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RSA 21-L:8

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March 18, 2022

To: Aviation Users Advisory Board (AUAB)

The next meeting of the Aviation Users Advisory Board is scheduled for **Friday, March 18, 2022 at 10:00 AM** being held in the **Commissioner's Conference Room at the John O. Morton Building**. **Microsoft Teams access is also available, and the access information is below. Board members must be present to have a quorum.**

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Approval of Minutes- December 17, 2021

- Chairman's Comments
- Public Comment
- AUAB Meeting Schedule for 2022

March 18, 2022

June 17, 2022

September 16, 2022

December 16, 2022

- Election of AUAB Officers for 2022

New Business

Alton Bay Ice Runway- Jason Leavitt, Airport Manager

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law- Carol Niewola- Aviation Planner

Capital Budget Process

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Old Business

Legislation

HB-1292- Permitting the use of Drones on the statewide trail system-ITL

- Airport Update- Handout
- TSA Passenger
- Airway Toll

Executive Session – if necessary.

AUAB Meeting - December 17, 2021

10:05 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Chris Nevins.

In attendance from the AUAB Board: Chris Nevins, Bill Moran and Tom Malafronte.

In attendance from the Bureau of Aeronautics: Tricia Lambert, Patrick Herlihy, Danielle Hutchinson, Jason Leavitt and remote, Andre Briere.

Introductions: Tricia Lambert introduced Andre Briere and Jason Leavitt to the Board.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Review of the Minutes was undertaken; there were no comments from the members.

A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Bill Moran seconded by Tom Malafronte and affirmed by unanimous vote.

Comments from the Chairman and Board Members:

Chairman Nevins is looking for recommendations for future AUAB members with an airline background.

Discussion about future AUAB Board members; status of candidate to fill the UAS role on Board; Bill Moran carries over until next July. However, no longer serves on Laconia Airport Authority Board; Tom willing to continue serving on the Board; Will submit a letter to Governor requesting to extend term; election of officers will take place at the March 2022 meeting.

Comments by public: None

New Business:

Presentation by Jason Leavitt on Jaffrey Airfield Silver Ranch. Presentation included UAS footage of runway reconstruction project.

Tricia provided an update on an LSR regarding the use of UAS's on the state trail system; issue with definition of UAS and permitted uses. Discussion about jurisdiction – LSR applies to statewide trail system. State BOA will testify on bill.

Status of Alton Bay ice runway: Previous manager retired. Looking for part-time manager for seasonal runway. Jason will serve as the new (temporary) manager to assist with the runway and operations.

State update on CARES Act, CRSSA, BIL, ARPA Federal funding: BIL will provide \$46.5m to NH; First installment was received last week; State challenged with getting funds out quickly to airports; goal to get them into a grant offer.

AIM program – Funds directed to Jaffrey Airport project. Approximately \$170,000 for projects next year; Hawthorne Feather option to sell or donate the airport to non-profit; the goal is to keep the airport open to the public. Moultonborough (4MB) open to public again.

Tricia discussed TSA throughput numbers and associated graphs.

DOT Road Toll Bureau of Aeronautics report: Fuel sales appear to be improving; Air carriers down, approximately \$230k in annual revenue to state. Funds used to assist smaller airports throughout the state.

General Discussion:

Bill Moran questioned the traffic pattern altitude at Mount Washington Regional Airport being 2,000 feet AGL. State BOA will assess and advise.

Tom provided a brief airport update. Leisure travel continues to lead the recovery; new Spirit Airlines flights performing well; cargo continues to be strong with new development coming on line in 2022; discussion on recent aircraft accident involving Swearingen turboprop.

Motion to adjourn: Bill, second by Chairman Nevins

Meeting ended at 11: 21 a.m.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!



BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

March 16, 2022

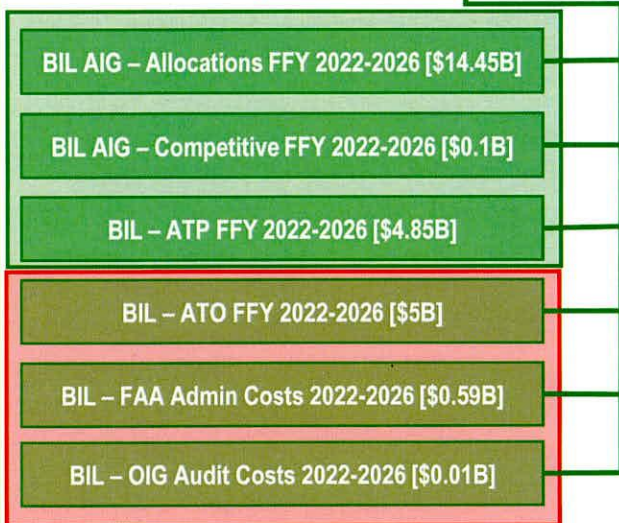
Overview of BIL

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), was signed into law on November 15, 2021 as Public Law 117-58. The goals of BIL are:

- Grow the US economy
- Enhance US competitiveness in the world
- Create good jobs
- Make the US economy more sustainable, resilient, and equitable

Division J, Title VIII, *Federal Aviation Administration* section of BIL lists the three programs that are appropriated for FFY 2022-2026 for eligible airports totaling \$25B over this period. All of this funding comes directly from the US Treasury's General Fund and is considered to be "discretionary" funding and continually appropriated for the full 5 years.

