



National Safe Skies Alliance

Program for Applied Research in Airport Security

Project Statement

PARAS 0062 **Planning for Airport Impacts of Locally Hosted Major Events**

<p>Funds: Up to \$200,000 Contract Time: 12 Months Staff Responsibility: Jessica Grizzle Fiscal Year: 2024</p>
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The Project Statement below has been selected by the Safe Skies Oversight Committee and will be the starting point for a panel of experts to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP is expected to be available in early 2024.

When a city hosts a major event, such as a sporting event, concert, or other large gathering, many attendees travel to and from the event via the local airport. As a result, these airports usually experience a significant increase in passenger volume that can have far reaching operational and security impacts. Potential impacts include vehicle traffic congestion, extended queues and crowding, a higher likelihood of criminal activity such as theft and human trafficking, considerations for VIPs, and a potential increase in security threats. Many airports experience these events infrequently, and planning for them when they arise can be an overwhelming task.

The objective of the research is to create comprehensive guidance to assist airports in planning for the impacts of major events. The resulting guidance should include planning checklists, as well as relevant sample language for policies and plans.