



ACI-NA Position on National Aviation Policy

Whereas the US aviation industry is a critical engine for US economic growth and employment;

Whereas the US aviation industry will carry 730 million passengers and 65 million tons of cargo this year;

Whereas the Federal Aviation Administration projects that there will be 1 billion passenger enplanements in 2024;

Whereas without an integrated national policy supporting the integral role that airports, airlines, general aviation, manufacturers and labor organizations play in our economy, US global economic leadership and competitive advantage will suffer;

Whereas US commercial airports generate billions of dollars in annual activity, support 10.5 million jobs and create a payroll of \$365 billion and an annual output of \$1.2 trillion;

Whereas US commercial airports have documented \$80 billion in near term infrastructure upgrades that need to be completed to meet safety, efficiency and capacity needs of airlines and passengers;

Whereas general aviation provides critical transportation to remote communities, emergency medical transportation, aerial firefighting, law enforcement, flight training and agricultural applications;

Whereas the US aviation system provides American companies access to world markets and brings consumers the goods they need;

Whereas the travel and tourism industry generated \$1.2 trillion and supported 7.6 million jobs in 2011;

Whereas the Presidential Task Force on Travel Competitiveness has a stated goal of attracting and welcoming 100 million international visitors who will spend an estimated \$250 billion annually by the end of 2021;

Whereas US aviation and aerospace manufacturers are a critical economic driver and along with defense are the leading exporter of US products, contributing \$42.1 billion to the US trade surplus;

Whereas the US airline industry is the physical internet of the US economy, connecting domestic markets of all sizes and regions with each other and with the rapidly growing global markets;

Whereas aviation is one of the most technologically complex, highly globalized and highly regulated industries in the US;

Whereas the citizens of the United States deserve a nationally adopted long-term strategic aviation policy that recognizes and respect the significance of aviation to the US and global economies;

Be it resolved that the Airports Council International-North America Board of Directors calls upon the US Government to create a national aviation policy that will:

Provide long term stability for the industry;

Reduce the regulatory burden on all aspects of the industry;

Provide flexible, adequate funding sources for infrastructure improvements needed to ensure the safety and security of air travel as well as to address the forecasted growth in both passenger and cargo traffic;

Provide sufficient resources to ensure the Next Gen Air Traffic Control System, which promises to provide safety and environmental benefits in addition to \$40 billion in efficiency savings, remains on time and on track;

Provide support for research and development initiatives to advance new technologies to improve the safety, security and the environmental impact of aviation;

Provide a streamlined federal approval process that will allow the introduction of new technology to improve airport operations, aircraft operations and air traffic control;

Provide workable and effective aviation security enhancements that focus on a risk based system and are developed and deployed in conjunction with all aviation stakeholders;

Reduce debt financing by eliminating the Alternative Minimum Tax on Private Activity Bonds which will reduce the financial impact for airports, airlines and passengers; and

Improve federal inspection for international passengers and promote tourism by enacting polices that will better facilitate entrance into and travel across the United States, including ensuring adequate staffing by Customs and Border Patrol at airports.

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