



Michigan Department of Transportation
Office of Aeronautics

Joint Meeting
Michigan State Transportation Commission
Michigan Aeronautics Commission

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Legislation Enacted

Aeronautic Funding

Package of bills signed into law Dec. 23, 2015, assigned Public Acts 258, 259, 260, 261, 262 and 263 of 2015, with immediate effect.

- Amends Aero Code and Sales and Use Tax Acts
- Redirects GF – Amount “Equal To” 2% Sales/Use Tax
 - \$10-12 Million Total
- Creates the Qualified Airport Fund - 65% (\$7-8 million)
- Aero Fund - 35% (\$3-4 Million)
- Maintains 3¢ Excise Tax with 1.5¢ Rebate
- Ensures Compliance w/FAA’s Revenue Use Policy

MET Regulation

HB 4727 signed into law on March 1, 2016, assigned Public Act 28 of 2016, with immediate effect.

- Amends Tall Structure Act
- Requires meteorological evaluation towers (MET) be marked in accordance w/federal standards

Legislation Pending

Liability for Landowners

Bill introduced that would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act and eliminate liability for landowners for accidents that are a result of aviation activities.

UAS and Uber/Lyft

Several bills pending that would provide regulation of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) and transportation network companies (i.e., Uber & Lyft).

Reauthorization

- Current FAA Reauthorization is set to expire end of March
 - Continuing Resolution presented through July 15, 2016
- House Committee approved FAA Reauthorization (H.R. 4441)
 - Provisions include privatization of the Air Traffic Control system
- Senate Committee approved FAA Reauthorization (S. 2658)
- Senate markup includes:
 - \$400 million increase in AIP funding for 2017
 - Third class medical reform
 - Aircraft certification reform
 - Streamlining PFC program
 - Federal Contract Tower protections
 - State Block grant program expansion
 - UAS provisions to require operators to disclose the type of personal data collected
 - Directs DOT to create a Small UAS Certificate for package delivery companies
 - Requirements for TSA to serve small communities that lost service after 2013
- Senate Bill does not propose privatizing ATC
- Senate version supported by most industry groups and associations

Reauthorization

Impacts to Michigan:

- AIP Funding Levels
- Block Grant Program
- EAS Funding
- Small Community Air Service
- Contract Tower Program
- Passenger Facility Charge
- Tower Marking
- Non-Primary Entitlements
- UAS Regulation

Reports

- MAC Annual Report to the Governor
 - www.michigan.gov/aero
- Michigan Aviation System Plan (MASP)
- Policy Plan for Michigan Air Service (PPMAS)

Upcoming Events

- MAC Meeting – May 25, Selfridge Air National Guard Base
- AOPA Fly-In – Sept. 16-17, W. K. Kellogg Airport, Battle Creek
- Air Transportation Expo – Sept. 22, Oakland County Int'l. Airport

THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?

“Aviation is proof that, given the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible.”

Eddie Rickenbacker