



NORTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

POLICY #: GR-3
POLICY: Priority Rating of Airport Projects
PURPOSE: To establish a priority number for airport projects to assist the Commission in awarding state grants.

Adopted: May 1st, 1984
Reviewed and Approved: May 12th, 2026
Next Review Date: 2029

Priority Rating of Airport Projects					
High ←—————→ Low					
Categories	50	40	30	20	10
OBSTRUCTIONS, NAVIGATION, AND LIGHTING	Approach Obstruction Removal Marking/Lighting Obstructions Displaced Threshold Improvements Airfield Light Replacement/Repair Runway Cones	Airport Beacons Airside Security Improvements Windsock/Segmented Circle Painting of Airside Markings	Wildlife/Security Fencing Weather Reporting System - AWOS Navigation Aids - PAPI/VASI/REILS New Lighting/Marker Installation Instrument Approach Development Airfield Safety Signage		
PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING SYSTEM	Pavement Rehabilitation Drainage & Culvert Installation/Repair Earthwork & Grading Improvements Pavement Maintenance Turf Runway Maintenance	Pavement Reconstruction New Pavement Construction	Public Access Roads Terminals - Air Service SRE Building Crosswind Runway Development	Runway Grooving Public Auto Parking Terminals - General Aviation Fuel Facilities* Landside Airport Signage Public Utility Access	Equipment Storage Buildings Community Hangars*
PLANNING	All Projects Receiving Federal Aid	Project Engineering/Design	Master Plan Studies Airport Layout Plan Studies	Air Service/ Air Cargo, and Other Special Plans	
LAND EASEMENTS AND ACQUISITION	Zoning Implementation Land Acq. for Obstruction Removal	Land Acq. for RPZ Land Acq. for New Airport	Land Acq. for Operational Capacity	Land Acq. for Future Expansion	
ENVIRONMENTAL		Environmental Assessments Environmental Impact Statements	Wetlands Delineation/Mitigation SWPPP, SPCC, SWM, Other Special Studies, ect.		
AIRFIELD EQUIPMENT	ARFF Equipment		Mower Unit Snow Removal Equipment Turf Rollers	Aircraft Tug Equipment Operations Vehicles	

NOTE: The higher the number, the higher the Priority
 (Add second digit below to each ten digit above for project priority rating)

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| 7. Approaches | 5. Taxiways | 3. Access | 1. Other (service roads, fencing, etc.) |
| 6. Runways | 4. Aprons | 2. Equipment/storage | |

Any minor work associated with an improvement item receives the same ranking as the major item. Examples are:
 Work for a runway extension ranks a "46", lighting the apron ranks a "54", reconstruct taxiway ranks a "55", Runway overlay ranks a "46, tree removal on an approach ranks a "57", etc.

NOTE: The above priority system is used for projects needing attention during the current fiscal year. Any project that is considered being needed in a future year will be given a priority rating of 10. Projects already completed will use the above rating; however, only projects completed within the last 3 years of the date of the grant meeting will be considered without special justification.

SPECIAL NOTES:

* Sponsor's that apply for a state grant for a community hangar or a fuel facility need to attach a business plan to the grant application for the project to be considered.

1. Aeronautics Commission staff will help establish the priority rating for projects not listed.
2. Ineligible projects include: aerial spray pads, airport liability insurance premiums, interest payments, private aprons, and privately owned hangars.