



**NORTH CAROLINA**  
Department of Transportation

# **NCDOT Aviation-N.C. Airports Quarterly Community Meeting**

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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



- Funding Updates
- Continuous Improvement Committee Updates
- Guidance
- Training
- Recent Activity
- Staying Connected
- NCDOT Aviation Calendar
- Q&A

# Funding Updates

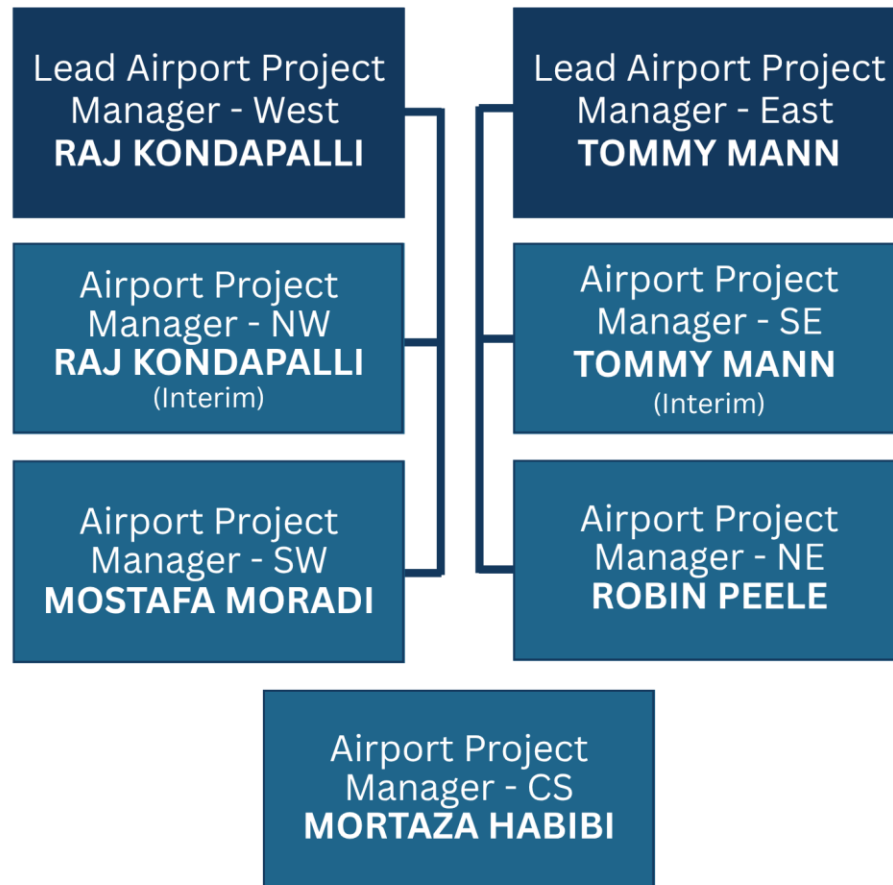
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FFY	FAA Allotment	Amount Requested	AIG Remaining
FFY 2022	\$ 12,348,000	\$ 12,274,595	\$ 73,405
FFY 2023	\$ 12,748,000	\$ 8,623,518	\$ 4,124,482
FFY 2024	\$ 12,769,000	\$ 6,419,502	\$ 6,349,498
FFY 2025	\$ 13,196,000	\$ 4,200,524	\$ 8,995,476
TOTAL	\$ 51,061,000	\$ 31,518,139	\$ 19,542,861

# Airport Project Manager Team

Lead APMs + 2 APMs for East and West regions



**Raj Kondapalli**  
Lead APM – West



**Tommy Mann**  
Lead APM – East

# Staff Updates

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# New Staff



**Byron Creech**

**Financial Officer**

- U.S. Coast Guard, Executive Officer
- U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Budget Execution Division, prioritized and distributed \$5.8B
- MBA, University of Maryland



**Kristen Long**

**Statewide  
Program Manager**

- FAA Program Manager
- 17 years of experience working in airports from GA to large hub airports

# CLC Update

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## July 11 CIC Meeting

Consensus to recommend signing the State Block Grant MOA

- Added some stipulations
- Will continue to monitor the model
- Legislative and departmental support for the implementation of the decision

## CIC Members

- ▶ Thank you for your continued hard work
- ▶ CIC members offer great insight into important decisions for NC airports



### **GA airport representatives:**

Dan Danieleley (BUY)  
Scott Hinton (ECG)  
Mark Davidson (INT)  
Gage King (ISO)  
Seth Hatchell (MEB)  
Rick Cloutier (SOP)  
Bob Heuts (TTA)

