

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES



Alaska International Airport System



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INTRODUCTION

The first and second quarters of 2026 marked a period of exceptional growth, investment, and strategic advancement for the Alaska International Airport System (AIAS). Across passenger service, cargo operations, commercial development, and infrastructure investment, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC) and Fairbanks International Airport (FAI) continued to strengthen Alaska's aviation network and support long-term economic growth. Record passenger demand, private-sector investment, and infrastructure improvements positioned AIAS for one of its strongest years in recent history. During the first half of 2026, ANC retained its position as the largest cargo airport in North America and the third busiest cargo airport in the world while recording more than 11 percent growth in cargo volumes. FAI achieved more than 191 percent growth in cargo volumes, reflecting expanding freight activity and its growing role within Alaska's aviation and logistics network.

Building on this momentum, AIAS experienced unprecedented passenger air service growth driven by new airline service and increased seat capacity across both airports. Southwest Airlines inaugurated its first-ever scheduled service to Alaska, while Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, United Airlines, Delta Air Lines, and several regional carriers expanded service offerings. At the same time, ANC continued to serve as a critical global cargo gateway connecting Asia and North America, while FAI supported statewide aviation through passenger service, cargo operations, and its primary diversion capabilities.

This report highlights key developments during the first and second quarters of 2026, including passenger and cargo performance, expanded air service, leasing and commercial development activity, infrastructure investments, federal grant funding, and long-range planning initiatives. Together, these accomplishments demonstrate AIAS's continued commitment to strengthening Alaska's transportation network, supporting economic development, and delivering safe, efficient, and reliable airport operations.





PASSENGER SERVICE

AIAS Passenger Performance

AIAS passenger activity during the first half of calendar year 2026 is foreshadowing a record year, with 3,217,727 passenger operations recorded from January through June, a 7% increase compared to the same period in 2025. Strong passenger activity across AIAS continues to be driven by growth in sectors indirectly related to aviation, including resource development and tourism, particularly the cruise industry. Both the regional and commercial passenger markets welcomed new entrants at ANC, including regional carriers Yute and Fox Air, as well as commercial carrier Southwest Airlines. Legacy carriers, including Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, and United Airlines, also increased seat capacity or introduced new routes serving both ANC and FAI. In 2025, international passenger traffic at ANC also increased nearly 24%, underscoring the airport's expanding global connectivity and reinforcing its role as Alaska's premier international gateway.

Passenger activity remained strong across the Alaska International Airport System during the first half of the year. ANC continued to experience robust growth, supported by expanded domestic and international service, while FAI maintained passenger volumes generally consistent with 2025 levels, reflecting stable demand and continued service to Interior Alaska. Together, the two airports served more than 3.2 million passengers through June, reinforcing AIAS's role in supporting Alaska's economy, tourism industry, and statewide connectivity.

Airport/ System	Jan.- June 2025	Jan. - June 2026
ANC	2,447,755	2,659,263
FAI	556,548	558,464
AIAS	3,004,303	3,217,727

Table 1-AIAS Passenger Activity
Source: Airline Certified Activity Reports





New Passenger Routes and Service

AIAS is experiencing record passenger air service growth in 2026. The summer season began with the introduction of Southwest Airlines' first-ever nonstop service to Anchorage. Combined with expanded service from existing carriers, these additions have positioned ANC among the fastest-growing U.S. airports by added seat capacity.

- Southwest Airlines began operating daily flights from Las Vegas and Denver throughout the summer season.
- Alaska Airlines launched new direct service to Boise, Boston, and Spokane, adding more nonstop connectivity.
- American Airlines has daily flights to Phoenix, which were previously suspended in 2021.
- United Airlines increased its Denver service from twice daily to three times daily.

At FAI, airlines expanded passenger connectivity through new seasonal routes, charter services, and increased seat capacity on key domestic markets:

- Alaska Airlines nearly doubled seat capacity on its summer seasonal service by upgrading aircraft from Embraer E175s to Boeing 737 MAX 8/9 aircraft. While the operating season will be slightly shorter than in 2025, average seats per departure will increase from 76 to approximately 170.
- Delta Air Lines increased seat capacity by 7% on its Seattle-Tacoma and Minneapolis-St. Paul routes during the 2026 summer season (June–August), despite an overall year-over-year reduction in capacity following the suspension of its Salt Lake City service.
- United Airlines launched daily, seasonal nonstop service between Fairbanks and Denver, and between Fairbanks and Chicago O'Hare, expanding summer connectivity between Interior Alaska and key U.S. hubs.
- Alaska Central Express and ConocoPhillips launched weekly charter flight operations supporting Alyeska and ConocoPhillips North Slope workforce transportation through Gates A and B.
- Air North launched daily, seasonal international charter service between Fairbanks and Dawson City in support of Holland America Princess cruise operations.



