

Per MnDOT's Project Selection Policy, MnDOT Aeronautics is updating state funding prioritization to be as objective, transparent, and data-driven as possible. This policy is intended to consider Minnesota GO recommendations and increase public understanding of MnDOT's project selection processes.

SEVEN CRITERIA ON A 100-POINT SCALE

60 Points - System Plan Alignment

40 Points - MnDOT Priorities

System Plan Alignment

MnSASP Objective	Criteria	Categories	Score
Open Decision-Making	Master Plan/ALP* : Evaluates if the airport has an updated Master Plan/ALP following the MnSASP targets (by state classification) AND the project is included in the updated plan.	Updated ALP/Master Plan on-file and project request is included in plan	10
		Airport has programmed ALP/Master Plan update or in process of updating ALP/Master Plan	5
		Inadequate ALP/Master Plan with no updates programmed	-5
Transportation Safety	Airspace Obstructions* : Evaluates if the airport's Part 77 surfaces are clear of obstructions per MnDOT's airport licensing requirements OR the airport has an obstruction clearing project request.	Submitted project will clear obstructions in Part 77 surfaces	10
		Airport has no obstructions in Part 77 surfaces	5
		Airport has at least one submitted obstruction clearing project to alleviate Part 77 deficiencies	5
		Obstructions identified in Part 77 surfaces with no programmed fixes	-10
	Clear Zones* : Evaluates if MnDOT-defined clear zone are owned in 100 percent fee-simple or a MnDOT approved Clear Zone Acquisition Plan (CZAP) is on-file. This is per MnDOT's update to the Clear Zone Policy recommended by the 2022 MnSASP.	Submitted project will acquire land designated as MnDOT clear zones per Clear Zone Policy	10
		Airport has 100% clear zone ownership or approved CZAP on-file	5
		Airport has at least one submitted land acquisition project for MnDOT clear zones OR the airport is actively coordinating with MnDOT to file a CZAP	5
		Partial/no clear zone ownership without a CZAP on file and no programmed land acquisition or CZAP	-10
System Stewardship	Work Type : Evaluates if the project is remediating a pavement condition deficiency per MnSASP-defined system metric*, preserving other existing airport assets, or constructing new/expanded infrastructure. Ultimately, MnDOT Aeronautics is prioritizing the preservation of existing assets rather than expansion.	Airport has an identified pavement condition deficiency (per MnSASP-defined system metric), and the project request will remediate the issue	20
		Airport has adequate pavement per MnSASP metric, and the project request is addressing other pavement issues	15
		Airport has adequate pavement, but the project request is maintaining other airport assets (ex: lighting)	10
		Project request is constructing new facilities or expanding existing infrastructure	0
		Airport has an identified pavement condition deficiency (per MnSASP-defined system metric) with no programmed fix	-10
Healthy Communities	Zoning* : Evaluates if the airport has proper zoning established and on-file with MnDOT Aeronautics or is in the process of establishing/updating zoning. This is evaluated as a MnSASP performance metric in the MnSASP Hub.	Airport has adequate zoning established and on-file per MnDOT requirements.	10
		Airport is establishing or updating zoning to comply with MnDOT requirements	5
		Airport does not have adequate zoning and hasn't programmed a project to mitigate	-10

The prioritization model is only considering state-only funding requests for MnDOT-defined capital expenditures.

MnDOT Priorities

Criteria	Categories	Score
Airport Component : This is indicating where the project is being directed to at the airport, ranging from primary runway to unknown.	Primary Runway	20
	Taxiway Serving Primary Runway	18
	Secondary Runway	16
	Apron	14
	Taxiway Serving Secondary Runway	14
	Other Airfield Location	12
	Taxilane	10
	Terminal Building or Fuel Facilities	8
	Hangar	6
	Other Buildings	6
	Landside	4
Unknown	0	
Licensing Compliance : This is evaluating whether the airport requesting state funds complies with all state licensing standards dictated in Rules (Minnesota Rules 8800.1600 Public Airport Licensing) OR has a project request to remediate a licensing deficiency.	Project alleviates a state licensing deficiency	20
	Airport compliant with all state licensing standards	10
	State licensing deficiency identified, and another project alleviates deficiency	10
	N/A (Part 139 Airports)	10
	Airport has state licensing deficiency and no programmed fix	-10

*The indicated criteria are evaluated as MnSASP performance metrics. System and airport performance is measured and presented in two interactive dashboards included in the MnSASP Hub: <https://mnsasp-mndot.hub.arcgis.com/>

