



The eIPP: What You Need to Know



What We're Doing

Under President Trump's direction, the FAA introduced the eVTOL Integration Pilot Program (eIPP) to accelerate the safe deployment of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) vehicles in the National Airspace System. The program will form public-private partnerships with state, local, tribal, and territorial government entities and private companies to develop new frameworks and regulations for enabling safe AAM operations.

Participants

The FAA sought visionary, mission-focused partners who will captivate the imagination of Americans and showcase how AAM will advance aviation in the U.S., driving forward the National Strategy to Support Advanced Air Mobility. Participants will work cooperatively with a range of entities and the FAA on specific projects while following high safety standards.

We expect partners to demonstrate advances in technological capabilities and operational concepts. The FAA will work with them to enable safe initial operations that can be tailored to their aircraft and location.

In March 2026, the FAA selected eIPP partners:

Florida

Utah Department of Transportation

Texas Department of Transportation

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Louisiana

City of Albuquerque

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Projects

The program seeks to advance ambitious national priorities in key areas that serve the public interest, including piloted and unmanned approaches to:

- **Air Taxis:** Short range, on-demand eVTOLs connecting to ground transport, demonstrating reduced noise impacts.
- **Longer-range, fixed wing flights:** Moving people in new forms of advanced regional aircraft with capabilities such as short takeoff and landing that could unlock new and more economically viable possibilities in air travel.
- **Cargo:** Using novel aircraft, including potentially fixed-wing aircraft, to provide cargo services.
- **Logistics and supply:** Demonstrating new airlift and emergency-management services, such as eVTOL operations for servicing offshore energy facilities and improving medical transport capabilities with lower costs and impacts on local communities.
- **Increasing Automation Safety:** Demonstrating safe integration of aircraft with a range of automation technologies designed to enhance safety and/or efficiency in AAM operations.

The FAA envisions that each project will demonstrate broad public benefits such as safety enhancements, noise impacts, workforce development, traffic management, supply-chain management, and interagency collaborations.

The data and lessons learned from these projects will inform policies that support operations at scale, consistent with the highest safety standards.



Certification

The eIPP is focused on informing standards and future policy development and is not a mechanism to bypass certification requirements. Aircraft included in the partnership must already be going through the FAA's formal type certification process.

Timeline

The eIPP is expected to run for three years after the first project becomes operational.