Passenger Service Initiatives

ANC has had a strong start to 2026, emerging as one of the fastest-growing airports in the United States in terms of added seat capacity. While new routes remain a strategic priority, ANC is also focused on marketing, passenger experience, and supporting existing services to sustain the record number of new and expanded route offerings.

ANC has also welcomed multiple new intra-Alaska carriers in 2026, with Fox Air launching service to Kenai and Yute Commuter Services launching service to Soldotna this summer. After several years of instability, the intra-Alaska market appears to be regaining strength, as additional carriers expand service to rural Alaska communities and connect them to ANC's broader network. This connectivity is essential to Alaska's broader transportation network and plays a critical role in ensuring reliable access for rural communities statewide.

Additional capacity and new routes contributed to approximately 9% passenger growth from January through June compared to the same period in 2025, reflecting continued strength even during ANC's traditionally slower winter and spring seasons. While affordability concerns and softer international tourism demand remain headwinds, the significant increase in air service this summer positions ANC for continued growth throughout 2026.

FAI also experienced meaningful expansion in passenger connectivity during 2026, with airlines introducing new seasonal routes, increasing seat capacity, and expanding charter operations. These enhancements strengthen Fairbanks' connections to key domestic and international destinations while supporting tourism, workforce travel, and access to Interior Alaska.

Data suggests FAI's passenger volumes through the first half of 2026 have remained generally consistent with the same period in 2025, reflecting stable passenger activity. New seasonal nonstop service to Denver and Chicago, increased seat capacity on key domestic routes, expanded charter operations, and new international seasonal service to Dawson City have strengthened connectivity and positioned Fairbanks for continued passenger growth through the remainder of 2026.





CARGO SERVICE

AIAS Cargo Performance

Airports/AIAS	Jan.- June 2025	Jan.- June 2026
ANC	1,766,194	1,944,990
FAI	12,161	35,399
Cargo Tonnage in Metric Tonnes	1,778,355	1,980,389

Table 2-AIAS Cargo Tonnage January - June



ANC continues to anchor the AIAS as a leading global air cargo gateway. In 2025, ACI Worldwide ranked ANC as the busiest cargo airport in the United States and the third busiest cargo airport in the world based on landed weight. During the same year, ANC handled more than 3.85 million metric tons of freight and grew cargo volumes by more than 4 percent. FAI, the System's primary diversion airport for ANC, provides essential operational continuity and resilience. Together, ANC and FAI provide reliable air cargo infrastructure and service to carriers operating along the Asia–North America route.

Through June 2026, AIAS recorded more than 11% growth in cargo tonnage during the first half of the year, driven in part by improved reporting from some signatory airlines. Despite the political and economic uncertainty that characterized early 2026, Cargo Landings and Cargo Landed Weight, measured in Certified Maximum Gross Takeoff Weight (CMGTW) remained consistent with 2025 levels, underscoring AIAS's importance within the Asia–North America air cargo industry. FAI continued to post strong growth, reflecting carriers' increasing willingness to utilize the airport during adverse weather events and periods of heavy summer construction. Consumers' sustained demand for e-commerce and time-sensitive freight, AIAS's competitive landing and fuel flowage fees, and the System's \$126 million investment in nine additional airport-administered hardstands, including lighting, underground fueling, and pull-through parking positions, demonstrate both carriers' confidence in AIAS and the System's commitment to supporting future cargo growth.