BIL FUNDING FFY 2022-2026 [\$25B]



Airport sponsors listed in the NPIAS are eligible for BIL Airport Improvement Grant (AIG) – Allocations, BIL AIG – Competitive, and BIL – Airport Terminal Program (ATP) grant funds. The remaining BIL funds will go to FAA/Air Traffic Office (ATO), FAA/Airports Division (ARP), and USDOT/Office of Inspector General (OIG) to fund equipment and administrative functions.

Resources

- www.faa.gov/bil
- <https://www.faa.gov/general/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-faqs>
- <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-02-25/pdf/2022-03998.pdf>
- <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants>
- <https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2022-02/FINAL-2022-RAISE-NOFO.pdf>
- <https://www.congress.gov/117/plaws/publ58/PLAW-117publ58.pdf>

No annual appropriations of BIL funding are needed since BIL is the appropriations law for this funding.

RAISE Grants

The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants, formerly TIGER and BUILD Transportation Grants, are authorized and appropriated at \$1.5B and are awarded at the discretion of USDOT for FFY 2022. Because of BIL, RAISE was expanded to include "the surface transportation components of an airport project eligible for assistance under part B of Subtitle VII title 49," which are referenced in Appendix P of FAA Order 5100.38D. A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) explains the application process; deadline for submissions is 5 PM EST on April 14, 2022.

BIL AIG – Allocations (NH)

AIP- & PFC-eligible projects
 FAA Share = 90%
 NHDOT Share 5%
 Local Share 5%
 FFY 2022 NH Allocation = \$9,194,982

BIL – ATP (NH)

Terminal and ATCT projects
 FAA Share = 95%
 NHDOT Share = 2.5%
 Local Share 2.5%

BIL AIG – Competitive (NH)

ATCT projects
 FAA Share = 100%

BIL is a unique federal grant program. BIL funds cannot leverage funds from another federal program, however, one federal program can fund a usable unit of work that the other federal program is funding as a separate unit of work.

Questions regarding this handout should be directed to:

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 NHDOT/Bureau of Aeronautics
 7 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 483, Concord, NH 03809
 p: 603-271-1675 e: carol.l.niewola@dot.nh.gov

New Hampshire Department of Transportation Aeronautics' Program Update

March 21, 2022 Quarterly Report
Concord, New Hampshire

FUNDING PROGRAMS

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING (AIP and SBGP)

FAA authorization runs out on Sep. 30, 2023. On March 11, a continuing resolution that provides fiscal year 2022 appropriations to Federal agencies through March 15 was signed for continuing projects and activities of the Federal Government.

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF LAWS IMPACTING AIRPORTS

To date, FAA has reimbursed NH airports approximately 99% or \$15,169,445.48 of CARES Act operations and maintenance grants (Groups 2-4). CRRSA Act operations and maintenance grants have been issued to NH airports (70% of \$7,126,516). FAA is in the process of issuing ARP Act O & M grants now (a total of \$12,884,195 is expected to be granted). ARP Act grants are to cover costs of operations, personnel, and cleaning, including a set-aside for rent relief and other costs of airport concessionaires primarily directed toward small businesses and minority-owned firms.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL)

Under the BIL, now law; NH airports would receive approximately \$46,000,000 over five years to address airport airside and landside needs such as improving runways, taxiways, and airport-owned control towers, terminal development and noise reduction projects. Annual grant appropriations for General Aviation airports will be based on type: Basic (\$110,000), Local (\$159,000), and Regional (\$295,000), and for Lebanon, Pease, and Manchester range from \$1.0M to \$4.7M respectively. For additional background on the BIL, see <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-will-deliver-new-hampshire>

NEW HAMPSHIRE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (NH AIM Program)

Up to \$225K/year has been appropriated for this program as the NHDOT's 80% project share; actual amount will depend on aviation fuel taxes collected (aka Airway Toll). We expect to grant a total of \$150,800 to four airports. NHDOT received 14 applications for eight airports with project costs totaling \$916,675. We expect to grant a total of \$150,800 to four airports.

AIRCRAFT OPERATING FEE (AOF) RETURNS

RSA 422:36II requires the state to return \$250,000 of the AOF to public-use airports for aeronautical purposes at those airports. Airport sponsors must report tail numbers of all their based aircraft to NHDOT/Bureau of Aeronautics on a quarterly basis to maximize these AOF Returns. SFY 2022 funds are anticipated to be disbursed in the Spring. Second notices to airports who have not yet completed the AOF form due March 11, were mailed on March 3. There continues to be no funding available in SFY 2022/2023 for the 100% grants to airport sponsors program.

AIRPORT PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Property taxes paid on the public-use portion of privately owned, publicly used airports qualified for an exemption under RSA 72:38 (eight airports are eligible). This program historically covered less than 100% of the eligible costs but continues to be unfunded in SFY 2022/2023.

PENDING NH LAWS

- HB 1292: An act permitting the use of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles on the statewide trail system. http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/lsr_search/billText.aspx?id=1737&type=4 Failed in NH House.

