

Multimodal Transportation Aviation Funding Project Selection and Funding Process

Aviation: Multimodal Transportation Aviation Funding (MMTA) is used to supplement funding for approved State Aviation Development Program state/local projects and state match of federally funded airport projects. There is currently no formal application process, which other Multimodal Transportation funding programs may require for requesting project funding.

Airport Sponsors discuss potential MMTA funded projects with the PennDOT Bureau of Aviation (BOA) during annual planning sessions to determine their priority. Airport Sponsors and BOA utilize the Joint Automated Capital Improvement Program (JACIP) to electronically collect, evaluate, and communicate twelve- and four-year plan data with funding eligible airport sponsors. JACIP also stores airport and project information that is used in the evaluation and selection of airports' funding requests. The BOA evaluates each project request utilizing both qualitative and quantitative tools and available methodology. These include but not limited to:

- Project readiness
- Availability of other funding sources
- Number of project modifications being requested and if multiple, which is of higher priority to the Airport
- Connectivity with other transportation modes
- Current airport classification in the current State Airport System Plan
- Current airport activity: Number and type of aircraft, annual enplaned passengers if a scheduled airline service airport
- Project Element (in order of importance): Runway, taxiway, terminal/apron, landside
- Funding amount of previous and open grants
- Department goals (in order of importance): Safety, system preservation, economic development, intermodal/planning, and other special considerations unique to that airport

MMTA Project Selection and Funding Process Flow:

1. Airport Sponsors discuss aviation development projects with the BOA at their annual planning sessions.
2. Airport Sponsors update their priority projects in JACIP and request project modifications/new projects to the BOA for inclusion in the fiscally balanced four-year program and unbalanced twelve-year program.
3. BOA reviews and evaluates Airport Sponsor requests.
4. BOA presents the updated four-year program that includes MMTA projects for approval to the PennDOT Project Management Committee and State Transportation Commission.

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5. Once the updated four-year program is approved, year one state/local aviation development projects utilizing MMTA are issued an invitation to apply to the Airport Sponsor, who then are required to complete a list of contingent items such as bids and environmental documents during the application process to attain a grant offer.
6. The Airport Sponsor completes and supplies grant contingent items during the eGrants application process and a grant is offered, accepted, then awarded.

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