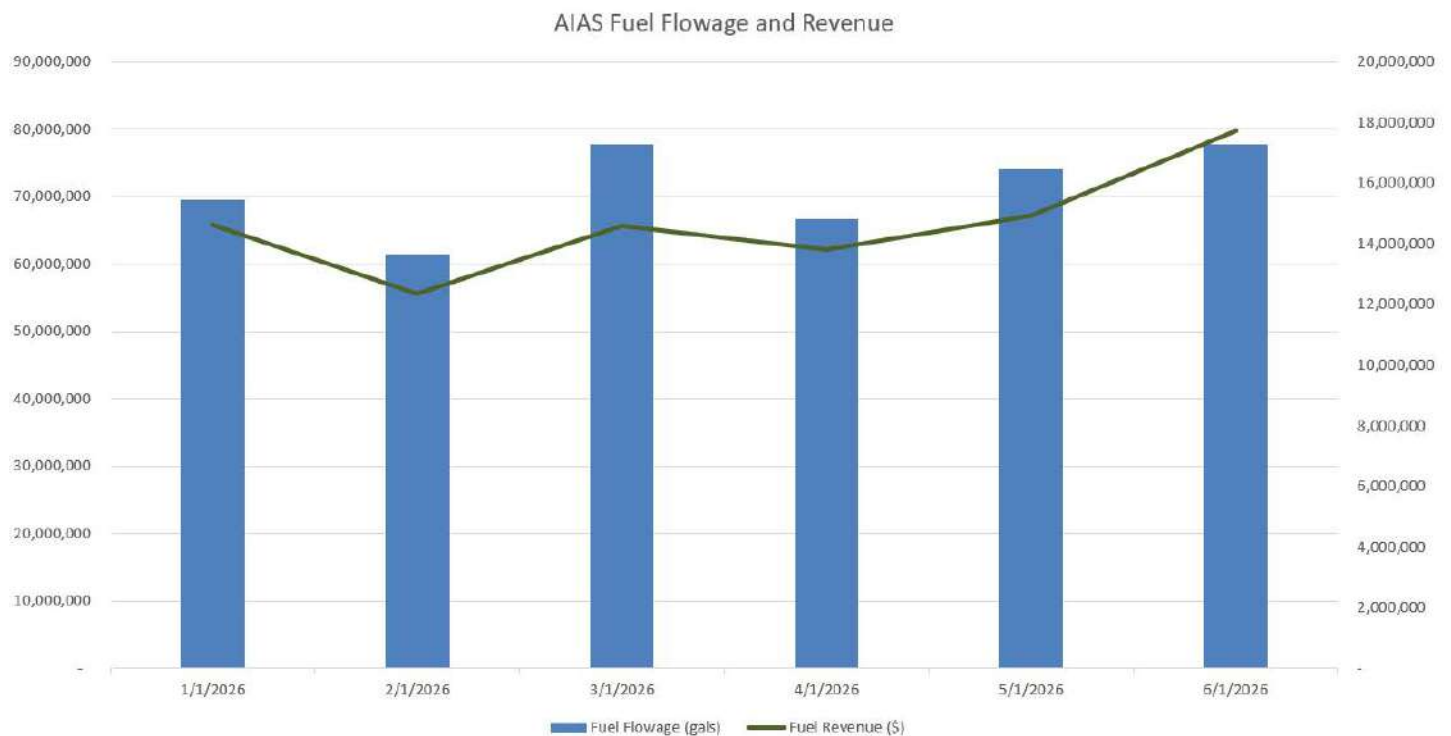
Building on this momentum, FAI continues to play a vital role in the strength and resilience of AIAS. As ANC's primary diversion airport and the aviation hub for Interior Alaska, FAI provides critical operational redundancy while supporting the reliable movement of freight, passengers, and essential goods to rural and remote communities across the state. Together, ANC and FAI form an integrated airport system that strengthens Alaska's transportation network, enhances supply chain reliability, and reinforces AIAS's position as a globally significant aviation system.



AIAS Fuel Flowage Revenue

The fuel flowage revenue graph below demonstrates the direct relationship between operational activity and financial performance across the AIAS. Fuel flowage revenue is a key indicator of system performance, reflecting aircraft activity, airline utilization, and ANC's strategic role as a global passenger and cargo hub.

Consistent activity and fuel usage across both airports highlights operational stability and the system's ability to translate aviation demand into reliable revenue streams. In 2025, FAI's 18% increase in all-cargo aircraft movements further reflects growing airline activity and sustained demand for fuel services across the AIAS. While ongoing global conflicts have introduced uncertainty into fuel markets and international aviation operations, the majority of carriers continue to operate without significant disruption. ANC remains fully operational and continues to work closely with airline partners to monitor evolving conditions and maintain continuity of service. This sustained performance supports infrastructure investment, preserves air service connectivity, and reinforces the long-term financial sustainability and resilience of the AIAS.





Airline meetings and Inaugural flights:

Southwest Airlines: southwest airlines celebrated its inaugural Alaska flight on May 15 with a community celebration marking the start of seasonal service to Denver and Las Vegas through mid-September. More than a dozen Southwest representatives, including Vice President of Airport Affairs Ted Gordon, joined AIAS leaders for the occasion. Southwest's arrival at ANC expands our airline lineup to include every major U.S. carrier, giving travelers even more options for getting where they need to go.



Alaska Airlines: ANC marked the launch of three new Alaska Airlines nonstop routes with inaugural gate celebrations featuring cupcakes and festivities for passengers. The new seasonal routes expand travel options and strengthen connectivity between Alaska and key destinations across the Lower 48.

- Anchorage to Boston: Saturdays, June 13–August 15.
- Anchorage to Spokane: Wednesdays and Saturdays, June 10–August 15.
- Anchorage to Boise: Wednesdays and Saturdays, June 10–August 15.





Yute Commuter Service: Launched new daily service between Anchorage and Soldotna on June 1, expanding travel options for residents and visitors while improving access to communities across Southcentral Alaska.

Conferences: The AIAS Air Service Development team attended the 2026 Jumpstart Air Service Development Conference in Chicago from June 8–10. The conference provided an opportunity to meet one-on-one with multiple airlines to discuss current and potential route offerings, pursue new domestic and international service opportunities, support continued air service development, and engage in industry networking.

Airline Collaboration and Regional Growth

Commuter and PART 135 Airline Activity: AIAS continued to advance strategic growth, operational improvements, and regional connectivity throughout the reporting period. At ANC, efforts focused on supporting air carriers through operating agreement updates, facility enhancements, and terminal planning initiatives designed to improve safety, efficiency, and the overall passenger experience.

ANC received a Commuter Operating Permit application from Fox Aircraft LLC, doing business as Fox Air, a proposed regional carrier planning to launch scheduled Anchorage–Kenai service with up to eight daily flights beginning in June 2026. Aleutian Airways expanded its presence at ANC through a temporary terminal lease supporting seasonal operations, while Alaska Airlines executed amendments to optimize terminal operations and enhance passenger service functions.

Domestic and International Airline Activity: AIAS completed a series of lease and operating agreement updates in 2026 to support evolving airline needs, enhance operational efficiency, and position the airport for continued growth. These actions provided both short-term flexibility through temporary terminal space and preferential use permits, and long-term stability through new and extended terminal and land leases that added significant terminal, ramp, and support space.

A major milestone was the successful onboarding of Southwest Airlines as a new ANC signatory carrier. ANC executed a new 10-year Operating Agreement with the airline ahead of its inaugural service in May 2026. As Southwest prepared to launch operations, the airline expanded its presence at the airport through additional terminal space requests, facility improvements, self-service kiosk installations, and operational readiness visits by its corporate team.

ANC also finalized a new terminal lease with WestJet, generating approximately \$2,633 in monthly terminal rental revenue and further strengthening the airport's airline portfolio.

Together, these agreements reflect continued airline confidence in the Anchorage market and support greater competition, passenger choice, and connectivity for Alaska travelers. They also ensured service continuity, increased non-aeronautical revenue, and strengthened the airport's ability to accommodate future passenger and cargo growth.



LEASING AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Through a proactive leasing and commercial development strategy, AIAS continues to strengthen its competitive position, diversify revenue streams, and maximize the value of airport assets. The first half of 2026 demonstrated strong momentum across aviation, commercial development, passenger experience, and revenue generation. ANC completed several significant terminal, land, and commercial agreements that will generate substantial long-term revenue while supporting future growth. Collectively, these efforts reinforce AIAS's role as Alaska's premier aviation gateway and advance strategic investments that enhance operational excellence, economic impact, and long-term sustainability.



Terminal Tenants and Permit Activity: A diverse network of commercial partners continued to play a vital role in supporting airport operations, passenger services, and revenue generation across the Alaska International Airport System. Through business activity permits, terminal leases, and concession agreements, AIAS expanded opportunities for private-sector investment while ensuring critical services remained aligned with growing passenger and airline activity.

AIAS continued to attract businesses through its Business Activity Permit program, issuing new and renewed permits to companies providing construction, facility maintenance, transportation, tourism, and passenger support services, including Through the Lens Alaska LLC, HPM Inc., Superior Mechanical, The Superior Group Inc., Complete Refrigeration Services LLC, and Royal Hyway Tours, Inc. Additional permit holders supported airport operations through transportation services, wheelchair assistance, medical transport, and other essential customer-facing functions, strengthening the airport's non-airline service base and enhancing the passenger experience.

