

Memorandum

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Ref: **2008 AERONAUTICS PROGRAM**

SUMMARY:

The biennial Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is one element of the California Aviation System Plan (CASP). The 2008 Aeronautics Program covers Fiscal Years (FY) 2008-2010 in the current CIP. The 2008 Aeronautics Program is currently proposed at \$3.0 million.

The 2008 Aeronautics Program consists of Acquisition and Development (A&D) projects that are funded by the State at 90 percent of the total project cost. As required by State statute, these A&D projects would be funded after Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Matching Grants and Annual Credits to local agencies are funded first.

The attached list of the proposed 2008 Aeronautics Program projects would be funded assuming revenues remain after the AIP Matching Grants and Annual Credits. This item will return at the July 2008 California Transportation Commission (Commission) meeting for adoption.

BACKGROUND:

The Aeronautics Program is a biennial, three-year program for the acquisition and development of airports. The Aeronautics Program is funded by the Aeronautics Account in the State Transportation Fund. It is prepared in accordance with Public Utilities Code Sections 21683 and 21706. The Technical Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (TACA) reviewed three options of the 2008 Aeronautics Program on March 26, 2008. TACA accepted the option recommended by the Division of Aeronautics and recommended it to the Commission for approval.

For the next three fiscal years FY 2008-2010, 6 (six) safety projects, 7 (seven) capacity projects and 7 (seven) airport land use compatibility plans (ALUCP) totaling 20 (twenty) projects have been identified. These projects were selected from the current 2007 CIP based on safety and capacity. The Commission approved the CIP on November 8, 2007. The 2008 Aeronautics Program totals \$ 3.0 million for the next three years.

Based on the CASP 2003 System Requirements Element, additional funding is needed for State Aeronautics enhancement projects. The CTC 2007 Annual report states “the Commission has long supported increasing State funding to develop an integrated system of airports that adequately meets the demands of California’s economy.” TACA supports legislative proposals that would increase funding to assist smaller airports in securing State and federal aviation grants to insure California receives the maximum amount of federal funds and uses State funds effectively.

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