

## GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS

The FY 2003 request is for \$3.404 billion for Airport improvement grants to eligible airports to enhance capacity, emphasize safety and security needs, and mitigate noise. Since FY 1992, commercial service airports have had an additional source of funding from the passenger facility charge (PFC). At the beginning of calendar year 2001, 321 airports had been approved to collect PFC's totaling \$28.7 billion over the next 40 years. Estimated PFC collections for FY 2002 are \$2.1 billion. This collection level, up from an estimated \$1.8 billion in FY 2001, reflects the implementation of the new \$4.50 PFC level, authorized under AIR-21, by a growing number of airports. This implementation of the \$4.50 PFC level will be underway through at least FY 2004. The FY 2003 budget requests a total of \$84.7 million for Administrative expenses to implement the Airports program. These funds also support national programs for airport safety and certification; development of airport equipment specifications and standards; and development of standards for airport design and for pavement design and construction. Administrative funds also provide \$16.4 million for airport technology research in the areas of lighting and marking, rescue and firefighting, wildlife hazard and noise mitigation, pavement design and construction, airport design and layout, and support for the Safer Skies Alliance. In addition, AIP will provide \$83 million in FY 2003 to the Essential Air Service Program.

Airport Improvement Program Funding History  
(\$ in Millions)

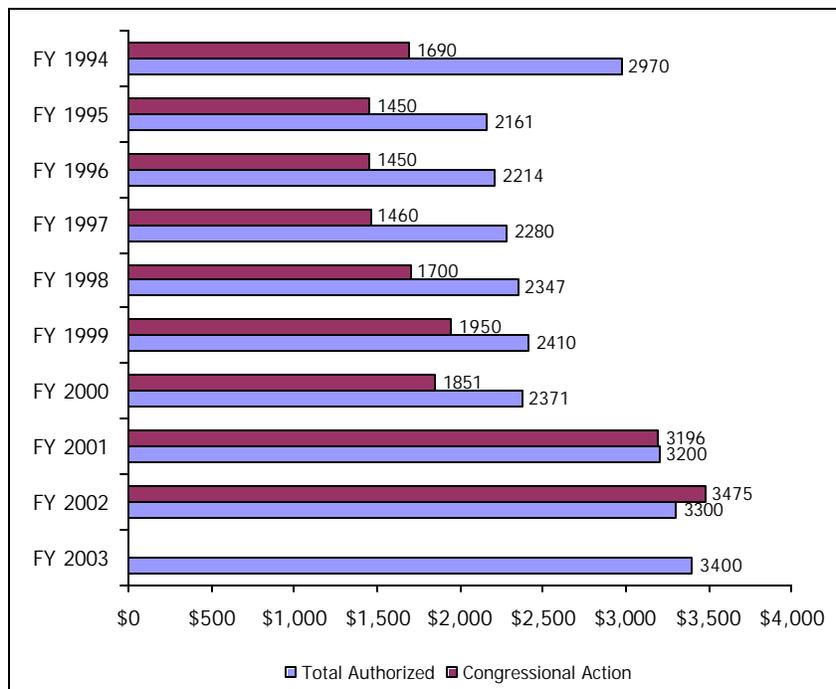


Figure 3 Note: Accrual amount reflected for Fiscal Year 2002 (Enacted) and Fiscal Year 2003 Request