These partnerships helped maintain safe and efficient airport operations, expanded service offerings for travelers, and contributed to AIAS's long-term strategy of revenue diversification and asset optimization.



FAIRBANKS AIRPORT

Concessions and Terminal Lease

Customer Service Enhancements: FAI continued to support new commercial services and terminal enhancement initiatives continued to improve the passenger experience through expanded amenities, upgraded digital displays, and improved customer information.

- Clear Skies LLC executed a sublease agreement authorizing Our East Ramp Pizza to operate within existing hangar space through December 2029, supporting continued commercial use of airport facilities.
- Alaska Channel initiated a capital investment project to expand terminal advertising through new digital display locations, upgrades to existing displays, and enhancements to the terminal information center.

Community and Aviation Outreach

- The Fairbanks International Airport Operators Council submitted a five-year Business Activity Permit application to host the annual Fairbanks Aviation Day event, featuring airport tours, aircraft displays, educational exhibits, aviation activities, food vendors, and community outreach to promote public engagement with aviation and airport operations.

Land Leases and Developments

- **The Federal Aviation Administration** executed a supplement to ADA-90814, on Block 10, Lot 2, extending ATCT parking lot, satellite facility, and air easement area for an additional 10 years, ending 2036.
- **Tarik Spear** executed a 41 year land lease ADA-90997 on Block 99, Lot 9, for the development of a private aircraft hangar.
- **Montibus Enterprises LLC** completed NEPA review and began construction of an 80-by-80-foot private aircraft hangar in June on its 50-year land lease, ADA-90987, located at Block 104, Lot 5.



ANCHORAGE AIRPORT

Concessions and Terminal Lease

Food and Beverage Enhancements:

- HMSHost completed a major refresh of the Cinnabon location in the B Concourse, featuring updated branding, digital menu boards, improved lighting, and modernized customer-facing facilities.
- Pizza Hut initiated the process to obtain a beer and wine license, expanding food and beverage options available to passengers.
- 49th State Brewing expanded its storage space through a lease amendment with NHG Airport LLC, generating approximately \$18,225 in additional annual revenue while supporting the continued growth of concession operations.

Airline Customer Service Enhancements: Several airlines invested in facility improvements and technology upgrades.

- United Airlines deployed mobile ticketing kiosks and modernized ticket counter signage.
- Southwest Airlines installed self-service ticketing kiosks and completed passenger processing area improvements.
- Alaska Airlines reconfigured passenger service areas to support wheelchair operations and improve efficiency.

Autonomous Wheelchair Program

- In partnership with Nana Management Services and WHILL, ANC launched testing and implementation of autonomous wheelchairs. The innovative service is designed to improve mobility assistance for passengers traveling through the secure side of the terminal and represents one of the first deployments of this technology in Alaska.



Major Revenue-Generating Agreements

ANC completed several significant commercial agreements during the reporting period that will provide substantial long-term revenue to the airport.

- **Alaska Channel Advertising Concession:** Following a competitive solicitation process, ANC awarded and executed a new seven-year Electronic and Static Display Advertising Concession Agreement with Alaska Channel. The agreement is expected to generate a minimum of \$6.3 million over the initial term while introducing new advertising technologies and enhancing the terminal environment.
- **Rental Car Concession Program:** ANC completed the competitive procurement process for its Rental Car Concession Agreements. Five bids were received from existing concessionaires, generating more than \$8.25 million in guaranteed first-year revenue. The procurement also established future space allocations within the Consolidated Rental Car Facility (ConRAC), supporting long-term operational planning.
- **TSA Lease Extension:** ANC and the General Services Administration fully executed a three-year extension for the TSA office and breakroom facilities in the South Terminal. The agreement generates approximately \$520,968 annually in airport revenue.

