

# How the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Affects the Aviation Industry

*\$1.1 billion in airport grants; \$200 million for F&E; \$1 billion for TSA*

**Campbell & Paris knows many of our clients want to know what the new Economic Stimulus Package means to them.**

*Here is an excerpt from the ACC website:*

House and Senate conferees wrapped up negotiations and approved a \$789 billion economic stimulus bill (H.R. 1) yesterday. The House is scheduled to vote on the measure this afternoon. The Senate schedule is unclear at this time.

Below is a quick breakdown of the key aviation components of the final stimulus package.

## Airport Development:

- \$1.1 billion in additional grants for airport improvement projects, noise abatement, and for the procurement, installation and commissioning of runway incursion prevention devices and systems at airports.
- The FAA shall award grants totaling not less than 50 percent of the \$1.1 billion within 120 days of enactment of the bill, and award grants for the remaining amounts not later than 1 year after enactment.
- The USDOT Secretary "shall distribute funds...as discretionary grants to airports, with priority given to those projects that demonstrate to his satisfaction the ability to be completed within 2 years of enactment of this Act."
- The federal share is 100 percent.
- The funding is to remain available until Sept. 30, 2010.
- The funding shall "supplement, not supplant planned expenditures from airport-generated revenues or from other State and local sources on such activities."

## FAA Facilities & Equipment (F&E):

- Provides \$200 million for improvements to power systems, air route traffic control centers, air traffic control towers, terminal radar approach control facilities, and navigation and landing equipment. The federal share is 100 percent and the funding is to remain available until Sept. 20, 2010.

## Transportation Security Administration

- Provides \$1.0 billion for procurement and installation of checked baggage explosives detection systems and checkpoint explosives detection equipment. TSA shall prioritize grants to accelerate installations at locations with complete design plans.

## AMT Repeal

- Provides a two-year repeal of the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) on interest on private activity bonds.

A copy of the final measure can be downloaded at [www.rules.house.gov](http://www.rules.house.gov)



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