Purpose
To define the responsibilities of the Utah Department of Transportation (Department) and the Division of Aeronautics with regard to Airport Development in the state.

Policy
Air transportation is essential for developing industry, recreation, and energy resources throughout the state. It is therefore necessary that a network of safe and modern airport facilities be provided to promote Utah’s development.

It is the policy of the Department to encourage the systematic upgrading of the network of airports throughout the state as outlined in the Utah Continuous Airport System Plan (UCASP) and to accomplish this systematic upgrading according to the Statewide Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) for public-use airports. It is Department policy to promote the growth of aviation services for the general public at all levels of aviation activity. The Department will make every effort possible to assist in developing airports since the majority of Utah’s airports are owned by either cities or counties.

Responsibility
The Department will establish overall policy and procedures for the continuing development of capital facilities at all public use airports in the state. The Department will update the ACIP annually with inputs from local airport sponsors through the Division of Aeronautics.

The Division of Aeronautics will coordinate the information developed for the UCASP and will produce the ACIP, which is a five-year program that prioritizes airport development and maintenance projects and allocates both federal and state funding to those projects.