Additional Revenue-Producing Lease Activity

Numerous lease actions and amendments were completed throughout the airport system, including:

- **Aleutian Airways Temporary Terminal Lease:** ANC executed a temporary terminal lease with Aleutian Airways to accommodate seasonal operational needs. The 120-day agreement generates approximately \$34,702 in total terminal rental revenue over the duration of the lease while supporting expanded regional air service.
- **Trident Seafoods Meet-and-Greet Agreement:** ANC entered into a temporary terminal meet-and-greet agreement with Trident Seafoods, generating approximately \$8,850 in seasonal revenue while providing dedicated space for passenger and employee arrivals.
- **WestJet Terminal Lease:** ANC executed a terminal lease agreement with WestJet to support its passenger operations at ANC. The agreement generates approximately \$2,633 in monthly terminal rental revenue and strengthens the airline's presence in the Anchorage market.



Land Leases and Developments

- **Tsin'a LLC** began lease contract negotiations on its 55-year land lease application for a proposed on-airport hotel development between the North and South Terminals. The project was publicly noticed and represents an estimated \$105 million private investment and would significantly expand lodging and amenity options for travelers.
- **Alaska Airport Partners** continues work through the permitting process and has engaged the FAA on environmental efforts. This 55-year West Airpark aeronautical lease, at \$0.18 per square foot, has resulted in an additional \$225,329 in annual aeronautical revenue, including six hardstands.
- **NorthLink Aviation, LLC's** South Airpark cargo development broke ground in 2023 and is planning to have the first phase of hardstand development well underway in the summer of 2027. This 55-year, aeronautical lease, at \$0.18 per square foot has resulted in revenue of \$924,736.
- **Alaska Cold Cargo Storage** completed trenching work early this year, with full construction expected to begin next spring on a cold storage warehouse facility and aircraft hardstands. This 55-year aeronautical lease in North Airpark, at \$0.18 per square foot, has resulted in annual revenue of \$227,862.





Lake Hood Seaplane Base Development

Lake Hood Seaplane Base continued to see significant lease, redevelopment, and investment activity, supporting the long-term vitality of the general aviation community.

Long-Term Lease Investments:

- **Wulik-Delong LLC Successive Lease:** ANC approved a 30-year successive lease with Wulik-Delong LLC, facilitating approximately \$3 million in permanent private investment while ensuring the continued long-term development and utilization of airport property.
- **FLOAT Alaska Real Estate Successive Lease:** ANC approved a successive lease with FLOAT Alaska Real Estate, advancing the continued commercial use and future development of airport property.
- **Lake Hood Co-Op Hangars Redevelopment:** ANC approved the lease assignment from Airplane Hangars Inc., enabling development of the new Lake Hood Co-Op Hangars project, representing approximately \$7 million in private investment while modernizing general aviation infrastructure at Lake Hood.



- **North Shore Aviation Lease Assignment:** ANC approved a lease assignment for North Shore Aviation at Lake Hood, preserving the continued operation and long-term viability of general aviation facilities.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

- **Master Planning:** The Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC) Master Plan Update has been completed and establishes a 20-year vision for the airport's development, operational improvements, and long-term planning priorities. The completed Master Plan will guide future infrastructure investments and ensure ANC remains positioned to meet evolving passenger, cargo, and operational demands over the next two decades. All final reports, supporting documentation, and planning materials are available on the ANC website at <https://dot.alaska.gov/anc/passengers-master-plan.shtml>.
- **Part 150 Noise Study:** ANC continues work on its FAA-funded FAR Part 150 Noise Study, which includes updated Noise Exposure Maps (NEMs) and a Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) intended to reduce aircraft noise impacts and address incompatible land uses surrounding the airport. The project team is currently evaluating and developing potential noise mitigation measures and recommendations. An additional Study Advisory Committee meeting and public open house are planned for this fall. Additional information and study materials are available at <https://anc150noisestudy.com/>.



- **Sustainability Planning Study:** ANC has successfully completed consultant selection and contract negotiations with RS&H for the airport's Sustainability Planning Study. The project kicked off in July and is funded through an FAA grant. The study will identify opportunities to improve operational efficiency, strengthen resiliency, and advance long-term sustainability while supporting ANC's strategic planning objectives.
- **Synthetic Aviation Fuel (SAF) Study:** AKDOT&PF continues to evaluate the feasibility of producing, transporting, storing, and utilizing Synthetic Aviation Fuel (SAF) in Alaska. The SAF project team participated in the 2026 Alaska Renewable Energy Conference, held May 19–21 in Anchorage, where it debuted the Alaska Next Generation Synthetic Fuel Refinery (ANSyR) Report, which is currently open for peer review. In addition, feasibility studies evaluating Alaska biomass resources and their potential role in synthetic fuel production are being finalized and are anticipated to be completed by the end of summer 2026. These efforts will help inform Alaska's long-term opportunities in alternative aviation fuel production and energy development. Individuals interested in peer-reviewing the ANSyR report can find a copy at <https://publicinput.com/q23243>.



