

# Funding Subcommittee Meeting Summary

## Texas Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Advisory Committee

Virtual Meeting // April 3, 2024, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon CST (Meeting No.: 3)

**Chair:** Ernest Huffman

**Committee Attendance:** Amanda Nelson, Brent Klavon, Ernest Huffman, George Kivork, Jason Day, Jeff Bilyeu

### **Summary:**

The funding subcommittee commenced with opening remarks, followed by a recap of the full committee meeting, a review of AAM needs, a high-level discussion on funding sources for different recommendations, and closing remarks.

During the recap of the previous full committee meeting, the subcommittee revisited key topics. These included Texas airports and FAA preemptions, as well as discussions on electric infrastructure and its management in Texas. Additionally, insights from Texas economic development and workforce development were noted to be informative. The subcommittee also highlighted the AAM leadership advantages observed in Florida, Virginia, and Ohio.

The heart of the meeting centered around the recommendations discussion. The subcommittee deliberated on responsibility allocation, focusing on who would be tasked with implementing the recommendations. The list of responsible organizations included entities such as the Texas Legislature, TxDOT, OOG, Texas Economic Development, university systems, DPS, TDEM, DIR, workforce solutions, TWC, TEA, THECB, TSTC, ERCOT, and AAM program manager. The subcommittee also categorized funding sources for each recommendation, encompassing general funds, state and federal funds, rider funds, industry contributions, and public private partnerships.

The subcommittee recommendation of establishing an AAM office with a program manager was highlighted with the importance of defining clear mission and goals for the department and a job description for the manager. The subcommittee considered the Office of the Governor as an ideal place to create the program manager position, given their technical expertise and non-regulatory role. The Texas Broadband Development Office was also suggested as a viable alternative for holding the AAM program.

**Next Meeting:** May 1, 2024, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon CST (Virtual)