

Southwest Airports Partnership Conference

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Monday, February 24, 2025 – Technical Workshops

Time	Title/Speaker(s)	Description
11:00am – 4:00pm	Early Registration	[Not Applicable]
1:00pm – 2:30pm	<i>Airport Leases</i> Speaker: Gary Loftus	This workshop is for airport sponsors seeking help evaluating their lease agreements or those updating existing leases. This will be a hands-on workshop. Word documents (examples and templates) will be available, so bring your computer and be ready to work.

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	<i>Project Implementation Coordination for Capital Projects</i> Speaker: Ronson Fox; FAA, Andy Velayos; FAA	This workshop aims to provide airports, consultants, and FAA stakeholders with the necessary guidance for ensuring effective coordination of projects within the National Airspace System (NAS). It focuses on projects from the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), Passenger Facility Charges (PFC), to ATO Engineering Services, covering a range of coordination efforts to ensure their smooth implementation. The workshop will also highlight how different FAA Lines of Business (LOBs) can engage with project teams to ensure the projects are implemented safely while maintaining continuity of operations and utilizing efficient construction techniques. Keywords: CSPP, OEAAA, SMS, SRM, ATCT, AC 5370-10J, AC 5370-2
2:45pm – 4:15pm	<i>Leases and Land Management 101</i> Speaker: Gary Loftus, FAA, Stacy Kuba; Deputy Director Shreveport Airport Authority, Mike Middleton; Airport manager Cushing Oklahoma	This workshop will provide Airport Management best practices for leases and land management. Actual case studies will be provided by Stacy Kuba and Mike Middleton.

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	<i>Building a CIP/ODO</i> Speaker: Lauren Kennedy; FAA, Roger Lemons; FAA, Haley Hood; FAA, Heidi Higginbotham; FAA	This workshop will help airport officials in development and maintenance of their airport's Capital Improvement Plan and providing their ADO the timely/critical information needed to position projects for consideration of grant funds. Where do you start? What projects should be your highest priority? What projects would FAA consider a high priority? What projects to include?
	<i>Runway Safety Area Best Practices</i> Speaker: Andy Velayos and Lana Logan	Guided by Advisory Circulars (ACs), this workshop will help users identify and protect their runway safety areas.

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 – Morning Group Sessions

Time	Title	Speaker(s)
8:00am – 4:00pm	Registration	[Not Applicable]
8:30 – 9:00am	FAA Safety Regional Updates	Ignacio Flores, Director, Southwest Region Airports Division, FAA
9:00 – 10:00am	Innovative Airport Construction Case Study	Alana Hosey, DFW Airport
10:00 – 10:30am	BREAK	
10:30 – 11:00am	State Director Briefings	Perspective from the State Capitals: State Directors will have the opportunity to share with stakeholders current political/financial challenges happening within aviation policy and future direction of aviation within their respective governments. (Time allocation: about 9 min per presentation) Arkansas: Jerry Chism, Arkansas Department of Aeronautics Louisiana: Bradley R. Brandt, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development- Aviation Division New Mexico: Pedro Rael, New Mexico Department of Transportation- Aviation Division Oklahoma: Grayson Ardies, Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission Texas: Dan Harmon, Texas Department of Transportation- Aviation Division Moderator: Cameron Bryan
11:00 – 12:00pm	FAA Office of Airports Safety Round Table Discussion	Stakeholders will have opportunity to engage with FAA Office of Airports Principal Leadership in a roundtable dialogue related to national safety changes and challenges. Speakers: John Dermody, Office of Airports, Safety and Standards Moderator: Ignacio Flores

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 – Afternoon Group Session

Time	Title	Speaker(s)
1:00 – 2:00pm	CASE STUDY Cyber Security DFW / SEA	Overview: This session provides an overview of Airport Cyber Security treats and provide practical lessons learned Speakers: Eric Bowerman, DFW’s Assistant Vice President of Cyber Security, Calum (Cal) Ramm, Special Agent with the FBI Dallas Office, Stephanie Warren, SEA Moderator: Cameron Bryan

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 – Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

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2:00 – 3:00pm	FAA Part 139 Certification Program Description: This session will cover all things Part 139 for the Southwest Region Airport Certification Program. Speaker: Warren Relaford, FAA	Pavement Engineering State Specifications Description: This session explains when are State pavement specifications eligible and when should the be considered/used? Speaker: Jeff Crislip, Pavement Engineer, AAS-110 and Lana Logan, Southwest Regional Engineer	Why Airport Planning is important? (ALPs, Master Plans) Description: This session will discuss the importance of airport planning to include ALPs, Master Plans. Speaker: Steven Cooks; FAA and Jason Williams; FAA
3:00 – 3:30pm	BREAK		

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3:30 – 4:30pm	Airport Compliance Safety Update Description: This session will discuss new airport compliance safety, issues on the horizon. Speaker: Gary Loftus; FAA, Jorge Panteli; FAA	ADIP - Streamlining Airport Data Updates to ensure Safety and Accuracy within the National Airspace System (NAS) Description: This presentation will provide an ADIP website demo and will cover updates and new functionality of the FAA's Airports Geographic Information System to include the 1) AGIS (survey projects) 2) Digital 7480/Obligated Airport Updates & 3) Runway Airspace Management (RAM) Modules within ADIP. Speaker: Drew Goldsmith, FAA, HQ Program Manager, AAS-120, and Ronson Fox; FAA, Lead Engineer; FAA, AR/OK ADO	Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Program Description: Do you want to learn more about the favorable terms a TIFIA loan can offer an airport for capital improvements such as extended loan maturity and deferred repayment? This session will give an overview of the Build America Bureau's TIFIA loan program and describe the requirements for eligibility and borrowing. Speaker: Anthony Mekhail, PMP Build America Bureau USDOT

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 – Morning Concurrent Sessions

Time	Safety (Moderators: XXX)	Airport Support (Moderators:XXXX)
8:00 – 9:00am	Calculating Declared Distances Description: This session will focus on the most commonly approved applications of Declared Distances, providing both a basic understanding and the noteworthy criteria for their practical use and provide an overview of Declared Distance definitions, key principles, and design criteria for runway marking, lighting and signage. Speakers: Lana Logan, FAA	Case Studies for Tribal Consultation and Adverse Effect Determination Description: This session provides an overview of an airport project which required in-depth tribal consultation. Participants will gain insight for the demolition of a National Register of Historic Places eligible airport structure. Speaker: Sana Drissi and Kelly Oliver, FAA

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9:00 – 10:00am	Fluorine Free Foam (F3) Transition Description: This session will cover requirement for Output Based Testing After Completion of Fluorine Free Foam (F3) Transition Speaker: Mike Fray, FAA	OEAAA Submissions Description: Changes on a public-use airport or construction activity requires notification to the FAA. This presentation will cover how to efficiently and effectively file notice in accordance with FAA Advisory Circular, 150-5300-20 Submission of On-Airport Proposals for Aeronautical Study (4/5/2023). Speaker: Adam Marsh, Program Manager and Ronson Fox, Lead Engineer, FAA, AR/OK ADO
p10:00 – 10:30am	BREAK	

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 – Building Partnerships: Collaborate and Connect with your ADO

Time	Breakout room 1	Breakout room 2	Breakout room 3	Breakout room 4
1:00 – 4:00pm	LA/NM ADO	AR/OK ADO	Texas ADO	610/620 Branches
4:00pm	Adjourn			