

Airport Funding Process Diagram

NPIAS: Defines system for FAA funding eligibility and airport development needs.

Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP): Outlines detailed project funding, serves as the basis for AIP fund distribution



*Updated
biennially*

Coordination: The FAA develops criteria for inclusion in the NPIAS and coordinates a process of “feeding” up recommendations for inclusion of airports and projects from the state/regional system plans.

State/Regional Aviation System Plans: State, metropolitan, and multi-state plans that define airport roles within a regional system, including non-NPIAS airports.



*Interim updates
every 2-5 years;
formal review at
least every 5 years*

Coordination: State (and regional) system plans provide policy guidance and technical direction to individual airports, along with forecast airport activity and a set of investment priorities. Individual airport master plans provide more detail for proposed improvements than what is contained in a system plan and may be used as a basis for altering priorities within the overall system plan.

Airport Master Plans: Detailed long-term development plans for individual airports (often with 5-,10-,and 20- year time horizons)



*Updates for minor
modifications. New
plans when key
underlying
assumptions have
changed.*

Airport Layout Plan: A key product of the master planning process, provides a graphical depiction of the current and future runways. Required for AIP funding eligibility.



Must be kept up-to-date, including “as built” updates after project completion.

Facilities Implementation and Airport Capital Improvement Plans (CIPs): Translates the master plan into line-item project components, with sufficient detail for resource planning (e.g. budgeting, timing, etc.). CIPs have a typical 3-5 year time horizon.



May change from year-to-year in response to changing conditions; often more detailed in earlier years, to reflect the imprecision of longer-range improvement plans.

To learn more:
FAA Advisory Circular
[150/5070-7 The
Airport System
Planning Process](#)
and [150/5070-6B
Airport Master Plans](#)