

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD Navajo Nation Council - Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING THE NEW MEXICO AIRPORT MANAGERS ASSOCIATION'S POSITION STATEMENT ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND SENATORS

WHEREAS:

- A. Statements of policy, enactment of positive law, intergovernmental agreements, budget resolutions, and reallocations, must be reviewed and approved by resolution by the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council except as otherwise provided herein. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A).
- B. Statements of policy are written statements submitted to federal, state or local governments by a Navajo Nation official stating the official position of the Navajo Nation on proposed legislation or other action by that government. See 2 N.N.C. § 100 (W).
- C. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to assist and coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A) (9), 701 (A) (4), 701(A) (6) (2015); CO-45-12.
- D. The Navajo Nation is a member in the New Mexico Airport Managers Association (NMAMA).
- E. The NMAMA's purpose is to aid in the improvement of aviation and airport services to municipalities and tribal communities, to provide educational opportunities to airport managers, and other aviation related personnel, and to promote and foster good working relationships with other elected and appointed officials within the State of New Mexico, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- F. The Navajo Nation supports the NMAMA in requesting the following issues be addressed by the United States Congress Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure as critical components:
 - 1. Funding the Airport Improvement Program at \$3.6 billion for Fiscal Year 2016 and subsequent years;
 - 2. Eliminating the punitive Alternative Minimum Tax from airport bonding;

3. Funding the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Small Community Air Service Development Program; and
 4. Transferring all aviation fuel tax revenues directly into the Airport and Airway Trust Fund without diversion or onerous paperwork which discourages submission.
- G. The NMAMA's opposes the proposal discussed to remove the Air Traffic Control component from the Federal Aviation Administration and transfer it to private enterprises, due to increased fees that may be detrimental to aviation interests; privatizing the air traffic control system only increases the financial burden placed on the users of the system. See Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization Act of 2016, H.R. 2313, 114th Cong. (2016).
- H. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest to support the position of the New Mexico Airport Managers Association.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, the Navajo Nation Chief Justice and their designees, to support the position of the New Mexico Managers Association

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 15 in favor and 0 oppose, this 11th day of May, 2017.



Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Dwight Witherspoon
Second: Honorable Leonard Tsosie

**23rd Navajo Nation Council
Naabik'iyati' Committee**

Date: May 11, 2017

Legislation No. 0052-17

Motion: Dwight Witherspoon

Second: Leonard Tsosie

ALL DELEGATES:

	Yea	Nay
BATES, LoRenzo		
BEGAY, Kee Allen Jr.	✓	
BEGAY, Norman M.		
BEGAY, Steven	✓	
BEGAYE, Nelson	✓	
BENNETT, Benjamin L.	✓	
BROWN, Nathaniel		
CHEE, Tom T.	✓	
CROTTY, Amber K.		
DAMON, Seth	✓	
DANIELS, Herman		
FILFRED, Davis	✓	
HALE, Jonathan L.		
JACK, Lee Sr.	✓	
PERRY, Jonathan		
PETE, Leonard H.	✓	
PHELPS, Walter	✓	
SHEPHERD, Alton Joe	✓	
SLIM, Tuchoney Jr.	✓	
SMITH, Raymond Jr.	✓	
TSO, Otto	✓	
TSOSIE, Leonard		
WITHERSPOON, Dwight		
YAZZIE, Edmund	✓	

BY COMMITTEE:

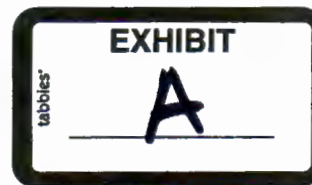
	Yea	Nay	TOTAL
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PETE, Leonard H.			
PHELPS, Walter			
SHEPHERD, Alton Joe			
SPEAKER:			
BATES, LoRenzo			
(Votes only in a tie)			

GRAND TOTAL

15 0

CERTIFICATION:


Honorable LoRenzo Bates
Speaker



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Bob Hudson
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David Pearce
David Ploeger
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Santa Fe, November 24, 2015.

Dear (Congressman, Congresswoman, Senator + Last name)

The New Mexico Airport Managers' Association (NMAMA) is composed of airport managers, tribal, county, municipal employees and aviation related business personnel throughout the state of New Mexico. The purpose of the organization is to aid in the improvement of aviation and airport services to municipalities and tribal communities, to provide educational opportunities to airport managers, and other aviation related personnel, and to promote and foster good working relationships with other elected and appointed officials within the State of New Mexico.

We are writing to you today to voice our support for the following issues and respectfully ask for legislation to include the following critical components:

1. Fund the Airport Improvement Program at \$3.6 billion for FY 2016 and subsequent years;
2. Raise the PFC cap from \$4.50 to \$8.50 for all commercial airports and index the cap to inflation to account for increasing construction costs;
3. Eliminate the punitive Alternative Minimum Tax from airport bonding;
4. Fund the proven and cost effective Contract Air Traffic Control Towers;
5. Fund the USDOT Small Community Air Service Development Program;
6. Fully fund the Essential Air Service Program and remove the participation restrictions added in 2012;
7. Transfer all aviation fuel tax revenues directly into the Airport and Airway Trust Fund without diversion or onerous paperwork which discourages submission.

We are concerned that failure to act in a timely manner will result in repeated continuing resolutions resulting in the disruption of FAA funding for critical airport improvement projects.

We are additionally opposed to the proposals that have been discussed to remove the Air Traffic Control component from the Federal Aviation Administration and transfer it to private enterprise. We are convinced this will lead to a system of user fees that will be detrimental to aviation interests. We currently have the safest and most efficient air traffic control system in the world. Privatizing this system will not result in increased safety or efficiency and will only increase the financial burden placed on the users of the system.

Questions can be addressed to Robert Hudson, NMAMA Board President at: airport@moriartynm.gov.

Thank you for your time and your serious consideration of these important issues.

Respectfully,



Robert "Bob" Hudson, NMAMA President
Airport Manager, City of Moriarty, NM



Robert Uecker, NMAMA Vice President
Airport Manager, City of Belen, NM



David Pearce, NMAMA Board Member
Airport Director, Village of Ruidoso, NM



Arlando Teller, NMAMA Board Member
Program Manager, Navajo Nation DOT



David Ploeger, NMAMA Board Member
Airport Manager, Los Alamos, NM