REMINDERS

- Quarterly based aircraft lists are due to NHDOT by Apr. 29, 2022 to danielle.r.hutchinson@dot.nh.gov
- For AIP construction projects, (1st qtr.) submit Form 5370-1 (Construction Inspection Progress Report) by Apr. 29, 2022.
- FY 22 grant applications are due to FAA by April 11, 2022. Block Grant applications are due to NHDOT – BOA by March 18, 2022.
- New Order 5190.6B Chg. 1
- Draft AC 150/5200-28F
- Draft AC 150/5190-4B
- Draft AC 5320-50 Airport Drainage Design
- 5050-4A Airport Community Planning

AVIATION NEWS

- Jason Leavitt was the Manager of the Alton Bay Ice Runway this year. The runway was a resounding success
 - Busiest day – 115 landings (2.20.22 – Winter Carnival)
 - Total landings during the 9 days of operation = 274
 - Furthest traveled – Miami, FL
- NHDOT/Bureau of Aeronautics' staff is working from the office M-F from 8:00AM-4:00PM.
- We can continue to accept most documents electronically. When in doubt, please call.
- FAA – New England filled the Community Planner for NH position with John Carli. John Kirkendall continues to be the region's engineering representative for NH.

Aeronautical Special Fund Current Balance = \$1,057.02

For more information:

603-271-2552 aeronautics@dot.nh.gov

<https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/aerorailtransit/aeronautics/index.htm>

Several of New Hampshire's public-use airports continue to make needed improvements with local funds only. No federal- or state-funded projects have been issued/are envisioned at this time for:

Alton Bay Seaplane Base
Colebrook Airport
Errol Airport
Gorham Airport
Newfound Valley Airport
Hawthorne-Feather Airport
Plymouth Municipal Airport
Hampton Airfield

2022 NH Airport Improvement and Maintenance Funds for these four airports:

- **Franconia Airport**– Airfield Turf Improvements
- **Jaffrey Airfield** – Apron and Taxiway Repaving
- **Twin Mountain Airport** – Repave center section of runway
- **Parlin Field** – Visual aid equipment purchase.

AIP and CARES, CRRS, and ARP Act Funding In-Place or Envisioned At These Airports:

Portsmouth International Airport at Pease: Expand Terminal Passenger Areas And Expand Terminal Building, Reconstruct Runway 16-34, Rehabilitate Apron, Taxiways, and Ramp. CARES, CRRSA and ARPA (O & M and Concessions) Assistance.

Lebanon Municipal Airport: Update Airport Layout Plan, Rehabilitate Non-Revenue Access Road and Parking Lot, Study and Environmental Assessment To Improve Runway 18-36 RSA, Including Relocating Localizer and Easement Acquisition, and Obstruction Removal. CARES, and CRRSA and ARPA (O & M and Concessions) assistance.

Dillant-Hopkins Airport: NAVAIDs Relocation Study, Extend Taxiway A, and Rehabilitate Taxiways A, A3, & T. CARES, and CRRSA and ARPA (O & M) assistance.

Laconia Municipal Airport: Airfield Maintenance & Marking, CARES Act Group 4, Perimeter Fence, Obstruction Removal, CAREA, and CRRSA and ARPA (O & M) assistance.

Mt. Washington Regional Airport: Improve Airport Obstruction Lights and Electrical Vault, Rehabilitate and Remark Airfield Pavement, Purchase SRE, CARES, and CRRSA and ARPA (O & M) assistance.

Dean Memorial Airport: Conduct Runway Safety Area Improvement Feasibility Study And Update Airport Layout Plan. Runway Pavement Maintenance, CARES, and CRRSA and ARPA (O & M) assistance.

Skyhaven Airport: Rehabilitate and Mark Terminal Area Tiedown Apron; Relocate Existing Fuel Farm, CARES, and CRRSA and ARPA (O & M) assistance

Concord Municipal Airport: Rehabilitate and Light Taxiway A and Construct Runway 35 Holding Bay, Runway Pavement Maintenance and Marking, Conduct Terminal Area Study, SWPPP, Acquire SRE, CRRSA Act O & M Assistance.

Nashua Airport: Rehabilitate/Relocate Public-Use Taxilanes, pending FAA funding, CARES, and CRRSA and ARPA (O & M) assistance.

