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Office of
Aeronautics



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Transportation
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Key Facts

- 234 Licensed Public Use Airports:
 - 18 Support Scheduled Air Carrier Service
 - 9 Essential Air Service
- 39 Million Passengers
- 601 Million Pounds of Air Cargo
- Over 13,000 Active Pilots
- 6,569 Aircraft Based in Michigan
- 127 Licensed Aircraft Dealers
- 69 Licensed Flight Schools
- 18 Aviation-related Degree Programs
- 4th in Aerospace Attractiveness

- **\$22 Billion Annual Economic Impact**





Primary Functions

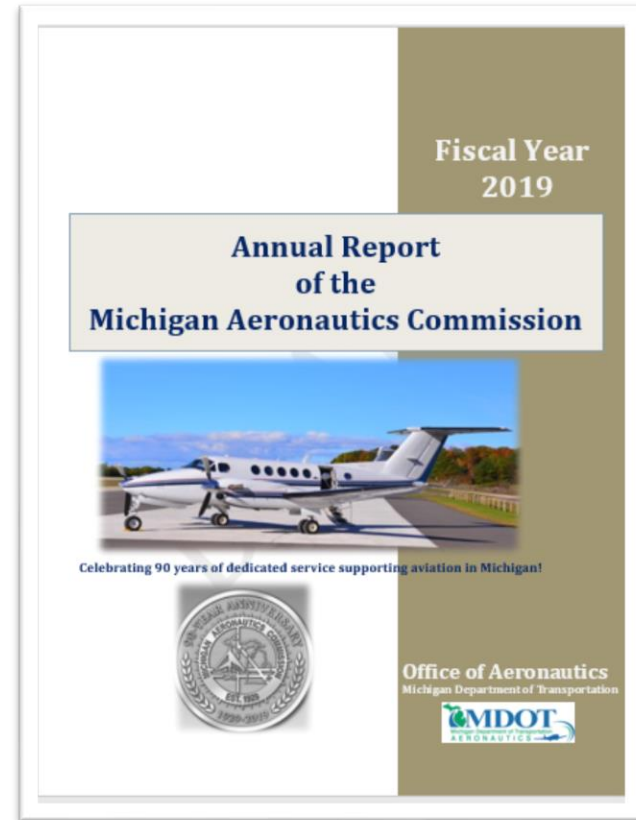
- Aeronautics Commission Support
- Programming – Airport Development Funds
- Project Management
- Aircraft Registration
- Airport/Heliport Inspection & Licensing
- Safety Education
- Air Transport
- Maintain Electronic Facilities
- Airport Zoning
- Tall Structure Permitting
- Manage State Airports
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Public Acts

- PA327 of 1945 Aeronautics Code; PA259 of 1959 Tall Structures Act; PA23 of 1950 Airport Zoning Act

Major Programs

- Airport Improvement Program (AIP); Air Service Program (ASP), State Block Grant Program





Key Partners

➤ State

- Legislature: House and Senate Transportation; House and Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittees
- Agencies: State Police; Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; Military and Veterans Affairs; Natural Resources; Michigan Economic Development Corporation; Executive Office
- Associations: Michigan Business Aviation Association; Michigan Association of Airport Executives
- Michigan Aeronautics Commission; Michigan Unmanned Aerial Systems Task Force

➤ National

- Legislature: Congressional Delegation and District Staff
- Agencies: Federal Aviation Administration; Agriculture; Environmental Protection Agency
- Associations: National Association of State Aviation Officials

➤ Local

- Airport Sponsors: Municipal leaders; Governing boards; Advisory boards
- Airlines
- Consultants
- Contractors





2019 Noteworthy

➤ Federal Aviation Administration Supplemental Discretionary Grants

- Gerald R. Ford International - \$19 million
- Manistee County – Blacker - \$801,750
- Oscoda Wurtsmith - \$4.9 million
- Flint Bishop International - \$936,000
- West Michigan Regional Airport - \$3 million



➤ PFAS Equipment Acquisition Grant Program

➤ Detroit Metro Airport – Named by JD Power and Associates ‘Best in Customer Satisfaction’

➤ Cherry Capital Airport - Increase to 17 Non-stop Routes

2019 Initiatives

- Update Aeronautics Code
- Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Task Force Recommendations
- Pilot Shortage Task Force Recommendations
- Address PFAS Concerns



Fiscal Year 2020

Appropriation Highlights



- **Aeronautics Services** - \$7,641,100 and 46 Full Time Equivalent Positions
 - Economic adjustment not included - (\$117,600)
 - Fund Source – State Aeronautics Fund
 - Line item funds MDOT Aeronautics Operations

- **Airport Safety, Protection, and Improvement Program** - \$94,813,200
 - Federal Airport Improvement Program Grant Funds - \$79,000,000
 - Local Community Matching Funds - \$12,508,500
 - State Aeronautics Fund Matching Funds - \$3,304,700
 - Line item funds Airport Improvement Grant Program



Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriation Highlights – Boilerplate Provisions

- **Section 324** – RFP for sale of two state-owned airports
 - **Romeo State Airport** – Currently operated under a public-private partnership contract through 2026. No state funds or state employees are utilized at this facility which houses 65 aircraft in a mixture of privately-owned and publicly-owned hangars. This airport is federally obligated and is subject to Federal Aviation Administration grant obligations which limit property transfer or sales to prequalified eligible sponsors.
 - **Linden Princes Airport** – Currently operated under a public-private partnership contract through 2051. No state funds or state employees are utilized at this facility which houses 20 aircraft primarily in privately-owned hangar homes that access the airport through under an airport access agreement.
- **Section 802** – Legislative encouragement to find entities to assume sponsorship of state-owned airports
 - MDOT remains in contact with all potential sponsors to discuss transfer options.
- **Section 804** – Air Transport Staffing Report
 - MDOT to submit number of full-time equivalent positions required to maintain air transport capability.
- **Section 806** – State Aeronautics Code Revisions
 - MDOT to review website content for consistency with State Aeronautics Code.
 - Initial review completed and Legislature notified November 2019. Further revisions of federal documents underway.



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Other Resources

- ✓ <http://www.house.michigan.gov/hfa/PDF/Transportation/AeronauticsProgramsMemo.pdf>