

# Texas Aviation Association Summit



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**DAVE'S**

**Top Seven**

**Future Challenges for  
General Aviation in Texas**

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*In Order of Importance!*

# Future Challenges for General Aviation in Texas

1 EDUCATING the PUBLIC and ELECTED OFFICIALS on its VALUE and BENEFITS



## TxDOT Response

... "Your editorial reflects the same lack of understanding of the benefits of general aviation and general aviation airports that has plagued general aviation throughout its history." ...

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky. — A Colonial-style term Williamsburg-Whitt

Built using \$11 million piston-engine aircraft who keeps his two or three flights,

The Williamsburg adds dollars a year through add up to 15% to the

Federal lawmakers expansive and expensive flights. Known as general airports that handle

In the first full account directed \$15 billion byways.

Members of Congress air-medical transport

### Analysis: Airports get \$1.1B for pet projects

By Thomas Frank, USA TODAY

Congress has steered \$1.1 billion since 2001 to favored projects at airports that cater to private planes, much of it going to low-priority improvements or to benefit corporate jets, a USA TODAY analysis shows.

The projects, known as upgraded airports that lengthen runways to

About \$100 million airports that are used spending bills and

#### PET PROJECTS: P

A 2007 report by the saying that "many I projects." A Congress at easing flight delays

## UPS, FedEx reap the benefits of airports' pet projects

By Thomas Frank, USA TODAY

For nine years, Texans in Congress have been steering federal money to a Fort Worth airport with no passenger flights.

The funds — \$26 million since 2001 — are going to lengthen two runways at Fort Worth Alliance Airport to 11,000 feet from their current spans of 9,600 feet and 8,220 feet. The improvements will enable fully loaded cargo planes to take off during the hottest days, when more runway length is needed, airport spokesman David Pelletier said. That



File photo by Kevin Fowler, Lansing (Mich.) State Journal

# Future Challenges for General Aviation in Texas

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- 1 *EDUCATING* the *PUBLIC* and *ELECTED OFFICIALS* on *GA VALUE* and *BENEFITS*
- 2 Ensuring continued *GROWTH* and *DEVELOPMENT* of a *STRONG STATE-WIDE NETWORK* for *GA SUPPORT*
- 3 Ensuring the future of a *STRONG, WELL RESPECTED, WELL FUNDED AVIATION ENTITY* in state government to *REPRESENT GA*
- 4 Obtaining a *STABLE, CONSISTENT, DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE* for airport *DEVELOPMENT* and *IMPROVEMENT*
- 5 Continuing to *IMPROVE, DEVELOP, and MAINTAIN* General Aviation Airports to *SUPPORT BUSINESS AVIATION NEEDS*
- 6 Ensuring the *TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION* and *CONGRESS* initiate security policy that is *EFFECTIVE* and *NOT UNDULY BURDENSOME*
- 7 Developing *AVIATION EDUCATION PROGRAMS* that will attract youth to *AVIATION CAREERS*

# **In Summary**

*All of these Issues are  
Critical to GA in Texas and can  
only be accomplished with the  
support of a Strong, Well  
Respected, Influential  
State-Wide Aviation Association.*



Texas Aviation Association

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