



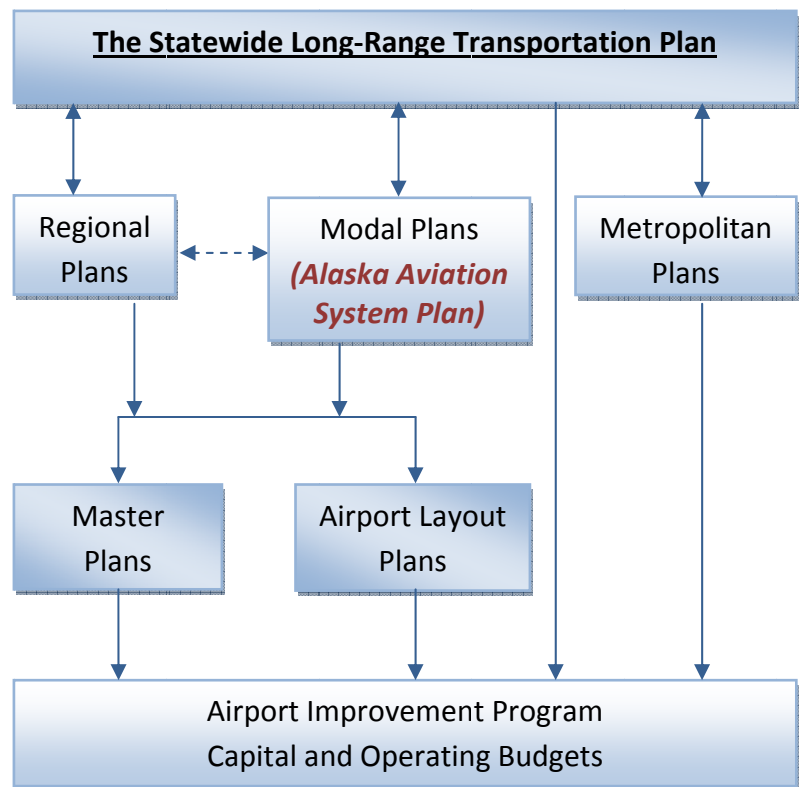
Alaska Aviation System Plan Special Studies

The Economic Contribution of the Aviation Industry to Alaska's Economy Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Fact Sheets

The Alaska Aviation System Plan (AASP) sets the vision for aviation in Alaska. It documents the existing aviation network, identifies needed airport improvements, sets funding priorities, and proposes aviation policy. Alaska's unique and vital aviation system has complex and significant components that merit focused consideration. Two of these components considered under special studies were the Economic Impact Assessment and Maintenance & Operations (M&O) issues. The enclosed brochure entitled "The Economic Contribution of the Aviation Industry to Alaska's Economy" addresses the value and contribution of Alaska's aviation industry to the state's economy. The enclosed series of fact sheets addresses four specific aspects of M&O affecting Alaska's aviation system.

The Role of the Alaska Aviation System Plan

The AASP is an integral part of an overall statewide transportation planning process as described in the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Policy Plan – *Let's Get Moving 2030*. The overall planning process is based on a state mandate defined in Alaska Statute 44.42.050, and *Let's Get Moving 2030* sets state policy and direction for all of the modes of transportation in Alaska. The AASP is the modal-specific plan for aviation that is influenced by and contributes to the overall statewide transportation plan. Regional transportation plans and metropolitan plans share this same relationship with the statewide transportation plan. Airport master plans and airport layout plans define needs at individual airports. These plans are guided by the standards and policies of the AASP and also provide data and information for the AASP. Ultimately, all of these plans influence decisions made about aviation capital and operating budgets.



The Role of Special Studies

The examination of key issues relevant to the aviation system—such as economic impact assessment and M&O issues—is undertaken to support the continuous system planning process with specific data and unique studies incorporated into the plan decisions and recommendations. The need for focused consideration of the economic contributions of aviation and M&O issues affecting the aviation system were identified early in the planning process. The enclosed brochure and fact sheets present the results of the data collection for these two components.