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TO: South Dakota Aeronautics Commission  
FROM: Jack Dokken, Office of Air, Rail and Transit  
DATE: August 13, 2025  
SUBJECT: State Terminal Funding Reallocation

In July 2024, the Aeronautics Commission approved airport terminal infrastructure funding (SDATP) awards in accordance with State Senate Bill 144 (SB144.) The Commission approved funding the projects for Tea, Hot Springs, Spearfish, Sturgis, Watertown, and Aberdeen at 100% of their requested amounts. Projects in Sioux Falls and Rapid City were only partially funded, each receiving 17.08% of their original grant requests based on the limited amount of funds available via SB144. Thus, these two airports received the following amount of funds:

- Sioux Falls – Awarded: \$2,561,801 (17.08% of \$14,995,244 request)
- Rapid City – Awarded: \$3,047,126 (17.08% of \$17,830,429 request)

Recently, Tea and Hot Springs airports notified The Department of Transportation (SDDOT) that their proposed projects are no longer priorities and that they are unwilling to contribute the required local match, thus withdrawing their request for SB144 funds. The returned funds are as follows:

- Tea: \$735,000
- Hot Springs: \$27,000
- Total Returned Funds Available for Reallocation: \$762,000

As established by the Commission when setting up the funding for SDATP, any projects not awarded federal grants by September 30, 2025 would lose eligibility and their funds would be reallocated to those airports that met the established criteria. Therefore, the \$762,000 of funds are considered outstanding and need to be reallocated by the Commission. Since all remaining approved SB144 funding projects except Sioux Falls and Rapid City are fully funded, these two airports are the only eligible projects to receive these outstanding funds. Since both airports received limited support relative to their original requests, the following two options are provided for your consideration:

**Option 1 – Equal Distribution**

Split the funds evenly between the two airports:

- Sioux Falls: \$381,000
- Rapid City: \$381,000

**Option 2 – Proportional Distribution Based on Their Total Project Funding Request**

Allocate the \$762,000 in proportion to each airport's total original funding request. Sioux Falls and Rapid City were each previously awarded 17.08% of their full requests:

- Sioux Falls was awarded \$2,561,801, which represents 17.08% of a total request of approximately \$14,995,244
- Rapid City was awarded \$3,047,126, which represents 17.08% of a total request of approximately \$17,830,429

Using these full request values, the share of SB144 funds apportioned to each airport based on the total funds requested is:

- Sioux Falls: 45.68%
- Rapid City: 54.32%

Applying those percentages to the \$762,000 returned funds results in:

- Sioux Falls: \$348,482
- Rapid City: \$413,518



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*South Dakota Department of Transportation,*

*The City of Hot Springs appreciates the state terminal grant. We had applied for a BIL Airport Terminal Grant for the matching funds and were not awarded it. Additionally, we are reevaluating our goals with the terminal remodel project and anticipate applying for other state and federal funding in the future. Thank you for assistance and support for the City of Hot Springs and Hot Springs Municipal Airport.*

*Sincerely,  
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To: Jon Becker, South Dakota Aeronautical Association

From: David Myers, Lincoln County Airport

Re: SB 144

Jon,

It has been decided by Lincoln County officials and the Lincoln County Advisory Board that the Lincoln County Airport will decline the funds that were set aside for the terminal project from SB 144.

Lincoln County is currently on a real tight budget, and they do not have enough funds to move forward with the terminal project at the Lincoln County Airport. This would have been a great addition to our airport but hopefully we can build a new terminal building in the near future.

As always, thank you for your support of the Lincoln County Airport.

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