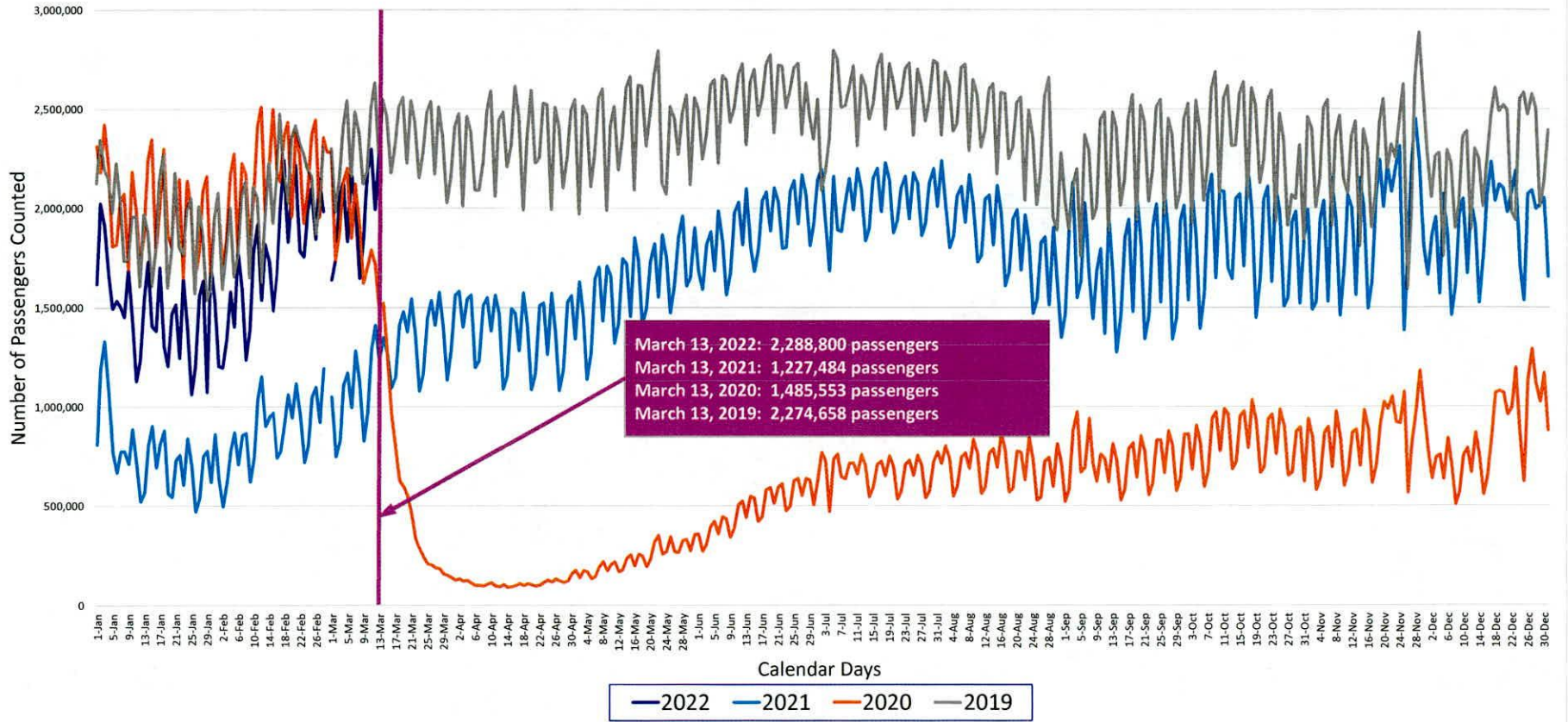
Berlin Regional Airport: Conduct Apron and Stub Taxiway Pavement Maintenance, Install Perimeter Fence, Pavement Overlay and Marking, CARES, and CRRSA and ARPA (O & M) assistance.

Claremont Municipal Airport: Runway Rehabilitation Survey, Easement Acquisition and Obstruction Removal, Taxiway A Relocation, CARES, and CRRSA and ARPA (O & M) assistance.

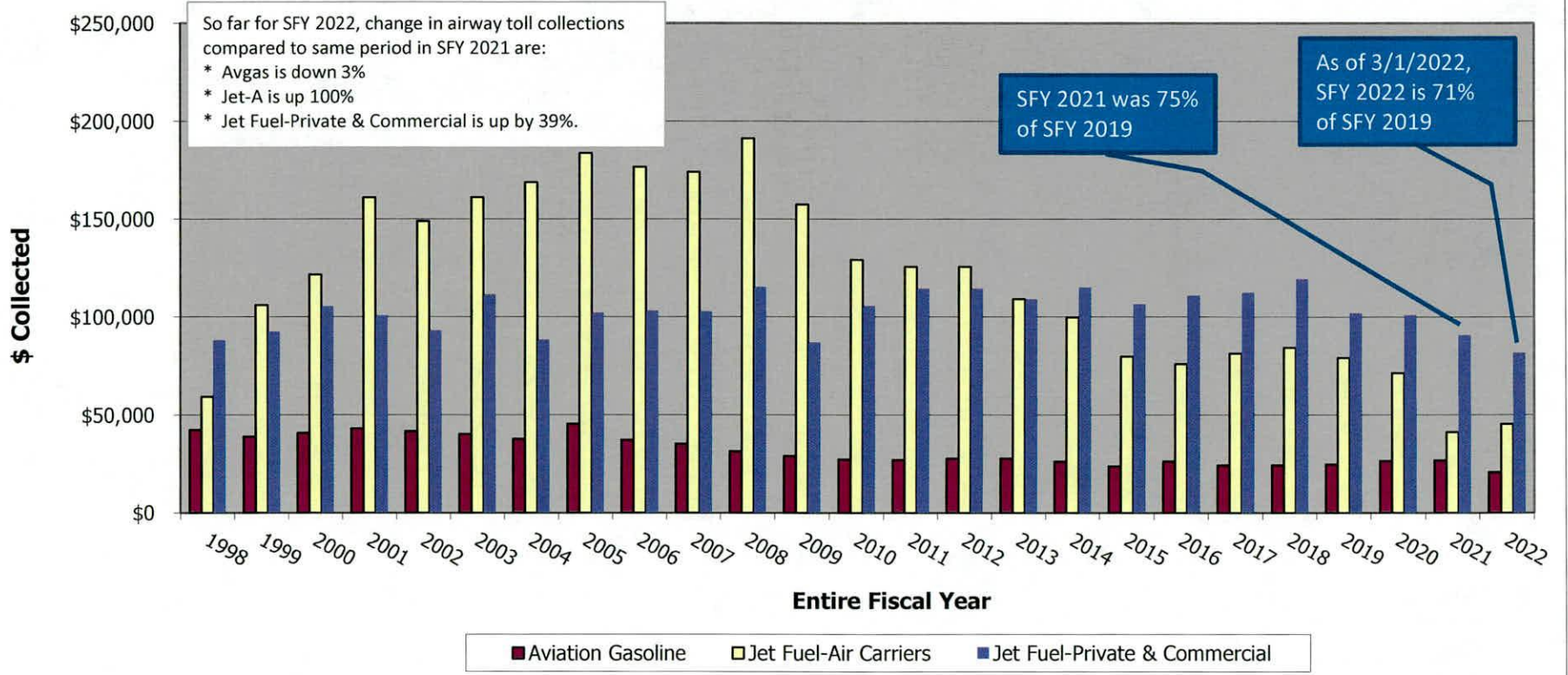
Manchester-Boston Regional Airport: Update Airport Master Plan, Remove Obstructions, Reconfigure and Rehabilitate Taxiways, Runway 35 Approach Clearing, Reconfigure Taxiway H, Replace Terminal Building & Parking Garage Fire Alarms, Replace Public-Use Terminal Building Escalators, Parling Lot Improvements, Cargo Facility Apron, Parling Lot Improvements, Cargo Facility Apron, CARES, and CRRSA and ARPA (O & M and Concessions) assistance.



