



## TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR STAFF REPORT

**AGENDA TITLE:** Federal Aviation Administration Grant Assurance Obligations  
2025 - Updates

**MEETING DATE:** May 28, 2025

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Discuss the benefits and challenges of the FAA's updated Grant Assurance Obligations with District Aviation Counsel.

**Background:** In 2025, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) implemented significant changes to its Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant assurances, aligning them with the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 and recent 2025 executive orders. These updates, effective for grants issued in fiscal year 2025 and beyond, encompass the following key modifications:

### **1. Removal of Specific Executive Orders**

- The FAA eliminated references to several executive orders from the grant assurances, including:
  - Executive Order 11246 – Equal Employment Opportunity
  - Executive Order 12898 – Environmental Justice
  - Executive Order 13985 – Advancing Racial Equity
  - Executive Order 13988 – Preventing Discrimination Based on Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation
  - Executive Order 14008 – Tackling the Climate Crisis
- These removals have raised concerns among advocacy groups regarding potential setbacks in civil rights and environmental protections.

## 2. Inclusion of New Executive Orders

- The updated grant assurances now incorporate compliance with newly issued executive orders, such as:
  - Executive Order 14149 – Restoring Freedom of Speech and Ending Federal Censorship
  - Executive Order 14151 – Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing
  - Executive Order 14154 – Unleashing American Energy
  - Executive Order 14168 – Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism
  - Executive Order 14173 – Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity
- These additions reflect a shift in federal policy priorities concerning airport funding and operations.

## 3. Updates to Specific Grant Assurances

- Grant Assurance 1: The introductory paragraph was revised to clarify that performance under the agreement must comply with applicable federal requirements based on the sponsor's organization type and any sub-recipients.
- Grant Assurances 5 and 29: Amended to align with Section 743 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024, these updates clarify the FAA's role in the use, lease, or disposal of airport property not purchased with federal funds.
- Grant Assurance 30: Modified to conform with Executive Order 14151, focusing on ending certain diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs.

## 4. Introduction of Grant Assurance 40 – Access to Leaded Aviation Fuel

- A new assurance mandates that airport sponsors who provided 100-octane low lead aviation gasoline (100LL) in 2022 must continue to make it available until either December 31, 2030, or until an FAA-approved unleaded alternative becomes available. Non-compliance may result in civil penalties up to \$5,000 per day.

**DISCUSSION:** The District was interested in obtaining financing options for the A2 Reconstruction project. The District requested Oppenheimer and Co. Inc. to issue a request for proposal to interested lending institutions to obtain a variety of options for a \$4.1M loan by the District. The Board might also consider not using AIG & AIP Funding available from the FAA given new Grant Obligations and increasing the loan amount to \$5.5M.

Draft Audit 2024 reflects December 31, 2024, Total Current Assets of \$11,690,287.

Budget 2025 projects a Net Income of \$1,020,402.

The new FAA Grant Assurance Obligations are attached for further review.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- FY 2025 AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AGREEMENT