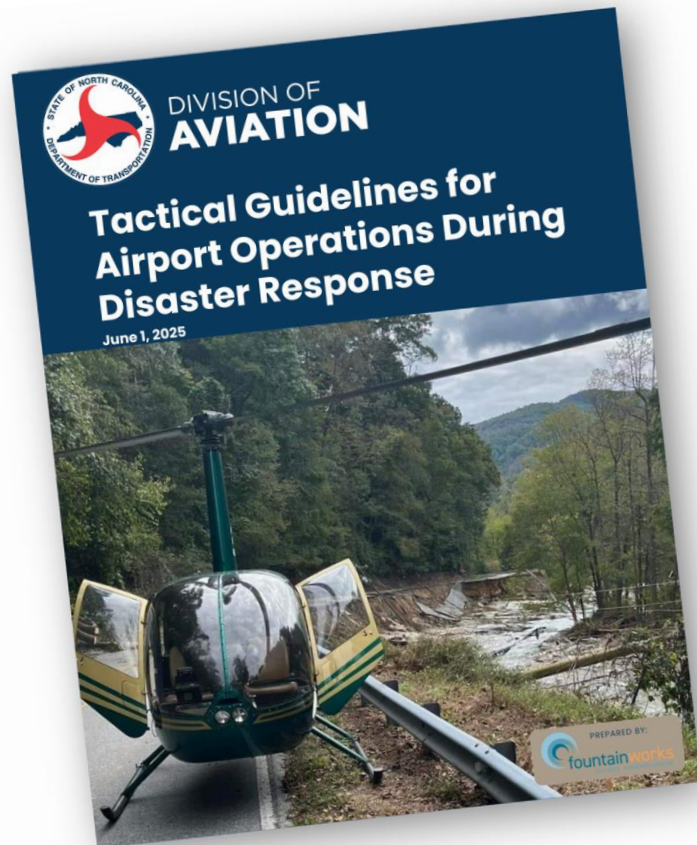
### **Airport consultants:**

Jeff Kirby  
John Massey  
James Moose  
Michael Player  
Paul Smith  
Greg VanderMolen

# Guidance

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# New Guidance

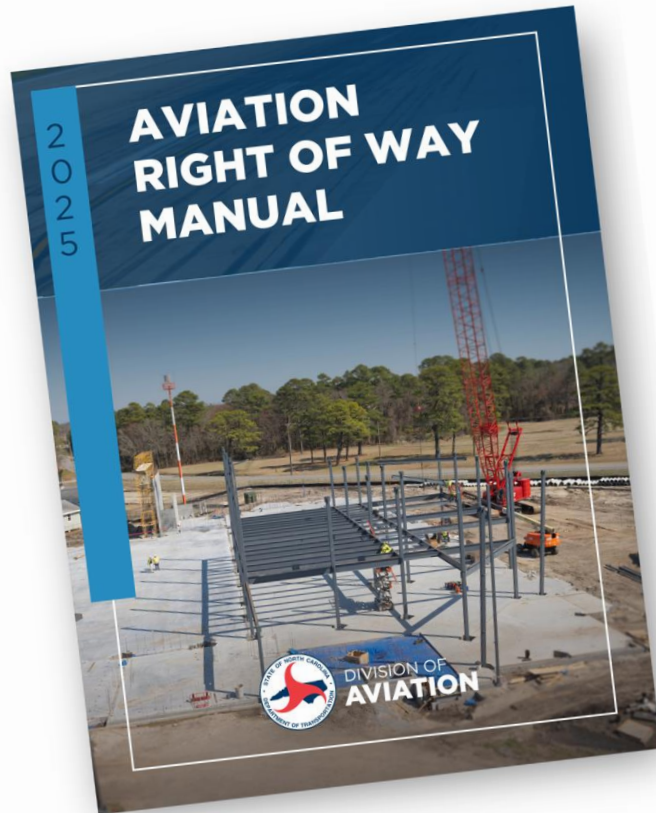


## New Guidance Tactical Guidelines for Airport Operations During Disaster Response

- Guidebook specifically designed for:
  - General aviation airports
  - Personnel
  - Emergency management partners
- Distills insights from the after-action report into tactical guidelines
- Covers preparedness, response, and recovery for future disasters, including
  - Best practices
  - Operational checklists
  - Coordination strategies



# New Guidance



## NCDOT Aviation Right of Way Manual

- Developed in coordination with the FAA and the NCDOT Right-of-Way Unit
- Mirrors federal processes for airports
- Continue using:
  - NCDOT AV-100 Checklist (page two)
  - Land Release Flowchart
- Airports must complete review appraisals and serve as the approving authority for:
  - Fair market values
  - Administrative settlement values
  - Condemnation
  - Relocation benefits

*Went into effect July 1, 2025*

# New Guidance

## Advanced Aviation Guidebook *coming soon!*

Guidance for

- Adopting UAS and AAM technology
- Planning Considerations
- Implementation Considerations



# Training

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# Training Channels for Grant Information

Where are the gaps? How can we be more effective?