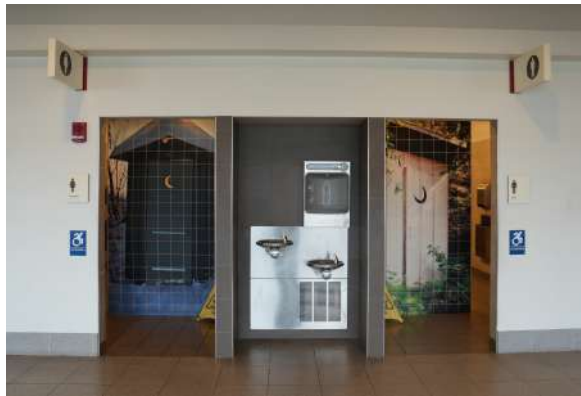
FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING

Beyond the FFY26 entitlement and discretionary funding programs, both ANC and FAI pursued supplemental FFY26 funding opportunities available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The IIJA established the Airport Terminal Program (ATP), which provides targeted federal investments to modernize, rehabilitate, and enhance airport terminal facilities nationwide.

In early 2026, the AIAS submitted four projects for consideration under the ATP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). On May 18, 2026, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced the selected projects for funding. AIAS was successful in securing ATP awards for two of the four submitted projects.

Funded Projects

ANC Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement – Gates N1 & C3: This project will replace the existing passenger boarding bridges serving Gates N1 in the North Terminal and C3 in the C Concourse. The project includes the installation of new passenger boarding bridges, upgraded 400-Hz ground power equipment, and the removal and disposal of the existing bridge infrastructure. These improvements will enhance operational reliability, improve the passenger experience, and ensure the long-term performance and maintainability of critical gate infrastructure.



FAI Terminal Restroom Renovation: This project will renovate terminal restrooms throughout Fairbanks International Airport to improve the passenger experience, accessibility, and long-term facility performance. Originally constructed as part of the 2009 terminal expansion, the restrooms have reached the point where modernization is needed to enhance functionality and maintainability. Planned improvements include the installation of adult changing tables in select locations, durable solid-surface countertops, updated wall finishes, high-performance flooring designed for heavy passenger traffic, and water-efficient plumbing fixtures.



Projects Not Selected for FFY26 ATP Funding

ANC Terminal ADA Assessment & Improvements: Although the project was not selected for funding under the FAA's FFY26 ATP, ANC has elected to advance the project utilizing Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – Airport Infrastructure Grant (BIL-AIG) funding. The project will address remaining Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and universal access deficiencies throughout the terminal complex through the installation of visual paging monitors, passenger input stations, and associated hardware and software systems. These improvements will enhance accessibility, communication, and the overall passenger experience for travelers with disabilities while supporting ANC's ongoing commitment to providing an inclusive and equitable airport environment.

ANC Terminal Fire Alarm Rehabilitation: This project would rehabilitate and modernize the existing fire alarm systems serving both the North and South Terminals at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, improving system reliability and supporting current life-safety standards. AIAS will continue evaluating future federal funding opportunities for unfunded projects while advancing the two ATP-awarded projects into the next phases of design and implementation.



Table 3 - Summary of Federal Grants for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026

Airport/System	Airport Improvement Program (AIP)	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	Other	TOTAL
ANC/ LHD	\$46,084,251	\$17,981,064	\$1,349,558	\$65,414,873
FAI	\$9,695,649	\$3,787,500		\$13,483,149
AIAS	\$55,779,900	\$21,768,564	\$1,349,558	\$78,898,022

Airport	Airport Improvement Program (AIP)	
ANC	Taxiways K & R Intersection Rehabilitation	\$2,396,363
ANC	RON 7-11 Rehabilitation	\$4,930,822
ANC	Gates N2 & N4 Rehabilitation	\$1,723,289
ANC	Taxiway Zulu West Expansion Phases I	\$28,726,481
ANC	Equipment 2026	\$2,334,750
ANC	Taxilane Z1 Sign Installation	\$758,635
LHD	Aprons A, B, E and Taxiways E Improvements	\$5,213,911
FAI	Equipment 2026	\$1,779,808
FAI	Master Plan Update & Wetlands Management Plan	\$2,343,750
FAI	Noise Exposure Map Update	\$234,375
FAI	Terminal North Apron Improvements	\$5,337,716
TOTAL		\$55,779,900

