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2008

ACRP Legal Research Digest 1 – Compilation of Airport Law Resources

Report Blurb: Identifies federal resources for conducting research on airport law topics and monitoring development within the area of airport law. The report also includes an index of airport law topics and federal sources of airport law information.

Published: February 2008

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/156797.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 2 – Theory and Law of Airport Revenue Diversion

Report Blurb: Explores the issue of airport revenue diversion, what prompted Congress to address it, how it has manifested itself, and how the prohibition against revenue diversion has been enforced.

Published: June 2008

Link: <http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/159962.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 3 – Survey of Laws and Regulations of Airport Commercial Ground Transportation

Report Blurb: Explores guidance, including regulations, statutes, policies, and decisions pertaining to commercial ground transportation at U.S. airports. The report defines ground transportation as including public transit, door-to-door shuttle van service, charter buses, limousines, rental cars, taxicabs, hotel courtesy shuttles, wheel chair services, and courier operators.

Published: July 2008

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/160035.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 4 – Compilation of DOT and FAA Airport Legal Determinations and Opinion Letters Through December 31, 2007

Report Blurb: A compilation of U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airport legal determinations and opinion letters through December 31, 2007.

In September 2013, TRB released and [ACRP Legal Research Digest 21](#): Compilation of DOT and FAA Airport Legal Determinations and Opinion Letters Through December 2012, which updated and superseded ACRP Legal Research Digest 4.

In March 2012, TRB released [ACRP Legal Research Digest 13](#): An Index and Digest of Decisions: Compilation of Airport Law Resources, which complements ACRP LRD 12.

Published: November 2008

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/160431.aspx>

2009

ACRP Legal Research Digest 5 – Responsibility for Implementation and Enforcement of Airport Land-Use Zoning Restrictions

Report Blurb: Explores federal, state, regional, and local laws and regulations pertaining to aviation land use and zoning, and identifies the primary responsibilities of each relevant legal body and how this responsibility is communicated and enforced.

Published: April 2009

Link: <http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/160863.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 6 – The Impact of Airline Bankruptcies on Airports

Report Blurb: The Impact of Airline Bankruptcies on Airports examines legal issues presented by the filing of airline bankruptcies that are relevant to airports, and explores how airport lawyers and courts have responded to those issues. The report highlights the basics of bankruptcy theory and law relevant to airport operating agreements with airlines, and identifies issues such as lease recharacterization and payment of stub period rent that particularly affect airports dealing with airlines in bankruptcy.

Published: June 2009

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/161948.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 7 – Airport Governance and Ownership

Report Blurb: Airport Governance and Ownership addresses the issue of essential powers to operate an airport; defines what airport governance includes; describes the advantages and disadvantages of the various governance structures; identifies and analyzes a number of projects where airports were transferred from one form of governance to another; and examines legal problems encountered during these transfers.

Published: September 2009

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/162331.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 8 – The Right to Self-Fuel

Report Blurb: The Right to Self-Fuel explores the meaning of and constraints involved with self-fueling at airports.

Published: December 2009

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/162665.aspx>

2010

ACRP Legal Research Digest 9 – Case Studies on Community Challenges to Airport Development

Report Blurb: Explores judicial decisions related to challenges to airport expansion and development. The report examines the basis, defense strategies, and outcomes of cases, as well as the results of a survey of airports regarding litigation strategies.

Published: June 2010

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/163599.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 10 – Analysis of Federal Laws, Regulations, and Case Law Regarding Airport Proprietary Rights

Report Blurb: Analysis of Federal Laws, Regulations, and Case Law Regarding Airport Proprietary Rights explores airport proprietary rights, including regulation of noise, other environmental matters, safety restrictions, leasing practices, congestion management, and other airport access limitations. The report examines relevant statutes, regulations, and case decisions determining the scope of airport proprietary rights – the rights within the owner’s purview and those which have been determined to exceed the owner’s authority.

Published: October 2010

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/164180.aspx>

2011

ACRP Legal Research Digest 11 – Survey of Minimum Standards: Commercial Aeronautical Activities at Airports

Report Blurb: Commercial Aeronautical Activities at Airports explores source material for adopting and enforcing minimum standards that airport owners and operators commonly impose on businesses that perform commercial aeronautical activities that occur at airports.

Examples of aeronautical activities include aircraft fueling, line (ground handling) services, maintenance and repair, storage, rental and flight training/instruction, sales, and charter and management. The report also explores current practices in the area of minimum standards and includes a compendium of comparative minimum standards.

Published: March 2011

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/165017.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 12 – Fair Disclosure and Airport Impact Statements in Real Estate Transfers

Report Blurb: Fair Disclosure and Airport Impact Statements in Real Estate Transfers examines the effect of a state or locality having no real property disclosure laws, explores existing general state real property disclosure laws, and discusses existing state real property disclosure laws specifically requiring the disclosure of airports in close proximity to the property being offered for sale.

The report also highlights annotated typical fair real property disclosure law provisions including provisions considered important for effective fair disclosure of airport-related impacts.

Published: November 2011

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/166355.aspx>

2012

ACRP Legal Research Digest 13 – An Index and Digest of Decisions: Compilation of Airport Law Resources

Report Blurb: TRB’s Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) Legal Research Results Digest 13: An Index and Digest of Decisions: Compilation of Airport Law Resources is a list of judicial decisions with summaries of relevant holdings and links to source documents.

- ACRP LRD Digest 13 complements the information contained in [ACRP Legal Research Digest 4](#): Compilation of DOT and FAA Airport Legal Determinations and Opinion Letters Through December 31, 2007.
- ACRP LRD Digest 13 provides comparable information to Digest 4 about adjudications that did not involve federal administrative determinations and about subsequent judicial determinations on administrative decisions that were challenged in court.
- ACRP LRD Digest 13 is available for purchase in a CD-ROM format. The CD-ROM is also available for download as an ISO image.

Published: March 2012

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/166869.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 14 – Achieving Airport-Compatible Land Uses and Minimizing Hazardous Obstructions in Navigable Airspace

Report Blurb: Discusses airport-compatible land-use requirements, the legal issues related to achieving airport compatible land use, and legal issues particular to eliminating hazardous obstructions to airspace.

The report also includes a review of some of the major legal issues of concern in achieving airport-compatible land use.

Published: April 2012

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/167127.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 15 – Compilation of State Airport Authorizing Legislation

Report Blurb: Presents information pertaining to each state’s airport-specific legislation, including laws establishing, developing, operating, expanding, and funding airports.

The compilation focuses on legislation expressly applicable to public airports rather than legislation applicable to local governments generally. It compares and contrasts zoning and land use; purchasing authority; commercial operations; ground transportation, funding, and taxing authority; law enforcement; and sovereign immunity.

Published: August 2012

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/167625.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 16 – Procurement of Airport Development and Planning Contracts

Report Blurb: Provides guidance on how to determine which requirements apply to any given procurement process.

The report also includes an overview of the consequences for noncompliance with procurement laws or regulations in order to help airports better understand the inherent risks associated with various funding sources.

Published: September 2012

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/167768.aspx>

ACRP Report 74 – Application of Enterprise Risk Management at Airports

Report Blurb: Summarizes the principles and benefits of enterprise risk management (ERM) and its application to airports. The report discusses implementation of the iterative ERM process, including roles and responsibilities from airport governing boards to all staff members. The project that developed ACRP Report 74 also developed an electronic tool that can be used to support the ERM process by creating a risk score and a risk map that can be used to identify mitigation strategies.

Published: September 2012

Link: <http://www.trb.org/Publications/Blurbs/167515.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 17 – State and Federal Regulations That May Affect Initiatives to Reduce Airports' GHG Emissions

Report Blurb: Addresses issues that are relevant to implementing greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation measures at airports.

The report also provides a compilation of carbon reduction initiatives at airports that categorizes the efforts in terms of distinguishing between green building requirements and other building code directives, and efforts directed at reducing aircraft GHG emissions. The report also identifies and discusses the range of federal, state, and local legal issues that may be associated with the implementation of these types of measures.

Published: November 2012

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/168308.aspx>

2013

ACRP Legal Research Digest 19 – Legal Issues Related to Developing Safety Management Systems and Safety Risk Management at U.S. Airports

Report Blurb: Discusses the concept of a “just culture;” highlights efforts to implement SMS at airports and in other industries such as maritime, patient safety, and oil and gas; examines theories under which SMS could lead to increased liability for airports; and provides a review of select state sunshine laws and the federal Freedom of Information Act.

The digest also discusses certain available means of protecting SMS data from disclosure or discovery, and suggests potential strategies for managing legal issues that may arise due to implementation of SMS.

According to the report, Safety Management System (SMS) has been defined as a systematic approach to managing safety not only by proactively conducting safety assessments before there is an incident or accident, but also by having the necessary policies, procedures, organization structure, and accountabilities in place. The four key elements of an SMS are safety policy, risk management, assurance, and promotion.

Published: January 2013

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/168405.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 18 – Buy America Requirements for Federally Funded Airports

Report Blurb: Discusses the legislative history pertaining to Buy America, the applicable federal regulations, and how it has been applied at airports. The report includes suggested guidance that airport counsel may find useful as it pertains to airport construction and equipment purchases to help ensure compliance with U.S. Federal Aviation Administration regulations.

Published: February 2013

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/168630.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 20 – Airport Responsibility for Wildlife Management

Report Blurb: Compiles the laws and regulations pertaining to wildlife hazard management and discusses mitigation techniques applicable to airport operators.

Published: August 2013

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/169414.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 21 – Compilation of DOT and FAA Airport Legal Determinations and Opinion Letters Through December 2012

Report Blurb: TRB’s Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) Legal Research Digest 21 is a compilation of U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airport legal determinations and opinion letters through December 31, 2012. The compilation, available in a CD format, includes indexes designed to facilitate the search for specific questions and issues.

ACRP LRD 21 updates and supersedes [ACRP Legal Research Digest 4](#), Compilation of DOT and FAA Airport Legal Determinations and Opinion Letters Through December 31, 2007.

[ACRP Legal Research Digest 13](#): An Index and Digest of Decisions: Compilation of Airport Law Resources complements ACRP LRD 21 and 4.

ACRP LRD Digest 21 is available for purchase in a CD-ROM format. The CD-ROM is also available for download as an ISO image.

Published: September 2013

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/169525.aspx>

2014

ACRP Legal Research Digest 22 – The Role of the Airport Sponsor in Airport Planning and Environmental Reviews of Proposed Development Projects Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and State Mini-NEPA Laws

Report Blurb: Provides a summary of relevant federal and state environmental review statutes and regulations, the different stages of the NEPA environmental review and actions, “special-purpose” environmental laws, and the roles and responsibilities of the various stakeholders.

Interspersed throughout the digest are specific project survey results relating to the specific topic being addressed.

Published: May 2014

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/170718.aspx>

2015

ACRP Legal Research Digest 23 – A Guide for Compliance with Grant Agreement Obligations to Provide Reasonable Access to an AIP-Funded Public Use General Aviation Airport

Report Blurb: Describes the assurances made by airport sponsors that receive grants from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, and how these assurances limit the sponsor from unreasonably restricting access for aeronautical activity at general aviation airports.

Published: February 2015

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/172078.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 24 – Sovereign Immunity for Public Airport Operations

Report Blurb: Examines sovereign immunity as it applies to public airports that are owned and operated by units of local government or regional governmental authorities. This report summarizes the extent of sovereign immunity granted to airports from state to state. Appendix A provides a table of cases, and Appendix B contains a chart of authorities.

Published: April 2015

Link: <http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/172457.aspx>

ACRP Report 131– A Guidebook for Safety Risk Management for Airports

Report Blurb: Provides tools, examples, and guidance to help airports manage safety risks using the safety risk management (SRM) process. The guidebook includes scalable features of the SRM processes so that it may be useful to smaller airports with limited resources.

Published: May 2015

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/172635.aspx>

Published: May 2015

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/172599.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 25 – Analysis of Federal Laws, Regulations, Case Law, and Survey of Existing Airport NPDES Permits Regarding Tenant-Operator Responsibilities under NPDES and Stormwater Management BMPS under Owner/Airport's Operating Permits

Report Blurb: Clarifies responsibility for implementation and liability for enforcement of alleged violations of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES).

The digest summarizes state and federal storm water regulations and jurisdictional authority for taking enforcement action against and imposing liability directly on airport owners related to tenant noncompliance issues. In addition, the digest also provides guidance for airport operators in enforcing tenant compliance with storm water permit requirements.

Published: August 2015

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/173023.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 26 – Regulations Affecting the Exercise of First Amendment Activities at Airports

Report Blurb: Provides an overview of the different First Amendment activities that occur at airports, the issues that generally affect them, and the legal challenges to airport policies, while laying out the history of case law.

Published: August 2015

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/173064.aspx>

2016

ACRP Legal Research Digest 27 – The Fourth Amendment and Airports

Report Blurb: Discusses the Fourth Amendment generally as it pertains to its application to people, houses, papers, and effects. The digest focuses on the application at airports and respective court decisions. It specifically discusses expectations of privacy at airports, airport administrative inspection actions, and law enforcement actions. This digest will assist airport operators by providing the background and application of the Fourth Amendment as they review their procedures with their attorneys.

Published: April 2016

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/174240.aspx>

ACRP Report 156 – Guidebook for Managing Compliance with Federal Regulations: An Integrated Approach

Report Blurb: Provides guidance on managing compliance with federal regulations pertaining to the operation and management of airports.

Accompanying the guidebook is the [Regulation Compliance Management \(RCM\) Tool](#), an index of the applicable statutes, federal regulations, executive orders, OMB Circulars, and other documents with compliance requirements. Additionally, the RCM Tool is designed to track compliance and allow the addition of state and local regulations and requirements.

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Published: May 2016

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/174389.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 28 – Operational and Legal Issues with Fuel Farms

Report Blurb: Provides guidance to assist airport sponsors and their legal counselors in understanding the basic legal and operational issues of fuel farms to provide the storage and dispensing of aviation fuels to multiple users at an airport. The report will assist airports with evaluating the appropriate ownership and operating model for use at airports.

Published: June 2016

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/174587.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 29 – Impact of Firearms Laws on Airports

Report Blurb: Analyzes recent court cases on federal and state laws that have been challenged for restricting or prohibiting the carrying of firearms in public and other places. The digest also includes [ACRP Web Only Document 29](#): Compendium of State and Federal Laws Affecting the Possession of Firearms at Airports that pertains to the carrying of guns at airports and elsewhere.

The right to carry guns at airports is subject to the U.S. Constitution, federal and state legislation, and judicial decisions. Some state laws allow guns to be carried openly in public places. Most state laws regulate how guns are to be carried in a vehicle or left in a public or an employer's parking lot. These and other state laws also have ramifications for commercial airports in the United States.

Published: August 2016

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/174765.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 30 – Contract Risk Management for Airport Agreements

Report Blurb: Provides a general overview of the types of agreements that are typically used by airports of all sizes. It identifies primary risks associated with each type of agreement, and the appendices provide sample language from four organizations illustrating how they manage and mitigate those risks.

Published: November 2016

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/175240.aspx>

2017

ACRP Legal Research Digest 31 – Preemption of Worker-Retention and Labor-Peace Agreements at Airports

Report Blurb: Serves as an overview of issues related to labor-harmony or labor-peace agreements for airport management personnel and other interested personnel, including airport authority board members or elected officials. These agreements generally require that, as a condition of operating on-airport property, an organization must become signatory to some form of an agreement with a labor organization. These matters are usually injected into the conduct of on-airport business by the sponsor, including certain contractual language in the agreements between the sponsor and the business. The implications of involving the airport in such matters may be dramatic, far-reaching, and fraught with legal entanglements. This is especially true with respect to labor-harmony or labor-peace agreements.

Published: February 2017

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/175654.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 32 – Evolving Law on Airport Implications by Unmanned Aerial Systems

Report Blurb: Provides guidance to enhance understanding of the basic legal and operational issues presented by civil unmanned aerial systems (UAS), and evaluates best practices for managing these issues. The digest covers background on UAS uses, applications, regulations, and definitions, leading to operations within the National Airspace System (NAS), the issues of federalism as it relates to local and state laws, tort law implications, operations at airports, and best practices for airport operators. [Appendix B—Guidance and Policy Documents](#) and [Appendix I—Summary of Interviews and Poll Results](#) are available online.

Published: October 2017

Link: <http://www.trb.org/ACRP/Blurbs/176738.aspx>

ACRP Legal Research Digest 33 – Overview of Airport Duties and Standards of Care in Airfield Accident Cases

Report Blurb: Provides an overview of the legal duties and standards of care that may create liability when operating a public airfield. It discusses negligence principles and reviews duties and standards of care in an airfield accident context, including the extent to which federal preemption may apply. The digest concludes with a section discussing many types of airfield conditions that have allegedly contributed to an accident or to liability concerns in past cases.

