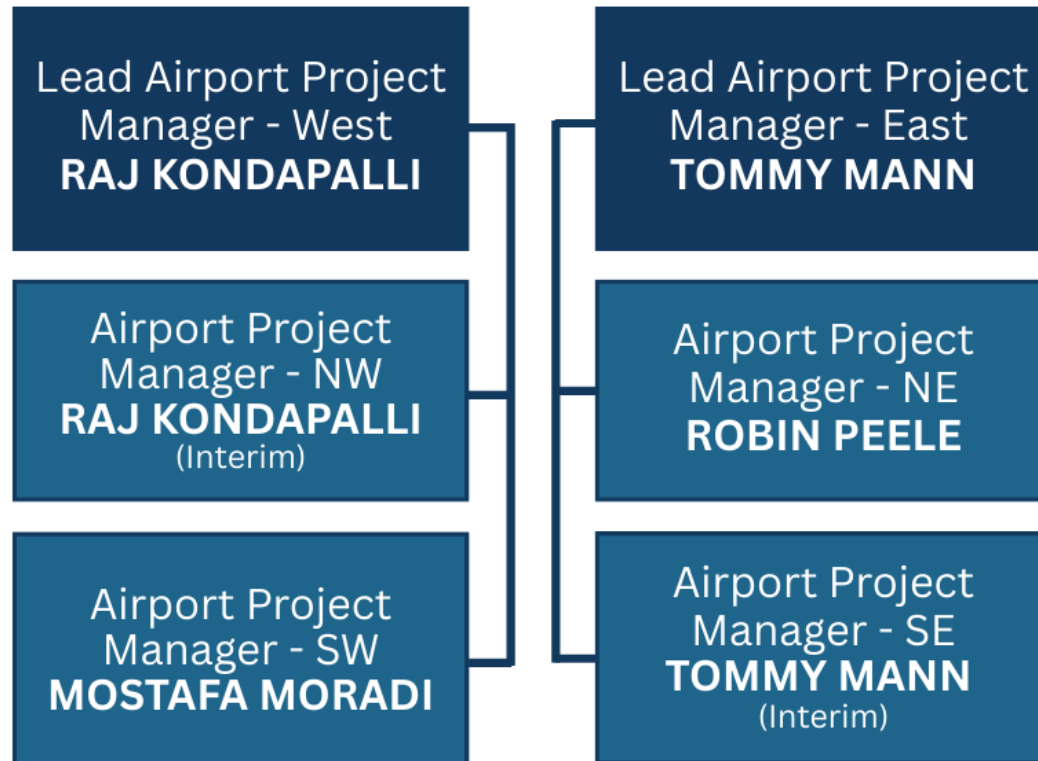
Soyoon Kim

First Place
Senior Category
National Award Winner
Chapel Hill High School

Staffing Updates

Airport Project Manager Team Expands

Lead APMs + 2 APMs for East and West regions



Raj Kondapalli
Lead APM – West



Tommy Mann
Lead APM – East

New Airport Director

Welcome Andrew LaGala, A.A.E



Fayetteville Regional Airport (FAY).

- LaGala will develop and manage:
 - aircraft operations
 - building and airfield maintenance
 - construction
 - safety and regulatory compliance
 - and programs to promote airport usage.
- Began October 2, 2024
- Over 30 years in aviation

New Staff



Jeremy Strothers

**Aviation Services
Coordinator**

- Key member of Flight Operations team
- Coordinates use of state aircraft



Alex Rotenberry

Aviation Planner

- Key member of the Planning Team
- Assist airports with ALPs and master planning

