

**REPORT/ RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
ARAPAHOE COUNTY PUBLIC AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND  
RECORD OF ACTION**

**March 10, 2022**

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**FROM:** Mike Fronapfel, Executive Director/CEO

**SUBJECT:** Legislative Report

**RECOMMENDATION:** Advisory Only

**BACKGROUND:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator Steve Dickson plans to resign from the agency on March 31, 2022. Dickson has led the agency during a time of significant challenges in the industry, including crashes involving the Boeing 737 MAX, the COVID-19 pandemic, and recent deployment of Verizon and AT&T's 5G C-Band network. After March 31, FAA Deputy Administrator Bradley Mims is expected to become Acting FAA Administrator.

The President has signed the Senate and House-passed continuing resolution (CR) that temporarily extends funding for the federal government, which was set to expire on February 18<sup>th</sup>, through March 11<sup>th</sup>. With passage of the CR, lawmakers now have three additional weeks to finalize a fiscal year 2022 (FY22) spending deal.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> the FAA released the much-anticipated "notice of funding opportunity" (NOFO) that outlines how airports can apply for a share of the approximately \$1 billion in fiscal year 2022 (FY22) discretionary funds under the newly established Airport Terminal Program (ATP), which was created by the Infrastructure and Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The goal of the ATP is to make annual grants for terminal development projects that will improve airport infrastructure. In the NOFO released today, the FAA outlines how airports can apply for ATP funding and how the agency will evaluate applications and proposed projects. It is expected that the FAA's BIL Implementation Team will give "shovel ready" projects and projects meeting specific objectives a more favorable consideration. The rehabilitation and reconstruction of airport owned FAA towers is also eligible for this funding.

The FAA and groups from the aviation and petroleum industries have announced the creation of the Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions (EAGLE) initiative, a public-private partnership between the federal government and industry stakeholders to transition to lead-free aviation fuel, known as avgas, for piston-engine aircraft by the end of 2030.

**FINANCIAL DATA:** N/A

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Action of the Board of Commissioners

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