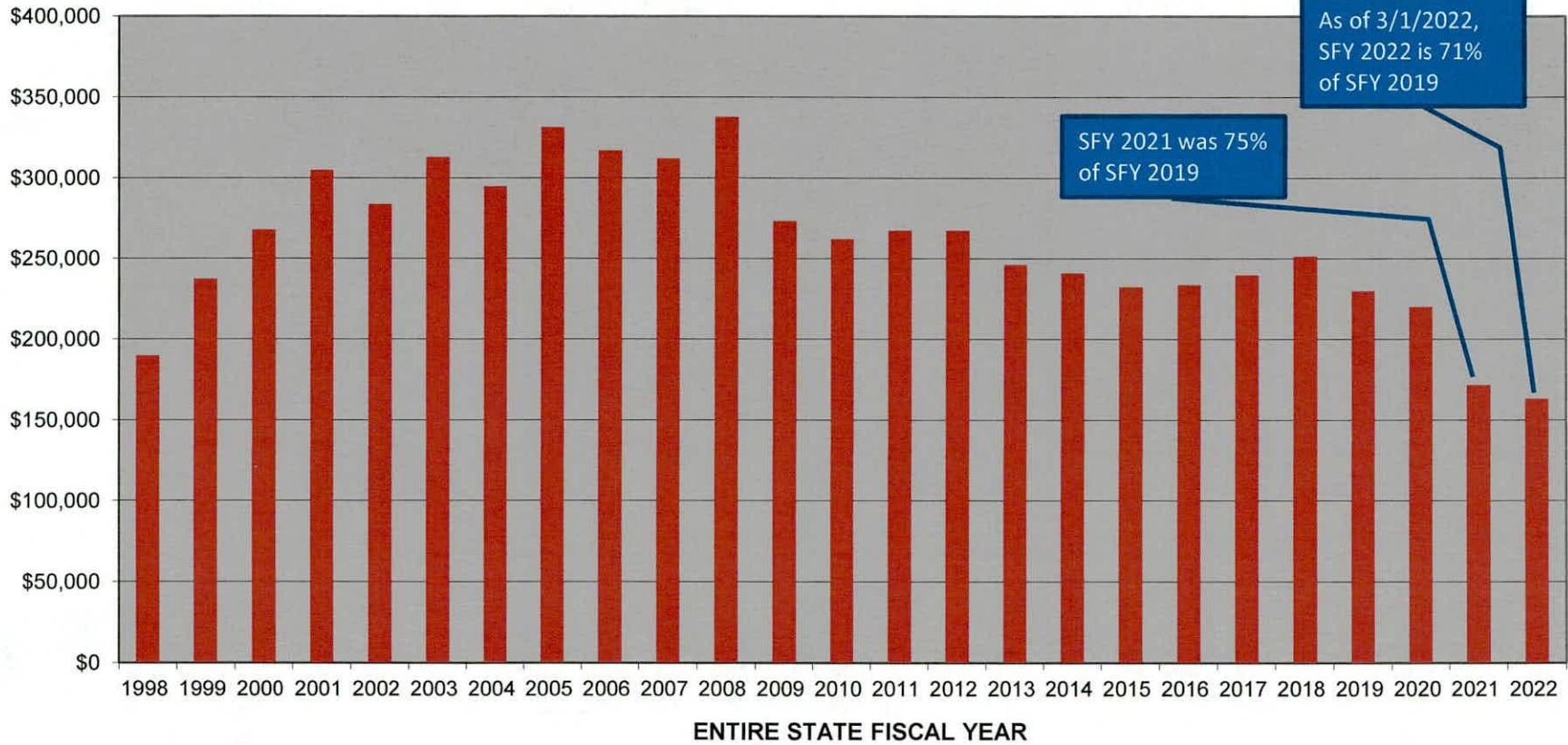
TSA Passenger Throughput Levels by Calendar Year



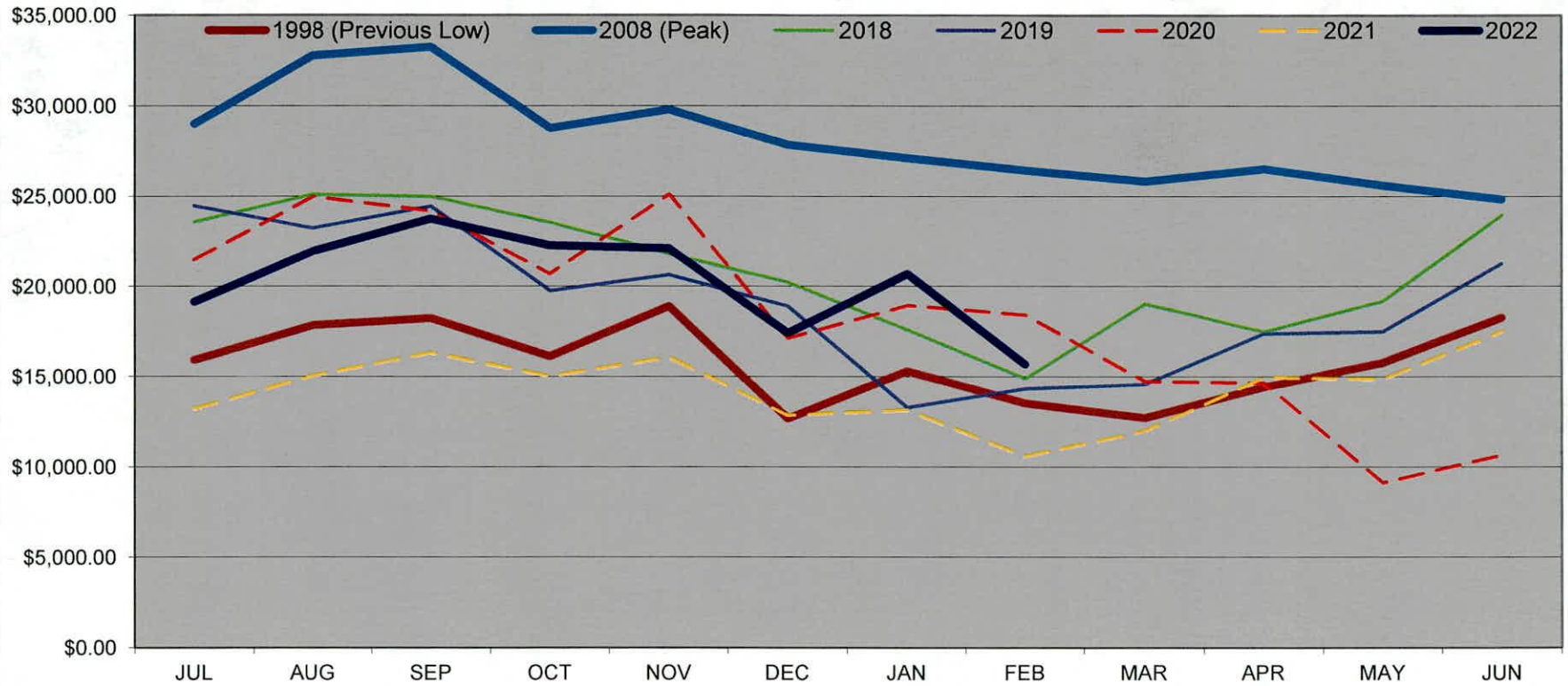
Aeronautics Fuel Dollars Collected



Total Aeronautics Fuel Dollars Collected



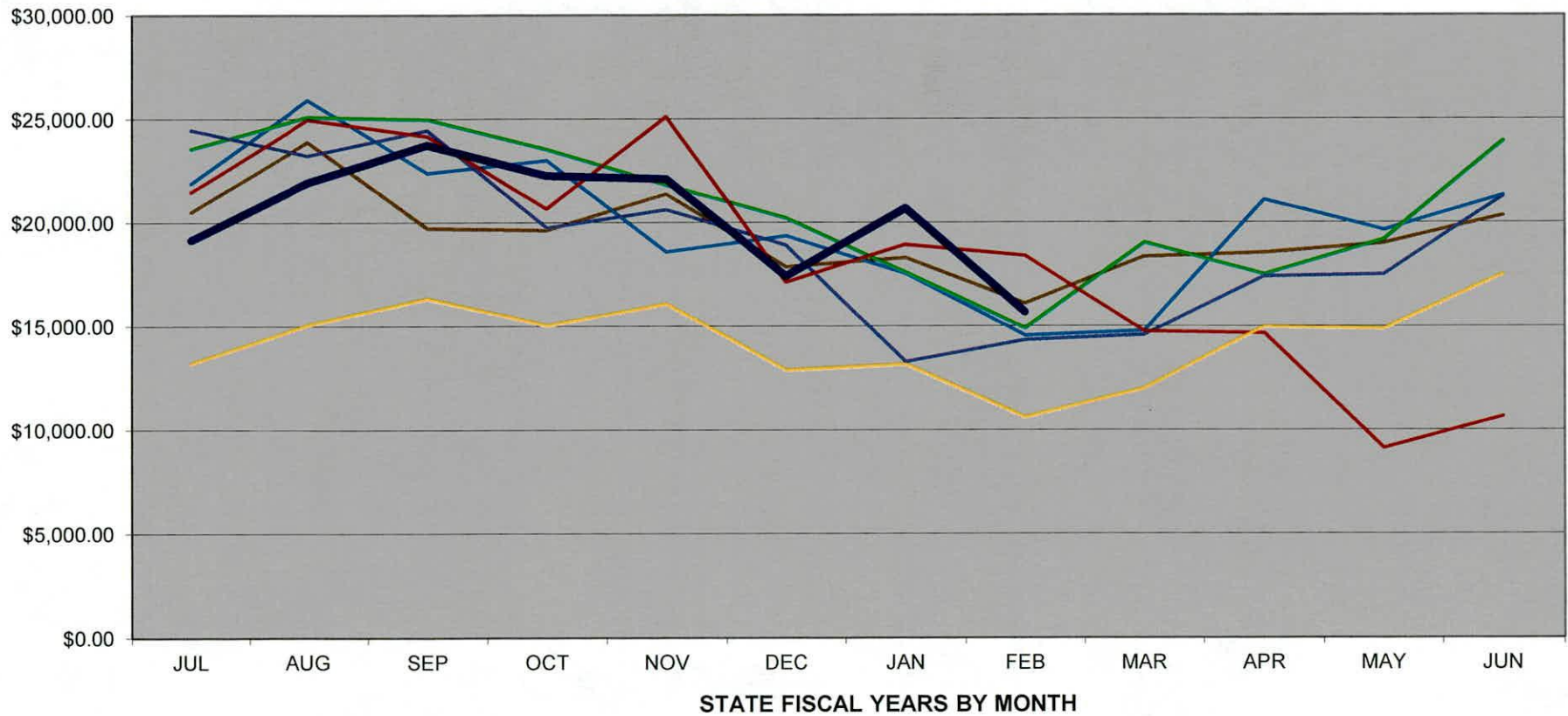
Monthly Aeronautics Fuel Dollars Collected By State Fiscal Year Compared to Peaks



STATE FISCAL YEARS BY MONTH

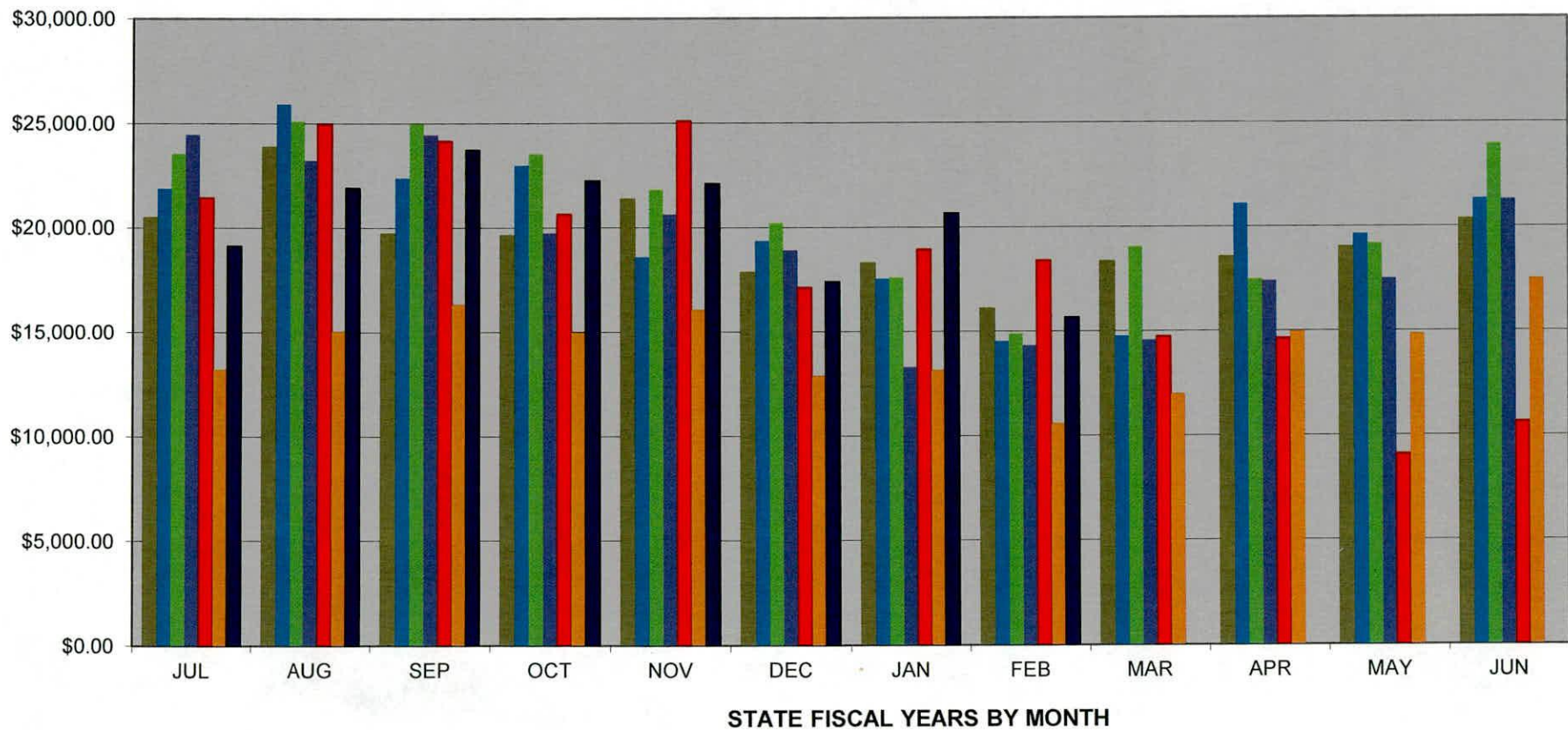
Monthly Aeronautics Fuel Dollars Collected By State Fiscal Year for Last 7 Years

