



## Commission Meeting

Meeting Date: 31 March 2026 (Moved from 24 March 2026)

Daniel Field Airport – Background Information on potential forthcoming GDOT Aviation Program contract for Airport Hangar Development Program and Approval of Emergency Contract

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- Department:** Daniel Field Airport
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- Caption:**
1. Information as background for potential forthcoming GDOT funding contract for Airport Hangar Development Program
  2. The Daniel Field General Aviation Commission recommends an emergency contract approval at a May Commission meeting based on this advance background information, and subsequent contract execution no later than 31 May 2026, if awarded, which meets GDOT's contract deadline for FY26.

**Background:** POTENTIAL GDOT FUNDING CONTRACT - \$1.4 million

The Georgia Legislature recently amended GDOT's Aviation Program budget for state Fiscal Year 2026 (ending 30 June 2026), and as such has an additional \$11 million available for eligible airport projects before FY end in June. Governor Brian Kemp signed the Amended FY26 Budget on 3 March 2026.

Daniel Field has requested \$1.4 million of this additional funding to support its Hangar Development Program, which has been included in its annual capital planning budget for several years, as well as slated for TIA2 funding in Band 2.

GDOT Aviation staff has not finalized the approved airport projects for these additional funds as of the agenda deadline, though we are hopeful for this funding to materialize in the coming weeks. As such, we would request consideration of an emergency contract approval at a May Commission meeting based on this advance background information, and subsequent contract execution no later than 31 May 2026, if awarded, which meets GDOT's contract deadline for FY26.

GDOT TIA Regional Coordinator Jeramy Durrence and Augusta Engineering Director Dr Hameed Malik have graciously advanced Daniel Field's Band 2 Hangar Development project in the amount of \$2.6 million to support this project. The Local Agreement between the two entities will be pending Commission approval in April.

The Hangar Development Project funding request includes design, bidding, and construction of hangar sitework and other related eligible construction items. As the hangar buildings themselves are not eligible for state funding assistance through GDOT, the TIA2 Band 2 project funds will provide both the local share of the potential GDOT \$1.4 million award, as well as fund the local-only hangar building construction items the GDOT grant would not cover.

Support Letters Attached.

**Analysis:**

Airport Hangar Development Program

This potential additional \$1.4 million in state funding is a significant boost for Daniel Field to optimize on-airport development areas for airport revenue through rents and fuel sales, as the current airport hangars are operating at maximum capacity and there is consistent, documented demand for new hangars. New based aircraft at Daniel Field as a result of this project translates to additional aircraft personal property tax revenue to Augusta.

**Financial Impact:**

Airport Hangar Development Program

- \$1,347,331 State
- \$2,489,056 Local (TIA2 Band 2)

**\$4,394,217= TOTAL PROJECT ESTIMATE**

**Federal funds will be requested and available in FY2027.**

Phase	Tentative Schedule	Total	Federal	State	Local -TIA2
Design	June-September 2026	\$155,000	-	\$116,250	\$38,750
Bidding	October-December 2026	\$16,000	-	\$11,250	\$4,750
Construction - Sitework	January-June 2027	\$1,319,620	-	\$989,715	\$329,905
Construction – Hangar Buildings	June-December 2027	\$2,903,597	\$557,830	\$230,116	\$2,115,651
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$4,394,217</b>	<b>\$557,830</b>	<b>\$1,347,331</b>	<b>\$2,489,056</b>

**Alternatives:** If no action or contract is not approved at May 2026 Commission meeting, Daniel Field will delay this project and request funds again in FY2027. This may result in higher construction costs as a result.

**Recommendation:** The Daniel Field General Aviation Commission recommended approval of the potential forthcoming GDOT Limited Participation Contract up to \$1.4 million at their 11 March 2026 meeting.

**Funds are available in the following accounts:** **Proposed:**  
\$1,400,000 = GDOT Aviation Programs GRANT/CONTRACT  
\$2,600,000= Daniel Field TIA 2 Band 3 Org Key 372081132 – Pending  
**Local Agreement**

DANIEL FIELD AIRPORT IS AN ENTERPRISE FUND – FUND SOURCE 552. Local match will come from TIA2 BAND 2.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:** N/A