New Staff



Vanessa Kay

**Technical
Consultant/Grants**

- Key member of Grants Team



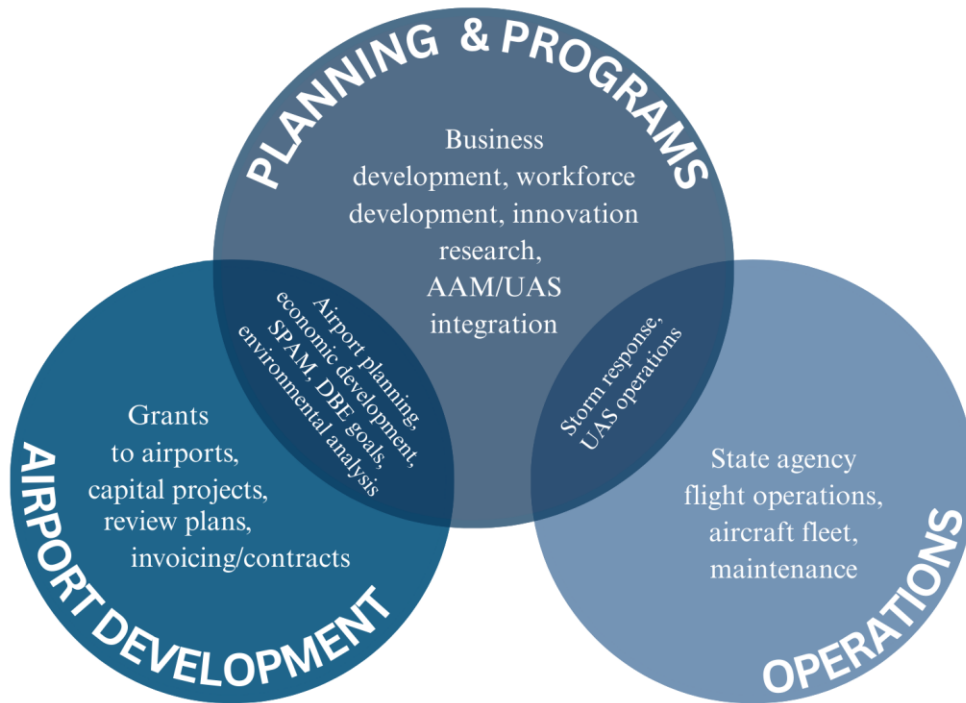
Chris Arnette

TEA / Staff Engineer

- Key member of Programs and Planning Team
- Assists with innovation initiatives

Staffing reorganization underway

Meeting the future needs of air transportation and technology integration



- **Airport Development** manages:
 - Federal and state funds programming
 - Airport project management, oversight and technical assistance
- **Programs & Planning** manages:
 - AAM and new technology integration
 - Expanded roles for Statewide Programs, environmental and compliance to accommodate both airport development and AAM/UAS integration
 - Business and workforce development

Funding Update: Obligated Funds & Expenditures

AIG Funds



FFY	FAA Allotment	Amount Requested	AIG Remaining
FFY 2022	\$ 12,348,000	\$ 12,270,926	\$ 77,074
FFY 2023	\$ 12,748,000	\$ 8,763,232	\$ 3,984,768
FFY 2024	\$ 12,769,000	\$ 6,358,541	\$ 6,410,459
FFY 2025	\$ 13,196,000	\$ 3,660,944	\$ 9,535,056
TOTAL	\$ 51,061,000	\$ 31,053,643	\$ 20,007,357



CLC Update

Continuous Improvement Committee (CIC) Purpose:



- Programmatic workgroup formed at the request of the NCGA
- The workgroup recommended continuation
- Members include NCDOT Aviation, airports, and consultants
- Provides data and opinions to inform and improve:
 - operations,
 - decisions,
 - and emergent issues.
- Monitors key performance indicators to inform a future administrative model recommendation
- Meets every 3 months

CIC Update:



- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
- Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) Rollover to Apportionment
- Fiori Transition
 - On-demand Training
- New Funding Dashboard
- Design Build (DB)/Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Checklist
 - Delivery process drafted
 - Briefing and FAQ document drafted
 - Summer rollout

Guidance

NEW Guidance Coming Soon



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State Funding for Redesign Costs

Guidance for N.C. Public Airports and Consultants



Change in designs for airport infrastructure development projects may occur for many reasons. **This guidance aims to assist airports in determining whether and how they may be reimbursed with state grant funding for redesigning new projects.**

Note: Redesign costs are not eligible for federally funded projects.

