SECTION 3
AIR OPERATIONS AREA

3.3 VEHICLE OPERATIONS ON NON-MOVEMENT AREAS (rev. 12/2019)

The following policy addresses the key items regarding the operation of vehicles on the AOA non-movement areas. Additional information can be found in the Badge and Ramp Driving Rules and Regulations Manual, Airport Snow Plan, FAI/ATCT Letter of Agreement, and FAI SMGCS Plan.

Airport Police and Airport Operations may stop any vehicle on the AOA or haul road to check its condition and to enforce airport regulations. The driver is responsible for compliance with airport rules regardless of who owns the vehicle. Vehicles not in compliance may be removed from the AOA or haul road.

If a vehicle operator is involved in an accident, the driver must notify Airport Dispatch immediately (474-2530). If a vehicle breaks down, the driver should remain with the vehicle if possible. If the driver must leave to summon assistance, immediately notify Airport Dispatch with the location of the vehicle.

When driving at night, it is more difficult to remain oriented. If there is any doubt as to where you are, STOP, utilize your vehicle’s lights/flashers, and wait for help.

Vehicles operating within the AOA are NOT authorized on movement areas (runways/taxiways) without the express authorization of Airport Operations.

Secured Area Access

In support of FAI’s Airport Security Program regarding Secured Area Access Control, only those approved vehicles directly in support of actively loading, unloading, or servicing aircraft or approved government vehicles are authorized access to the Secured Area.

The Secured Area is located within the security fence and consists of the area immediately surrounding the air carrier boarding gates, aircraft parking facilities, and sensitive portions of the passenger terminal building including the baggage make-up area. It may generally be defined as the area south of Gate 14, west of the terminal ramp ground vehicle driving lane, north of Gate 15, and east of the terminal ticket counters. It consists of the Ramp Area immediately surrounding the air carrier boarding gates and aircraft parking facilities. A solid red line painted on the asphalt surface separates the Ramp Area portion of the Secure Area from the AOA. Temporary access permits may be issued to vehicles needing Secured Area access which are not permanently assigned to airport tenants. Such permits may be obtained from Airport Badging and Permit Office.

Personally owned vehicles (POV’s) are not considered to be in direct support of actively loading, unloading or servicing aircraft.

During low visibility conditions, Airport Operations may impose additional restrictions on access to the Secured Area and AOA by vehicle operators.

Driving Regulations

- Vehicles shall not be driven at speeds greater than 20 mph on the haul road and West Ramp driving lane and 5 mph in close proximity to aircraft.
• Tug vehicles shall not tow more than five (5) carts at a time inside the AOA.

• Entry through Gate 15 is strictly limited to Air Carriers with mail contracts and an operational need to use the gate. Towing of more than 3 baggage carts at one time through Gate 15 (Mail Trail Gate) is prohibited.

• No vehicle may be left unattended except in authorized parking areas.

• All vehicles shall use the West Ramp driving lane to the greatest extent possible. Vehicle operators are required to hold on the driving lane during “pushback” until the aircraft taxis out of the way or the restriction is cleared and the road is again available for traffic. Painted traffic lanes shall be used until reaching a point perpendicular to the destination.

• Vehicles shall be operated as if on a public roadway. Use turn signals and make 90 degree turns

• Extreme caution shall be used when operating vehicles and equipment in the vicinity of aircraft.

• Vehicles shall not be driven under aircraft unless your duties require it and it can be done safely.

• Yield the right-of-way to large vehicles and snow removal equipment; they are more difficult to stop and may have reduced visibility.

• Yield the right-of-way to enplaning/deplaning passengers; they may not be familiar with airport procedures and hazards.

• When operating near running aircraft, extreme caution shall be utilized due to the hazards of jet blast, prop wash, propellers, and engine intakes.

• A ground marshaller shall be utilized when operating a vehicle in close proximity to an aircraft.

• No vehicle shall be operated in a careless or negligent manner, without due caution, or at a speed or in a manner which could endanger persons or property.

AIRCRAFT ALWAYS HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY