



Aeronautics A&D Program: Project Prioritization Methodology Update

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Acquisition and Development (A&D) Program

Program Description

- State grants to general aviation airport projects
- Project funding cost split is 90 percent State & 10 percent Local
- Supports Capital Improvement, Maintenance, Planning, and Land Acquisition
- Eligibility is by project type per the Public Utilities Code and Regulations

Current Project Prioritization Methodology

- Project requests are ranked numerically in order of priority
- Projects are selected based on rank, to develop a \$2 million annual program
- No consideration for infrastructure condition, aviation system needs, or State priorities



A&D Program Regulations

Newly eligible state-funded project types effective July 1, 2025:

- Charging Stations
- Renewable Energy Microgrid System
- Educational Facilities and Equipment
- Fueling Facilities and Equipment
- Helipads
- Airport improvements and equipment for emergency services

Alignment:

CAPTI 2.0, Caltrans Strategic Plan, CARB Scoping Plan, Airport Needs



Prioritization Methodology Update

Commission Request

An update of the prioritization methodology to include projects that address climate action and equity

Two-Step Process

1. Completed A&D Program Regulations Update: Added State priority projects to the eligibility list, as well as projects that address present-day airport needs.
2. Prioritization Methodology Update: A scoring system that integrates State priorities, and considers existing conditions, and airport, regional, and system needs.

Prioritization Methodology Update

Comprehensive – Multi-Dimensional – Weighted

Project Score

- Safety Lens

Merit Score

- State Transportation Priorities Lens (Base Score)
- Airport Planning Lens (Airport Benefit Score)
- Regional and System Planning Lens (System Benefit Score)

Total Score = Project Score + Merit Score

**Additional review and consideration for any scoring bias*

Updated Prioritization Method Highlights



Aligns with the State's transportation priorities



Provides objective scoring, allowing for additional sponsor justification



Addresses safety, airport, and system needs



Generates data for long-term planning and forecasting



Improves stakeholder engagement and collaboration



Questions