

Memorandum

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Subject: **PROPOSED 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 Year (FY) 2008-09, FY 2009-10, and FY 2010-11 in the current CIP. The 2008 Aeronautics Program is currently proposed at \$3.0 million and 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.

The attached list of project proposed for the 2008 Aeronautics Program 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. On March 26, 2008, the Commission's Technical Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (TACA) reviewed the three set-aside ratio options for development of the 2008 Aeronautics Program. TACA accepted and recommends for approval (see concurrent action), the option recommended by the Department.

At its May 14, 2008 meeting, TACA reviewed the Proposed 2008 Aeronautics Program that incorporates the Department recommended ratio and recommends Commission approval.

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

Based on the California Aviation System Plan 2003 System Requirements Element, additional funding is needed for State Aeronautics Enhancement projects. The Commission's 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 ensure California receives the maximum amount of federal funds and uses State funds effectively.

Attachment