Redesign Reimbursement Request Process

Airports seeking reimbursement for redesign of projects should submit the following documents to their regional airport project manager (APM) for consideration of funding:

- A written description of the request for re-design to include:
 - Whether it is a full redesign or repackaging.
 - The reason for the request, for example, "The redesign will reduce necessary land acquisition."
 - Whether you are using the same engineering firm.

- A budget comparison of the original and new design cost, including:
 - Value engineering such as:
 - Construction estimate changes from original to new.
 - Land acquisition changes from original to new.
 - Reduction of environmental impact.
 - Anticipated time savings.
 - Additional local investment.

Your APM will review these items to determine whether the request is eligible for funding and whether state funding is available for the request.

Keep in mind that increased funding for redesign affects the amount of funding available for all airports in both the State Aid to Airports and State Transportation Improvement Program grant programs. Multiple requests for reimbursement of redesign projects from an airport will be considered when assessing the request.

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Requesting Funding for Project Cost Increases

Guidance for N.C. Public Airports and Consultants

Many factors affect the cost of airport infrastructure development projects at every stage. In some cases, state and federal funds may be available to cover those increased costs. In some cases, they may not, leaving airports responsible for paying those additional costs.

This guidance outlines how airports should help monitor cost increases at every stage and how to request additional funding when needed to cover costs increases.

Keep in mind that federally funded projects may have limited or no additional funds to draw on to cover cost increases.

When requesting funds, cost estimates should include 100 percent of the total cost of the project, including design, construction and administration.

Additionally, when communicating with regional airport project managers (APMs) about your projects, please include the airport identifier, project title and WBS number, if available, to prevent confusion and expedite the review. This will clarify your request as they may be managing multiple, similarly named projects across their regions.

Cost Increases Prior to Construction Award

Airports should take the following steps to keep cost estimates as up to date as possible when requesting funds from NCDOT:

- Update project costs in EBS each year during the annual call for projects.

- Estimates should be based on current costs the airport or engineer are receiving on relevant projects.
- Any estimate increase of \$2 million or 25% or more must include a written explanation for review and concurrence.
- Changes in construction costs arising from alternatives analyses, environmental



- assessments or design, costs should be updated in EBS for the next phase of work.
- In rare occurrences, after bidding, redesign may allow value engineering to reduce overall costs. Contact your APM.

Cost Increases at Time of Grant Award

When an airport is ready for funding, the airport should confirm the cost estimates with their APM. This must be accomplished **before** the grant is submitted for board approval for state funds and Request for Aid submitted for federal funds.

This is particularly important for projects funded with State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds, which are programmed years in advance and may require cost estimate adjustments before funding can be requested.

For design projects, ensure:

- The master contract is current.
- The scope is reviewed and concurred upon.
- The Independent Fee Estimate is complete.
- A full A code budget breakdown and confirmation of construction funding (or plan) is provided.
- The airport has matching funds and is ready to begin the project.

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- State Funding for Redesign Costs
- Requesting Funding for Project Cost Increases
- ROW Manual pending final updates to table of contents

Training

FFY 2025 Regional Airport Wildlife Hazard Training



- May 7 – Albert J. Ellis Airport
- July 16 – Burlington-Alamance Regional Airport

Registration and Information:

Chris Willis, USDA, chris.e.willis@usda.gov



Join us June 12 for *ALMP 5, Airport Safety and Security*

In-person and virtual option | Details coming soon

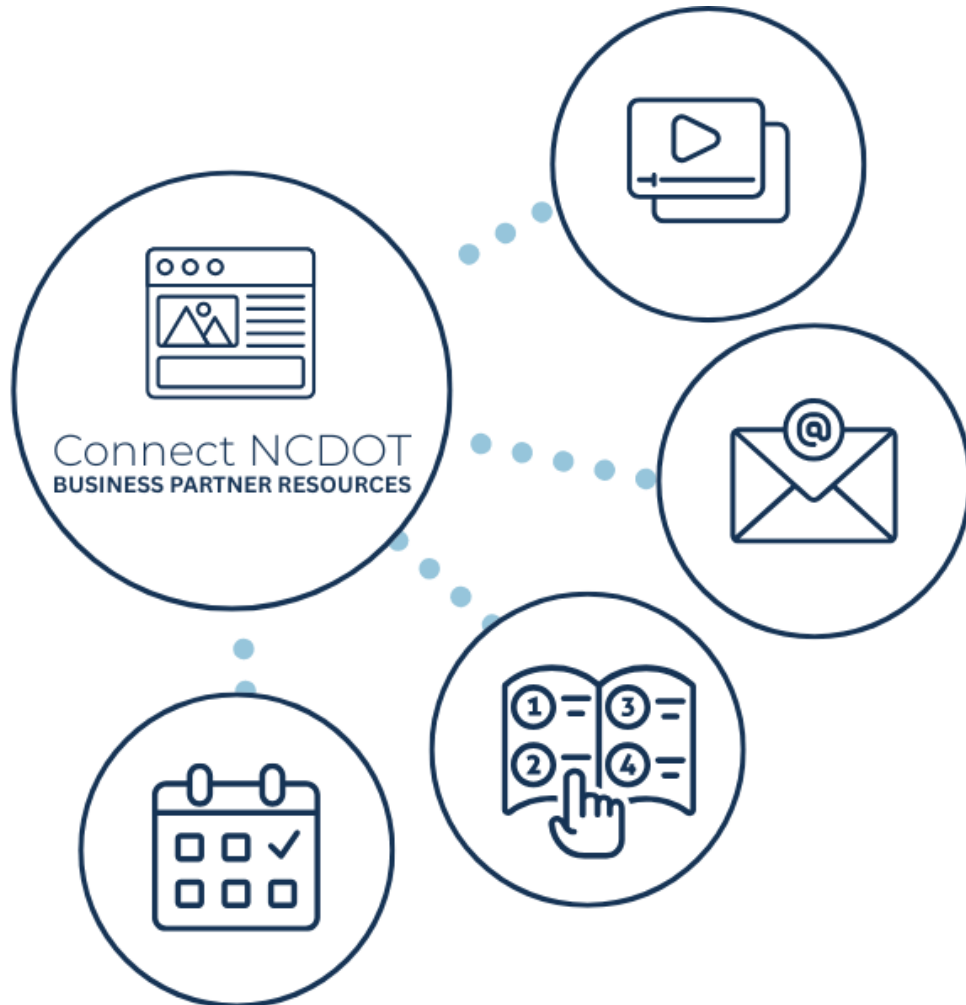


Learn more about ALMP at
go.ncsu.edu/ncairtap

Staying Connected

Five Key Communication Channels

For Airports and Consultants



- NCDOT Connect site
- Quarterly airport community meeting and slides
- Topical emails with requests and guidance
- New NCDOT Aviation Monthly email
- NCAA region meetings

NCDOT Aviation Connect Site Features



AIRPORT EMAILS

- Requests
- Guidance
- Archive on Connect NCDOT



CALENDAR

- Due dates
- Events
- Linked to FY25 Master Calendar on Connect NCDOT



GUIDANCE

- Includes resources for:
- Environmental
 - Development
 - Grants
 - Planning

[FYI] NCDOT Aviation Monthly – Events, due dates,...



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Bingham, Rachel S; +12 others

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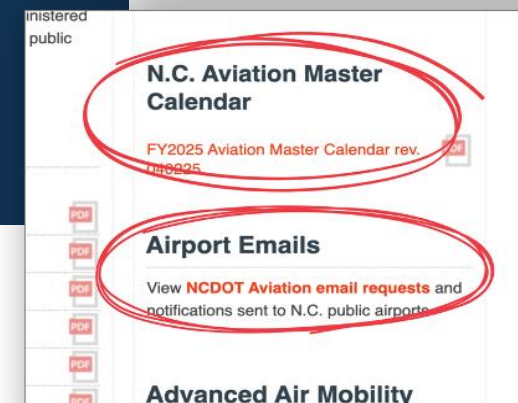
N.C. Public Airport Community,

Welcome to **NCDOT Aviation Monthly**, the first of a new email series NCDOT Aviation will send to the airport community the end of each month. It will contain:

