

**POLICY RESOLUTION PR-5-06**  
**TITLE: AIRCRAFT DESIGN GROUP VI STANDARDS FOR A380 AIRCRAFT**

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**WHEREAS**, the Airbus A380 aircraft, which is currently under development, will be operating in several airports throughout the country by 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, under current regulations, the A380 aircraft must conform to Design Group VI standards; and

**WHEREAS**, some airports expecting to serve A380 aircraft, most of which are designed to accommodate Group V aircraft, have been spending millions of dollars to upgrade runways and taxiways to meet the Group VI standards; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been considerable discussion in the aviation industry with an expectation that the FAA may relax some of the Group VI standards for A380 aircraft in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the uncertainty, some airports, prior to undertaking upgrades, are waiting for a decision from the FAA the relaxation of the Group VI standards for A380 aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, those airports that have been upgrading to the Group VI standards may be doing so unnecessarily if the standards for A380 aircraft are relaxed, and could be putting the funds toward expanding their airports and improving airport safety, thereby contributing significantly toward improving the nation's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, those airports that have not been upgrading may find themselves with deficient facilities if the standards are not changed; and

**WHEREAS**, the significant differences between Group V and Group VI are as follows:

Criterion	Group V Standard	Group VI Standard
<b>Taxiway Structural Section Width</b>	75 feet	100 feet
<b>Taxiway Safety Area Width</b>	214 feet	262 feet
<b>Runway Structural Section Width</b>	150 feet	200 feet

**WHEREAS**, millions of dollars may be expended unnecessarily if the FAA decision is further delayed and their ultimate decision is to relax the standards.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the FAA should make an immediate decision regarding standards for the Airbus A380.