

Transient Aircraft Parking Frequently Asked Questions

On June 2, 2004, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) designated 15 airports for year-round transient aircraft fee parking. The purpose of this document is to provide answers to frequently asked questions.

1. Why is DOT&PF charging fees for transient aircraft parking at rural airports?

Revenues derived from use of the rural airport system are close to only 20 percent of maintenance costs. The governor has mandated that State agencies look for additional sources of funds to offset declining revenues, with an emphasis on charging those who use services for some of the cost. Also, when the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grants the State funds for airport improvements, FAA grant assurances require the State to make the airport as self-sustaining as possible.

2. Where does the money collected from these fees go?

The fees collected are deposited into the State of Alaska's general fund. The Legislature has historically appropriated them back to help fund rural airport maintenance and operations. The cost of rural airport maintenance and operations will still far exceed all revenues collected.

3. What does it cost to maintain DOT&PF's airports?

Maintenance costs are hard to identify precisely, due to shared resources in some places between airport and highway costs. The total maintenance costs for the rural airports, however, is about \$21 million. Revenues from leasing and the State aviation motor fuel tax have been bringing approximately \$8 million into State coffers. The transient aircraft parking fees will help reduce the deficit.

4. Does the cost of revenues received from transient aircraft parking exceed the administrative cost of the program?

The total cost to implement the program at the 15 airports is little as compared to the cost of the assigned space parking. The major cost of both programs is creating the assigned space parking. Annual revenues are projected at a minimum of \$47,000.

5. At what rural airports is DOT&PF charging for transient parking, and how were those airports chosen?

DOTPF is charging for transient aircraft parking at the following rural airports:

Aniak Airport	Gulkana Airport	McGrath Airport
Bethel Airport	Homer Airport	Nome Airport
Big Lake Airport	Iliamna Airport	Talkeetna Airport
Birchwood Airport	King Salmon Airport	Tok Airport
Dillingham Airport	Kotzebue (Ralph Wien Memorial) Airport	Unalakleet Airport

Airports were chosen based upon whether or not crowding occurs at the airport, which causes safety concerns, or whether the airport is certificated (with DOT&PF maintenance staff

available at the airport). A transient aircraft parking program assists airport managers in making a busy airport safer for operations.

6. How do I find out where the transient aircraft parking spaces are at a given airport?

There are informational signs posted at the airports and transient parking spaces are designated with green cones. You may also contact the appropriate airport manager.

7. What are the transient aircraft parking rates?

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- (1) there is no charge for parking in a transient aircraft fee parking area for 24 hours or less;
- (2) for each period of up to 24 hours after the first 24 hours, the transient aircraft parking fee for parking a light aircraft is \$4.00;
- (3) for each period of up to 24 hours after the first 24 hours, the transient aircraft parking fee for parking a heavy aircraft is the greater of \$7.50 or \$0.75 per 1,000 pounds, rounded to the nearest 1,000 pounds, CMGW of the aircraft.

These fees do not apply to aircraft parking on leased premises or to aircraft parking under a tiedown permit at an airport.

8. Where can I get more information?

Leasing Contacts:

Anchorage Office	
Aviation Leasing and Airport Land Development	P.O. Box 196900
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	Anchorage, AK 99519-6900

bob_norton@dot.state.ak.us (907) 269-0740	The street address is:
	4111 Aviation Drive, Anchorage, AK

Fairbanks Office	
Aviation Leasing and Airport Land Development	2301 Peger Road
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	Fairbanks, AK 99709-5399

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