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## 2018 SPRING CONFERENCE RECAP - Tuscon, AZ - May 6-9, 2018

Balmy nights, warm days, spring in the desert! That was the setting for the 2018 39th Annual Spring AzAA Conference held at Westward Look Resort in Tucson, Arizona in May of this year.

This conference is always an opportunity to make connections with colleagues and friends, as well as to get timely updates from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Phoenix Airports District Office (ADO) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Multimodal Division - Aeronautics Group and helpful information from industry experts. The traditional golfing and billiards tournament on Sunday were just the start of the fun!

Day 1 began with updates on the FAA way of doing things by Phoenix ADO Assistant Manager, Holly Dixon, the State Aviation System Plan (SASP) by consultant project manager, Pam Keidel-Adams, and from our industry aviation partner, National Business Aviation Association (NBAA). The day ended with a lively discussion of airport revenue diversion. Day 2 included two different sessions from ADOT Aeronautics (they have a lot to share) and two different case studies - a major runway reconstruction project at Flagstaff Pulliam Airport and an incident response at Tucson International Airport (TUS). On the last day, our wonderful host, TUS, provided tours of the airport as well as the TUS air traffic control tower.

What else went on that you might have heard about? Some great meals were had at local restaurants, including The Parish Gastropub for some authentic Cajun food and jazz piano, and just maybe some of us caught a round or two of "glow-in-the-dark" bocce ball.

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## 2018 AzAA ANNUAL AWARDS

- *ADOT 2018 Airport of the Year* - Mesa Falcon Field
- *Executive of the Year* - Steve Miller, Marana Regional Airport
- *Corporate Member of the Year* - Sandra Kukla, DWL Architects
- *President's Award* - Triadvocates



## FAA CORNER

FAA's Western Pacific (WP) Conference was held in Torrance, CA from June 12-14, 2018. This free event included presentations from industry stakeholders and FAA transportation directors throughout the WP region and allowed opportunities for face-time with our federal aviation regulators. It was an information-packed three days with session tracks that included Air Traffic Organization, Planning and Environmental, Airport Safety and Operations, Engineering, Design and Construction, Funding/Capital Improvement Planning, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Runway Safety Runway Incursion Prevention, Safety Management System (SMS), and Federal Agreement Compliance.

Don't Forget - FY19 Milestone Dates are coming up!

## FY19 MILESTONE DATES

<b>October 1, 2018</b>	<b>December 14, 2018</b>	<b>December 28, 2018</b>	<b>December 28, 2018</b>
CatEx Submission	ACIP Submission	NEPA Approval (FONSI, ROD, CatEx)	Grant Application Submission
	<b>May 1, 2019</b>	<b>June 14, 2019</b>	<b>July 15, 2019</b>
	Open Bids or Declare Carryover (Tentative)	Grant Offers (Tentative)	Grant Execution (Tentative)

### Airport Improvement Program 2018-2020 Supplemental Appropriation

In March of this year, the President signed legislation (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018) that provided the FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) an additional \$1 billion in discretionary grants for airport improvement projects to be spread out over the next three years. The legislation stipulates priority consideration to projects at: (a) nonprimary airports that are classified as Regional, Local, or Basic airports according to the FAA and not located within a Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area, or (b) primary airports that are classified as Small or Nonhub airports. For Arizona, 13 airports have been initially identified as eligible for priority consideration. A Federal Register Notice issued on July 9 provides additional guidance regarding the \$1 billion supplemental appropriation. For more information on the program, frequently asked questions (FAQs), and the listing of eligible airports, please visit the following FAA website: [https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/aip\\_supplemental\\_appropriation/](https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/aip_supplemental_appropriation/).

## ADOT CORNER

ADOT - Aeronautics Group staff has grown...

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# PHOENIX SKY HARBOR TERMINAL 3 EXPANSION

The Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport has experienced a significant amount of growth and expansion over the last several years. One of the most recent expansions consists of a \$590 million design-build to the existing Terminal 3, which was originally constructed in 1979. The modernization includes a three-part construction effort, which will provide travelers with a more modern and efficient travel experience. The first component, the Terminal Processor, opened in December 2016 and enhances the public's experience with a larger, consolidated security checkpoint to get passengers to their gates faster, and provides expanded ticket counter areas and other amenities.



