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**FAC, California and New York Airport Associations meet in Washington D.C. to push for infrastructure and PFC modernization**

Members of the Board of Directors, Federal Affairs Committee and staff travelled to Washington D.C. January 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> to meet with airport managers and aviation associations from California and New York and members of Congress. The goal of the meeting was to focus members of Congress on the infrastructure needs of US and Florida airports large and small and the need to address PFC modernization. FAC member airports from Tampa, Lee County, Orlando, Punta Gorda, and Jacksonville attended as well as FAC CEO Lisa Waters.

In addition to the meetings with the Florida Delegation, FAC airports joined ACI, California and New York airports in meetings with Speaker Nancy Pelosi's staff, Minority Leader Senator Chuck Schumer, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Peter Defazio and other key law makers. For a copy of the messaging materials, go to the Federal Affairs Committee page on the FAC website.

**Education Committee hosts fundraiser at Orlando Sanford International Airport Aviation Day**

Committee Chair Derek Faulkner, LCPA and Vice-Chair Sierra LaPore, VHB recruited aviation students from FIT and manned a FAC re-fueling station at the Sanford event. According to the airport, this years Aviation Day attracted more than 3,000 visitors.

The fundraiser was a huge success. The committee raised approximately \$750 from the drink sales, raffle and corporate sponsorship. The student volunteers were fantastic, and they worked hard all day selling beverages and reaching out to youth and others interested in aviation and FAC. A HUGE THANK YOU to SFB and corporate sponsors Kimley Horn & Associates and OAK. Way to Go, Education Committee!

**FAC met with the following Florida Delegation Members and/or their Sr. Staff:**

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| New Senator Rick Scott  |
| Senator Marco Rubio   |
| New House Member Ross Spano (15 <sup>th</sup> District)                             |
| Representative Vern Buchanan (16 <sup>th</sup> District)                            |
| Representative Mario Diaz Balart (25 <sup>th</sup> District - House Appropriations) |
| Representative Daniel Webster (11 <sup>th</sup> District)                           |
| Representative Brian Mast (18 <sup>th</sup> District)                               |
| New House Member Michael Waltz (6 <sup>th</sup> District)                           |
| New House Member Donna Shalala (27 <sup>th</sup> District)                          |



## AROUND THE NATION

### Ground stop lifted at Newark airport after reported drone activity

(Source: WESH2news.com)

Flights in and out of New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport were disrupted last week after reports of a drone flying near Teterboro Airport. Initially, the FAA said there were reports of two drones. Later, they said there were two reports of one drone. The reports came from the flight crew of a Southwest flight and of a United flight.

FAA spokesman Greg Martin said that the agency stopped flights at the airport after the initial report over the smaller regional airport some 15 miles away. Both airports serve the greater metro New York City area. The drone was reportedly flying at 3,500 feet and has since cleared the airspace over the airport, Martin said.

The incident is reminiscent of similar stoppages at airports in the UK, when drone sightings at London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports brought air traffic to a standstill. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates both Newark Liberty International and Teterboro airports, did not immediately comment on the matter.

### US airlines facing a pilot shortage have found a clever workaround: Army helicopter pilots

US Army pilot Shaun Perez spent 10 hours flying an Apache helicopter over Afghanistan, providing gun cover for Special Forces soldiers on the ground as they hunted for high-value targets, guns and weapons.

Returning to his base at dawn, he donned a fresh uniform before shutting himself into a small room to secure the next stage of his career — as a commercial airline pilot.

