

Report Card for North Carolina's Infrastructure – 2009 Update  
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**Overview**

Despite large construction efforts at the three largest Air Carrier airports in the state, little has been done to address the condition of pavements at the majority of the airports in North Carolina. Overall, the plan to upgrade inadequate pavements is in place, but funding has not been provided to implement that plan. **As a result, the state's airports infrastructure grade remains a D+.**

**Recommendations and Progress**

- Overall, North Carolina's airports have had a good safety record. Passenger and employee safety should remain a top priority.
- Adequate funding to improve deteriorating pavement has not been provided.
- Institute a dedicated source of funding to meet maintenance requirements, especially for the General Aviation airports (aviation fuel tax, user fees at GA airports, etc.).
- Use state funding to augment FAA Airport Improvement funds for Air Carrier airports to meet the growing demand.
- Consider opportunities to earmark aircraft property taxes for airport improvements.
- Explore innovative delivery methods such as Design Build to save time and/or cost on new construction and maintenance projects.
- Encourage a shift from prescriptive specifications to performance-based specifications.

**Grade Breakdown**

<b>Pavement Condition</b> (Less than 50% of pavement areas are rated Excellent or Good)	D	(30%)
<b>Funding</b> (Funding has not been provided to the extent needed to maintain facilities)	F	(30%)
<b>Safety</b> (Good overall record, but not perfect)	B	(20%)
<b>Passenger Cost / Satisfaction</b> (Near-average rankings in all categories surveyed)	C	(20%)
<b>Overall:</b>	<b>D+</b>	