— 2016 — 2017 — 2018 — 2019 — 2020 — 2021 — 2022

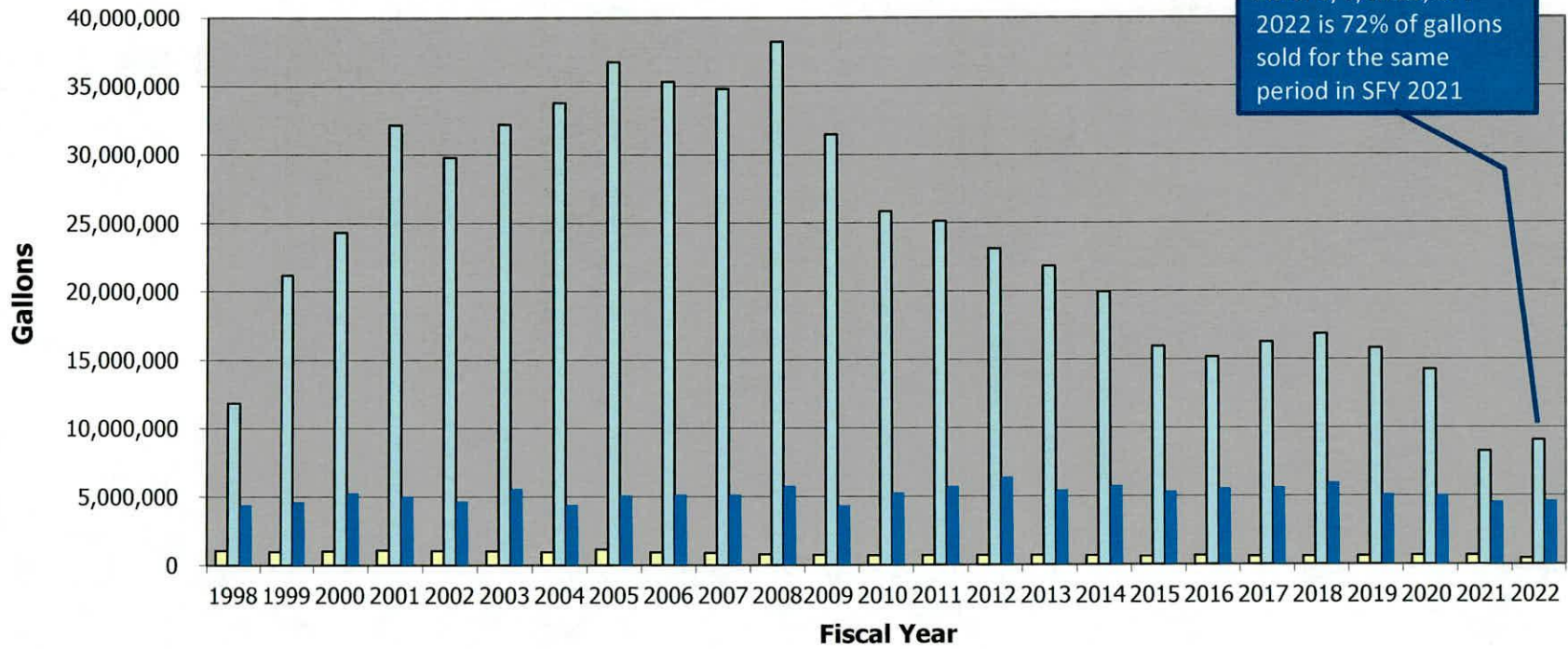


Monthly Aeronautics Fuel Dollars Collected By State Fiscal Year

■ 2016 ■ 2017 ■ 2018 ■ 2019 ■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022



Aeronautics Gallons Reported



As of 3/1/2022, SFY 2022 is 72% of gallons sold for the same period in SFY 2021

■ Aviation Gasoline
 ■ Jet Fuel-Air Carriers
 ■ Jet Fuel-Private & Commercial