

Arizona State Transportation Board Meeting

Aeronautics Update September 18, 2026

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Grant Program

- Federal/State/Local
 - Tucson Airport Authority (TAA) was awarded a 40 Million FAA grant for their Airfield Safety Enhancement (ASE) program. Aeronautics is preparing the state match grant.
- State/Local
 - Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport was awarded and issued a 2.3 Million grant for infield paving and utility upgrades.

Airport Pavement Management System (APMS)

- Design efforts are underway for 2027 APMS at Cochise College Airport, Douglas Municipal Airport, Phoenix Goodyear Airport, Tombstone Municipal Airport, Greenlee County Airport, Rolle Airfield and Seligman Airport. Expected pavement preservation projects to begin in the spring of 2027.

Advanced Air Mobility (AAM)

- **Joby event**
 - Joby Aviation, in conjunction with Arizona Commerce Authority and City of Phoenix, held an event at the Deer Valley Airport showcasing their autonomous Cessna Caravan. This was a well attended event including Senator Farnsworth, Senator Carroll and the City of Phoenix Mayor. The AAM Planner in Aeronautics also attended the event.
- **Aeronautics webpage**
 - Webpage was recently updated to include information on AAM, including next steps on engaging stakeholders in the AAM space.
- **Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) uFLY**
 - ADOT Aeronautics is engaging with UDOT and their uFLY program as a partner state in the FAA's electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing aircraft (eIPP) program.

Outreach

- San Carlos Apache Tribal Partnership meeting
 - ADOT Aeronautics attended the partnership meeting on September 10, 2026 and provided an update.
- Aeronautics Web Page
 - Advanced Air Mobility
 - <https://azdot.gov/planning/airport-development/advanced-air-mobility>
 - Newsletter: Aeronautics publishes a quarterly newsletter to sponsors and consultants
 - <https://azdot.gov/planning/airport-development/links-and-resources-airport-development/quarterly-newsletter>
 - Drones based on Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) Requirement
 - <https://azdot.gov/planning/airport-development/flying-drones-uas-in-arizona>