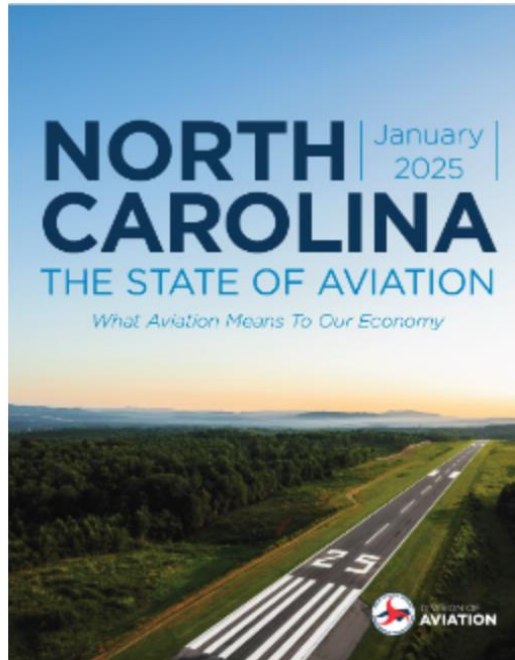
- Emails requesting action and providing guidance that have been sent to the community in the past month
- Events and due dates for the coming two months
- New guidance expected to be released soon

We'll also begin posting on the [NCDOT Airport Grants Connect site](#) (formerly called *State Aid to Airports and Federal Block Grant Program*) for your quick reference:

- A copy of the [emails](#) we send to the airport community, containing guidance, invitations and requests for action
- A [Master Calendar](#) of events and due dates for the fiscal year



Capturing Campaign Reach and Impact



North Carolina: The State of Aviation 2025 Outreach Campaign Dashboard

SPREAD THE WORD: \$88 Billion Annual Airport Impact

Follow the **link below** to track your outreach results:

1. Enter **each presentation** you make on your impacts.
2. Enter **each published story** (newspaper, TV, newsletter, etc.) that publicizes your impacts.

Submit a presentation or published story



Add your results to the Outreach Campaign Dashboard

Calendar Updates

Upcoming Events



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| May 7 | Regional Airport Wildlife Hazard Mitigation Training
Albert J. Ellis Airport, Jacksonville |
| July 16 | Regional Airport Wildlife Hazard Mitigation Training
Burlington-Alamance Regional Airport |
| July 22 | N.C. Airport Community Quarterly Meeting
Register through ITRE |

Ongoing Training Opportunities

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| June 12 | NC AirTAP Education and Training
Airport Safety and Security |
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Important Dates



May 15

ATP & FCT Deadline:

Submit documents for ATP & FCT applications for those notified of announcement

June 1

NPE & APP Recommended Deadline:

Deadline for expending FY 2020 FAA non-primary entitlement and apportionment, and CARES match grants before SAP shutdown

June 9

AIG Bids Due:

Bids due to NCDOT for FY 2022 AIG funds utilized for construction

June 30

Funds Expire:

FY 2020 FAA non-primary entitlement apportionment and CARES match funds expire

Questions? Comments?



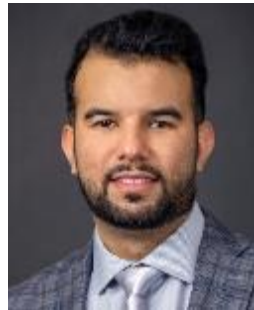
Raj Kondapalli
Western Region Lead
Interim NW Region



Tommy Mann
Eastern Region Lead
Interim SE Region



Robin Peele
Northeast Region



Mostafa Moradi
Southwest Region



Mortaza Habibi
Commercial Service Airports

Airport Project Managers (APMs)

Your go-to resource for airport development

- Primary contact for airports
- Annual planning meetings
- Airport Layout Plans/Master Plans
- Project meetings
- Safety & compliance support
- Education and training
- Mini “FAA Airports District Office”

View [updated APM map](#) on the
Connect site, bottom right column

NEW DATES

FFY 26 Airport Community Meeting Schedule



Quarterly, 4th Tuesdays
10:30 a.m., Virtual

- July 22, 2025
- October 28, 2025
- January 27, 2026
- April 27, 2026



**Thanks for all you do to develop a strong
public airport system for North Carolina!**