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ACRP Report 184 – Executive Summary for the Guidebook on Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations

Report Blurb: This is the executive summary of the Guidebook on Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations (published as ACRP Web-Only Document 44, Volume 1) and explains each of the 39 grant assurances. This summary includes a matrix that outlines major aspects of the program such as duration and applicability, and it provides a list of related assurances. The matrix is included in ACRP Web-Only Document 44, Volume 1, where it includes links to specific sections of the Guidebook that discuss each grant assurance in more detail. The detailed discussions, which include lists of required practices, prohibited practices, permitted practices, and exceptions, are available in additional volumes of ACRP Web-Only Document 44:

- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 1](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Guidebook
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 2](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Technical Appendices
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 3](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Research Report
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 4](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Summary of AIP Grant Assurance Requirements

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ACRP Web Only Document 44 – Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations Volume 1: Guidebook

Report Blurb: Provides a comprehensive summary of all the requirements included in the 39 Grant Assurances applicable to airport sponsors, who are owners or operators of the airport that execute the grant agreements. The Guidebook describes the requirements, identifies actions that are required, those that are prohibited, identifies exceptions, describes the duration and applicability of the requirements, and discusses the potential consequences of non-compliance.

Accompanying this volume, ACRP has released:

- [ACRP Research Report 184](#): Executive Summary for the Guidebook on Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 2](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Technical Appendices
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 3](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Research Report
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 4](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Summary of AIP Grant Assurance Requirements

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ACRP Web Only Document 44 – Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations Volume 2: Technical Appendices

Report Blurb: Provides supplemental information for individuals desiring more in-depth understanding of the requirements. This volume contains six appendices providing supplemental information on the Grant Assurance requirements as well as resources and references.

Accompanying this volume, ACRP has released:

- [ACRP Research Report 184](#): Executive Summary for the Guidebook on Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 1](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Guidebook
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 3](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Research Report
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 4](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Summary of AIP Grant Assurance Requirements

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ACRP Web Only Document 44 – Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations Volume 3: Research Report

Report Blurb: Summarizes the research efforts and results of research conducted to develop a guidebook on Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Requirements. The results of this research include the Guidebook itself (Volume 1), Technical Appendices (Volume 2), which provides supplemental information on the requirements, and a PowerPoint presentation that can be adapted to the needs of individual users and their circumstances.

Accompanying this volume, ACRP has released:

- [ACRP Research Report 184](#): Executive Summary for the Guidebook on Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 1](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Guidebook
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 2](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Technical Appendices
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 4](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Summary of AIP Grant Assurance Requirements

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ACRP Web Only Document 44 – Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations Volume 4: Summary of AIP Grant Assurance Requirements

Report Blurb: Contains a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the research conducted to develop a guidebook on Understanding FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Assurance Requirements. The results of this research include the Guidebook itself (Volume 1), Technical Appendices (Volume 2), which provides supplemental information on the requirements.

Accompanying this volume, ACRP has released:

- [ACRP Research Report 184](#): Executive Summary for the Guidebook on Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 1](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Guidebook
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 2](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Technical Appendices
- [Web-Only Document 44 Vol. 3](#): Understanding FAA Grant Assurance Obligations – Research Report

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ACRP Legal Research Digest 34 – Airport Public Health Preparedness and Response: Legal Rights, Powers, and Duties

Report Blurb: Addresses the legal issues concerning the measures to detect communicable diseases, regulations to control communicable diseases, methods for decontamination, emergency legal preparedness, privacy, and potential sources of liability. This digest provides a checklist that airport attorneys and other staff can use to help prepare, plan, and coordinate with their partners in response to a threat of a communicable disease.

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ACRP Legal Research Digest 35 – Legal Considerations in the Funding and Development of Intermodal Facilities at Airports

Report Blurb: Provides background on multimodal or intermodal facilities, funding challenges, and a review of the guidance and decisions the Federal Aviation Administration has made pertaining to intermodal facility development at airports.

As surface transportation congestion increases, cities have looked to intermodal facilities at airports to ameliorate ground access crowding. With that, airports are under pressure to site and fund multimodal projects to connect passengers to road, transit, rail, and other transportation systems. Funding for on-airport and airport-adjacent projects involve a complex interplay of federal programs and federal requirements for use of airport land and airport funds.

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ACRP Legal Research Digest 36 – Legal Issues Related to Implementation and Operation of SMS for Airports

Report Blurb: Provides a review of potential legal issues, an in-depth analysis of identified issues, and the benefits experienced by airports that develop and operate a Safety Management Systems (SMS).

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ACRP Legal Research Digest 37 – Legal Issues Relating to Airports Promoting Competition

Report Blurb: Explores permissible means and methods of encouraging and accommodating competition at U.S. airports; discusses the history of how competition has been addressed by government and airports and provides the context of the concentration of air carriers and fixed-base operators (FBOs), the accommodation of air carriers with differing business models, and avoiding the grant of exclusive rights when aeronautical service providers merge.

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