Airport	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	
ANC	ADA & Visual Paging System Upgrades	\$4,200,039
ANC	Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement B6	\$2,023,941
ANC	Kilo Tug Road Improvements	\$7,779,484
ANC	Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacements N1 & C3	\$3,977,600
FAI	Security and Perimeter Fencing Improvements	\$937,500
FAI	Terminal Bathroom Update	\$2,850,000
TOTAL		\$21,768,564

Airport	Other (Supplemental AIP)	
ANC	Airport Sustainability & Resilience Plans	\$1,349,558
TOTAL		\$1,349,558



AIAS AIRPORTS IN THE NEWS

Links to Various Media Coverage

- **Ted Stevens International Airport unveils 2026 Master Plan Update.**
<https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/04/16/ted-stevens-international-airport-unveils-20-year-expansion-plan/>
- **Anchorage International Airport Ranked #1 in U.S., #3 Globally for Cargo - Alaska International Airport System plays pivotal role in state's economy.**
<https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/aviation/2026/05/06/anchorage-international-airport-jumps-into-first-for-cargo-volume-in-the-us/>
- **Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport welcomes Southwest Airlines' inaugural flight.**
<https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/05/18/southwest-airlines-arrives-southcentral-alaska/>
- **Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study Advances.**
https://www.youralaskalink.com/news/local/ted-stevens-airport-noise-study-aims-to-guide-future-development/article_d31d6d97-be5b-4548-8ad1-bb40b46b72a3.html
- **ANC Expands Park, Ride and Fly Lot by 150 Parking Spaces.**
https://www.youralaskalink.com/news/local/ted-stevens-anchorage-airport-parking-expansion-to-add-150-spaces/article_18a02052-1ffc-4894-a85c-61115cc5b3a7.html
- **TSA Security Modernization to Enhance the Passenger Experience.**
<https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2026/05/22/long-lines-remain-anchorage-airport-due-new-tsa-equipment/>





SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

The first half of 2026 demonstrated the continued strength and strategic importance of the AIAS. Record passenger demand, sustained global cargo leadership, strategic investment, and long-term planning reflected more than strong operational performance—they reinforced AIAS's role as a critical driver of Alaska's economy and an essential gateway connecting the state to national and international markets. Across ANC, FAI, and Lake Hood Seaplane Base, the System continued to create opportunities that extend well beyond aviation, supporting commerce, tourism, resource development, and communities throughout Alaska.

That momentum was evident in every aspect of the System. More than 3.2 million passenger operations during the first half of the year reflected growing confidence in Alaska as both a destination and a place to do business. With passenger activity continuing to climb, AIAS is poised to surpass its previous annual passenger record. Expanded airline service strengthened connectivity for residents, visitors, and industry while improving access to communities across the state. At the same time, AIAS continued to reinforce Alaska's position within the global air transportation network, ensuring businesses can efficiently move people, goods, and time-sensitive cargo to markets around the world.

This sustained growth also strengthened the System's long-term foundation. Continued commercial development, new business partnerships, and infrastructure investments enhanced the value of public assets, diversified revenue streams, and attracted private investment that will benefit Alaska well beyond the current reporting period. These investments not only improve the passenger experience today, but also expand AIAS's ability to accommodate future growth while supporting long-term financial sustainability.

Looking ahead, AIAS remains focused on preparing for the next generation of aviation. Progress on the ANC Master Plan Update, the Part 150 Noise Study, sustainability planning efforts, Sustainable Aviation Fuel initiatives, and federally funded terminal improvements reflects a long-term commitment to ensuring Alaska's aviation system remains resilient, competitive, and responsive to changing industry needs. Together, these initiatives position AIAS to continue serving as an economic engine for the state while supporting responsible growth for decades to come.

The first half of 2026 reflects an airport system operating from a position of strength and purpose. As passenger demand, global trade, and aviation technology continue to evolve, AIAS is well positioned to build on its momentum through strategic investment, operational excellence, and strong partnerships. In doing so, the System will continue to strengthen Alaska's economy, connect communities, expand opportunities for business and tourism, and reinforce the state's role as one of the world's most important aviation gateways.



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