

# Michigan Aeronautics Commission

Director's Report

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# Current Events

## State Legislation ([www.legislature.mi.gov/](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/))

- Aviation Equipment
- Seaplane Operations
- UAS Package

## Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART)

- Airport Sub-Group
- Letter to U.S. DOT, FAA, NASAO

## Michigan UAS Task Force

- Met October 16, 2018
- No new recommendations

# FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018

- AIP is authorized at \$3.35 billion each fiscal year through 2023.
  - The bill establishes a new discretionary grant program for airports. It would authorize \$1.02 billion for grants in fiscal 2019, increasing to \$1.11 billion in fiscal 2023. *Note: These funds will still need to be appropriated.*
  - At least 50 percent of the funds would have to be used for non-hub and small hub airports, as well as general aviation airports.
- Airport Privatization Pilot – # airports uncapped; \$750,000 for app. prep
- Remote Towers – Pilot program to test; AIP eligible
- Next Gen – Annual report with priorities
- Contract Towers – Provisions for BCA
- EAS – Funding increase \$150M to \$172M in FY23
- Small Community Air Service Development – \$10M annually
- UAS – IPP; Section 349; Counter drone technology
- General Aviation – Registration extended from 3 years to 7 years
- GA Airports – Expedited environmental review
- Aviation Workforce – \$5M grant program
- Airman Certificates – Modifies Pilot's Bill of Rights
- Space – Office of Spaceports

[Click here for the bill text](#)

# FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018

## ■ New Block Grant Provisions

- Expansion of the State Block Grant program from ten to twenty states (providing for a larger and more effective block grant coalition).
- Allowing states to use alternative pavement specifications in place of those prescribed by the FAA (which should result in significant cost-savings).
- In Block Grant States, airports' expiring Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) funds will return to their states' apportionment to ensure those funds are retained for general aviation airports in the respective states.
- Ensures that expiring NPE funds in Non-Block Grant States are made available only to other general aviation airports on a discretionary basis.

# Pilot Shortage Task Group

## Focus on overall pilot/aviation mechanic talent on a statewide level

- Pursue the Marshall Plan for Talent
  - Get pilots/aviation maintenance technicians/mechanics on the ‘top careers’ list
    - Show data that these careers are critical to the economy
  - Engage airlines in the discussion (employers)
  - Create a talent consortium
  
- Support and expand programs already in place
  - Crosswinds Aviation in Ingham, Livingston, Genesee ISDs, etc.
  - WMU Aviation School
  - AOPA STEM class
  - Delta Airlines Propel Program
  
- Participate in MiCareerQuest (hands on) to introduce aviation to young students
  - Same scenario could take place at airports
  - Provide guidance to students on what to do next (informational pamphlets, etc.)
  
- Grant Program through MEDC

***“At the end of the day it won’t matter if we fix the pilot shortage – if there’s not airplanes to fly, we’re still walking.”*** Marlin Priest, Founder & CEO, Pioneer Aviation Management, LLC

# Notable Stats

## Fuel Tax Revenue

- ***Excise (3¢) (Oct. – Sept.)***      **FY 2018 = \$5,824,709**  
(1.92% increase)      **FY 2017 = \$5,715,144**

- ***Sales (2%)***

**FY 2018 Total Received = \$7,157,622**

SAF = \$2,505,166 / QAF = \$4,652,456

**FY 2019 Received To Date = \$2,751,509**

SAF = \$963,028 / QAF = \$1,788,481

# Notable Stats

## Contract Closeouts FY 2018

28 Primary Airport Grants  
56 State Block Sub Grants  
1 State Block Grant  
21 State/Local Grants

## Tall Structure Permits (Towers/Wind Turbines)

2018 = 4,158/425 (YTD)  
2017 = 4,497/369 (Year Total)

## Registered Aircraft Renewals

FY 2018 = 5,345  
FY 2017 = 5,554

## Aircraft Flight Hours

FY 2018 = 840.6 hrs.  
FY 2017 = 888.3 hrs.

# Notable Stats

## Air Service Program

- ARFF Training  
16 Airports  
\$48,007 Total Funded  
\$32,000 State/\$16,007 Local
- Airport Awareness  
13 Airports  
\$177,564 Total Funded  
\$133,800 State/\$43,764 Local
- Capital Improvement & Equipment  
11 Airports  
\$108,209 Total Funded  
\$78,500 State/\$29,709 Local
- Carrier Retention & Recruitment  
1 Airport  
\$11,250 Total Funded  
\$5,625 State/\$5,625 Local



# **Congratulations . . .**

Tara Ball – 10 Years of State Service

Anu Taneja – 20 Years of State Service

Matt Brinker – 20 Years of State Service

Mark Noel – Simply Super Service Award

# Other News . . .



# The Late Marty Schultz, Jr. – MDOT Hall of Honor

## Steve Schultz Accepting Honor



# Russ Kavalhuna's Investiture Ceremony as the 6<sup>th</sup> President of Henry Ford College



# Recent Event . . .

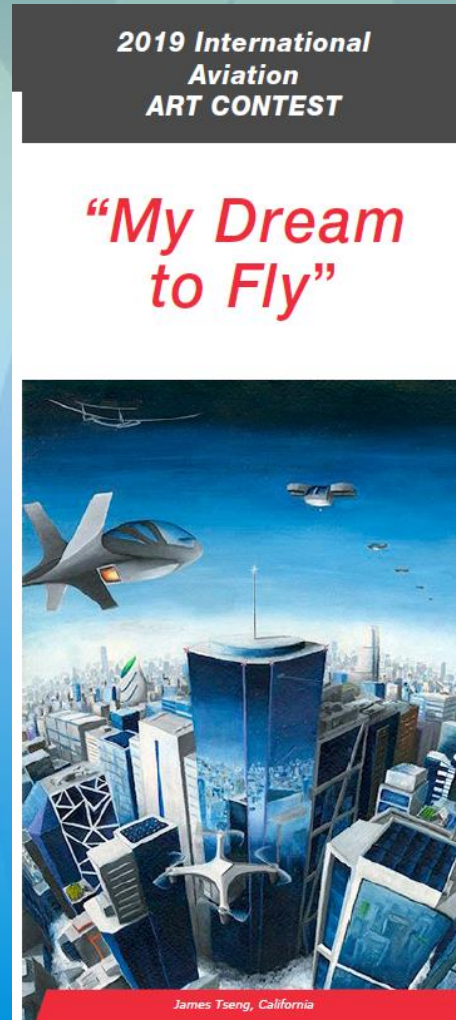
- Exercise Northern Strike 2018 – Grayling/Alpena, MI

# Coming Soon . . .

- FAA Mich. Congressional Briefing – Nov. 28, Willow Run Airport
- MAC Meeting – Jan. 23, Lansing, MI
- Michigan Airport Conference – Feb. 20-21, East Lansing, MI
- 2045 Aviation SLRTP – <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ai81j4fTAoE>

# International Aviation Art Contest

January 18<sup>th</sup> Deadline





**THANK YOU**

**QUESTIONS?**

**“Aviation is proof that, given the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible.”**

Eddie Rickenbacker