The second component, the new South Concourse, is currently under construction. The existing South Concourse was razed, and a new 15-gate concourse is being built to replace the existing concourse. The new structure consists of reinforced concrete, structural masonry, structural steel, and metal decking. The South Concourse is slated to open in late 2018/early 2019 and will provide a brand-new concourse with new dining and retail options.



Some of the approved dining options will include: The Parlor, Starbucks, Shake Shack, Panera Bread, Joyride Taco House, Peet's Coffee, Phoenix Ale Brewery Central Kitchen, Ajo Al's Mexican Café, and Habit Burger.

The final phase will include new enhancements to the existing North Concourse. Improvements will include new renovations, new shops, and restaurants. The final phase will conclude the project and is scheduled for completion in 2020.



## FACTS & FIGURES

**Scope:** Terminal 3 (2 concourses)

**Cost:** \$590 million

**Timeline:** Phase 1 completed in Dec. 2016; Phase 2 open late 2018/early 2019; Phase 3 open 2020

**Design-Build Team:** HuntAustin (joint venture), DWL Architects + Planners

**Environmental Accomplishments:** 81% of construction waste was diverted from landfills, concrete is being recrushed and repurposed for new concourse aprons; silver certification from U.S. Green Council is anticipated.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings and salutations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the attendees and participants of our AzAA Spring Conference, which took place May 6-9, 2018 in Tucson at the picturesque Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort & Spa. The weather was somewhat warm and the event another success. A heartfelt thanks to the Tucson Airport Authority, Mike Smejkal for stepping up as the Conference Committee Chair and our AzAA volunteers, who make our association the success it is. The usual post conference survey was distributed and offered great information to improve the timeliness and relevance of information we all need to keep in tune with our changing industry. Your Board really appreciates the feedback our members provide. I would like to offer a hearty welcome to our new

Board members; Scott Brownlee, Judi Krauss, Brad Falcetti and Ryan Reeves. Thank you to our Board members who have transitioned off the Board; Past President Brad Hagen, Associate Director Ryan Toner, Executive Directors Tim Bannon, Jessie Baker and Amanda Shankland. A special thank you to Carmen Williams for stepping up in an hour of need and helping out. Every one of you made lasting contributions to AzAA. Thank you all for your public service and dedication to AzAA.

AzAA will continue to pursue educating our legislators regarding the importance of the state aviation fund and the major significance of the fund to aviation and the Arizona economy. We are working toward producing "briefing books" for this purpose and dissemination during Aviation Day. These visual aids will show the impact of airport projects from around the state. At present it appears that no State Aviation sweeps are in the offing. The Airport Pavement Management System (APMS) program should be back online in 2019. The 2018 Fall AzAA Conference is on the horizon and we will need volunteers to begin planning for the event. The location will be at the Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. If you have any interesting conference session in mind, please let me or any of our Board members know. The conference will, as always, provide pertinent, timely session topics and opportunities to continue building relationships with staffers from ADOT, FAA, airport sponsors, consultants and students from all over our state.

R. Steven Johnston, CM

Arizona Airports Association President 2018-2019



Stacy Howard - After serving the Arizona aviation community as Western Regional Representative of the NBAA, Stacy has retired and moved on to greener pastures, or should we say new horizons! Stacy joined NBAA in 2012 after working with AOPA for 17 years. She is an active member of Women in Aviation, The Ninety-Nines, the Aviation Safety Advisory Group of Arizona, and is the owner-operator of a Beechcraft Bonanza based at Mesa-Falcon Field. AzAA appreciates her dedication and service to our state and our industry. Best of everything, Stacy, and THANKS!

You can contact Phil Derner, NBAA's new Western Regional Representative, at: [pderner@nbaa.org](mailto:pderner@nbaa.org).

## Mark Your Calendars!

- SWAAAE Summer Conference  
July 22-25, 2018  
Hyatt Regency, Sacramento, CA
- AzAA Annual "Walter Burg"  
Fall Conference  
October 16-17, 2018  
Desert Willows Conference Center, Tempe, AZ
- Arizona Aviation Day at the Capitol  
January 2019  
Capitol Lawn, Phoenix, AZ
- SWAAAE Airport Management Short Course  
January 27-30, 2019  
Monterey Plaza Hotel, Monterey, CA



## AzAA OPPORTUNITIES

### DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

AzAA's Public Relations Committee needs you!

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### IDEAS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS?

That would be Judi as well... She would love to hear from you.