## Trainings

- Guidance on Connect NCDOT
- Online Fiori (formerly EBS) training modules
- Custom webinars (new programs, reporting requirements)
- Training for airport managers and staff
  - Airport Leadership and Management Program (ALMP) training
  - Custom grants system training





**Join us for ALMP 6, *Airport Planning and Environmental***  
**In-person at the RDU Airport Maintenance Facility | August 14**

**NC AirTAP** 

Learn more about ALMP



[go.ncsu.edu/ncairtap](https://go.ncsu.edu/ncairtap)

# Airport Leadership and Management Program Training



- Available now on-demand
  - ALMP 7: The Fixed Base Operator
  - ALMP 8: Airport Public Relations and Communication
- Register online, \$35 per course

Learn more about ALMP



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# Airport Board Member Training



- A series of 10 online, self-paced learning modules includes:
  - Airport board organization
  - Board roles and responsibilities
  - Safe and efficient airport operations
  - Developing rules and regulations
- Designed for new and current board members at NC public airports
- Offered at no cost

# Recent Activity

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## Airport Tours and Engagement



- Division director to visit every airport
- Nine visits so far in 2025
- 15 to 20 airport visits by EOY
- Will continue throughout 2026

# Airport Vision and Partnership Tours

## Stakeholder engagement and collaboration



- Engaging airports and connecting stakeholders
- Forging stronger partnerships to further key projects
- Finding additional ways to best support airports

# **Staying Connected**

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# 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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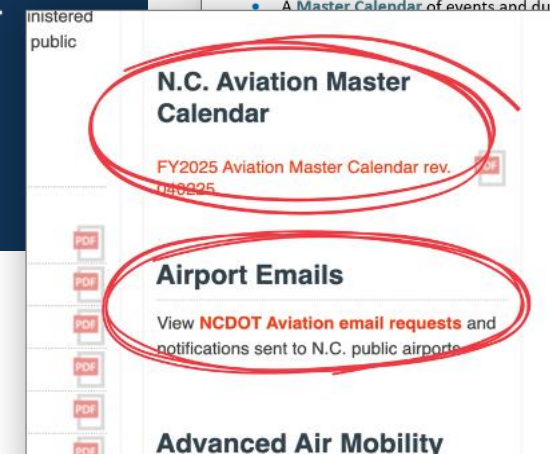
N.C. Public Airport Community,

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:

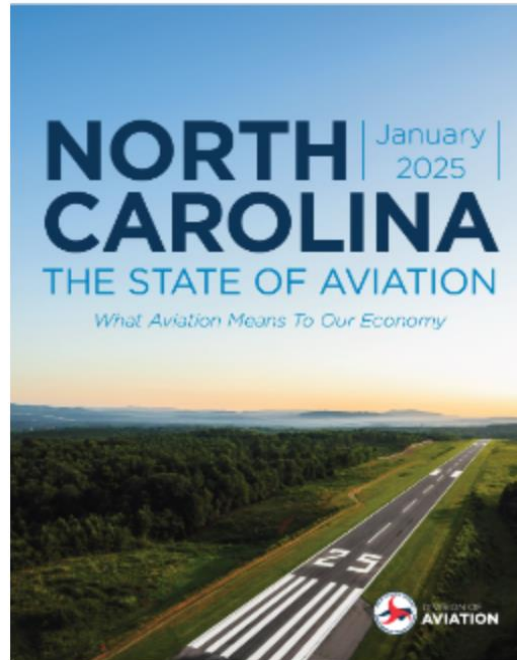
- Emails requesting action and providing guidance that have been sent to the community in the past month
- Events and due dates for the coming two months
- New guidance expected to be released soon

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

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# Upcoming Events



## Ongoing Training Opportunities

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| Aug 14    | <b>ALMP 6 Airport Planning and Environmental</b><br>RDU Airport Maintenance Facility, Cary         |
| On Demand | <b>ALMP 7 The Fixed Base Operator</b><br><b>ALMP 8 Airport Public Relations and Communications</b> |

## Meetings and Events

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| Oct 28 | <b>N.C. Airport Community Quarterly Meeting</b><br>Register through ITRE |
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# Important Dates



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| <b>July 28-</b> | <b><u>SPOT Online Submittals:</u></b>                                     |
| <b>Sept 30</b>  | SPOT online submittal period for submitting new projects for STIP funding |
| <b>Aug 15</b>   | <b><u>ACIP Deadline:</u></b>  |
|                 | GA airports submit AICP to airport project managers                       |
| <b>Oct 1</b>    | <b><u>Quarterly Status Report:</u></b>                                    |
|                 | Due for every grant   |
| <b>April 10</b> | <b><u>AIG Bids Due:</u></b>   |
| <b>2026</b>     | AIG requests can be submitted anytime                                     |

# Questions? Comments?

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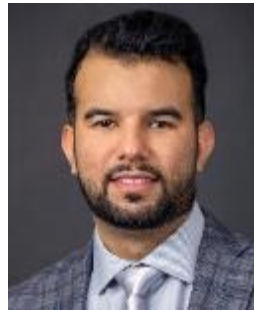
**Raj Kondapalli**  
Western Region Lead  
Interim NW Region



**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

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





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

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