DATES TO REMEMBER		( New  )
	Location	Date
<b>FAC Commemorative Poster Competition</b>	Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information	<b>January 14, 2019 - March 22, 2019</b>
<b>2019 FAC State Legislative Fly-In</b>	<b>DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tallahassee</b> 101 South Adams Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 Click <a href="#">here</a> to register	<b>February 4-6, 2019</b>
<b>CFASPP Round 2019-1 Steering Committee Meetings</b>	<b>Various</b> Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information	<b>February 21-28, 2019</b> 
<b>2019 Washington, DC Fly-In</b>	Washington, DC Click <a href="#">here</a> to register Click <a href="#">here</a> to make your hotel reservations	<b>March 6-8, 2019</b>
<b>FAC Leadership Development Training Courses</b> Leadership Development (ALD) & Situational Leadership (ASL) for Airport & Transp. Professionals	<b>Marriott Orlando Lake Mark / Sanford Int'l Airport</b> 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary, FL 32746 Click <a href="#">here</a> to for more information Click <a href="#">here</a> to register <b>Registration deadlines have been extended:</b> <b>ALD - February 11, 2019</b> <b>ASL - February 22, 2019</b>	<b>March 11-15, 2019</b>
<b>Education and Training Summit</b>	<b>Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate</b> 1500 Masters Blvd., Championsgate, FL 33896 Registration information to be posted soon	<b>May 22-24, 2019</b>
<b>2019 FAC 50th Anniversary Conference &amp; Exposition</b>	<b>Ft Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort &amp; Spa</b> Registration information to be posted soon	<b>August 4-7, 2019</b>

Please email [lisa@floridaairports.org](mailto:lisa@floridaairports.org) with calendar updates.

**FAC CHALLENGES**

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# **POSTER COMPETITION**



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Use your creativity to design a poster to be featured at the 50th Anniversary Annual Conference. Use logos, photos and resources within your office to create your poster.

**POSTER THEME: “CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FAC”**

**COMPETITION OPENS 01/14/19**

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 03/22/19**

See specifications and guidelines on attached sheet.

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#### **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

**FIRST PLACE** - ENTRY FEATURED AS THE COVER OF THE 50TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM.  
ONE COMPLIMENTARY DELEGATE REGISTRATION AND ONE GUEST/SPOUSE REGISTRATION FOR THE 50TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

**SECOND PLACE** - ENTRY WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE 50TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.  
ONE COMPLIMENTARY DELEGATE REGISTRATION FOR THE 50TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

**THIRD PLACE** - ENTRY WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE 50TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.  
ONE COMPLIMENTARY DELEGATE REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020 EDUCATION AND TRAINING SUMMIT.



Register by emailing [gina@floridaairports.org](mailto:gina@floridaairports.org) with the subject  
“Poster Competition”, or call 407-745-4161 for additional information.

He would win the job in a video interview that day in August 2017, joining hundreds of other US military helicopter pilots who have taken attractive offers from domestic airlines trying to ease a global pilot shortage.

Perez took advantage of one of the tightest labor markets in the United States, created by years of slow hiring, a wave of pending retirements at major US airlines, and Federal Aviation Administration rules that in 2013 increased the number of required training hours from 250 to 1,500. The industry's aggressive recruitment of military helicopter pilots is one of the most striking examples yet of the contortions required to quickly train new commercial aviators since the FAA increased the minimum flying requirement. The pilot shortage threatens the industry's growth just as travel demand booms. [Read More...](#)

### ***First House infrastructure hearing to highlight costs of delay*** (Source: RollCall.com)

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will kick off its effort to boost highway and transit spending this year with a hearing Feb. 7 to emphasize the cost of delaying upgrades to aging roads, bridges, transit systems and airports. "What happens if the rail tunnels under the Hudson River fail, what happens when the tunnel under Baltimore fails, built in the Civil War?" Chairman Peter A. DeFazio, D-Ore., told CQ last week during an interview. "What happens when two bridges, one 89 years old and one 60 years, over the Columbia River, they're going to fail during an earthquake. And then I-5 is cut off?"

"We need to begin thinking about what are the costs and the potential for calamity if we don't make these investments," he said. DeFazio said Democrats want to pass a package before this summer that supplements the 2015 FAST Act, a five-year transportation law that runs through the end of September 2020. The plan relies on the Ways and Means Committee to find the funding for new projects and plug a shortfall between the amount spent now from the Highway Trust Fund and the revenue generated from the federal gas tax, which was last raised in 1993.

That shortfall is currently supported by the general

budget. "We will look at marking up an authorization pretty much working with the existing FAST Act, but make some changes that I think need to be made short term, before we can even get into the next six-year bill. And then send that over to the Ways and Means Committee and have them fill in the money," DeFazio said. [Read the rest of the article...](#)

### **AROUND THE STATE**

#### ***DeSantis issues executive order on workforce education, requests millions for technical programs***

(Source: TampaBayTimes.com)



Gov. Ron DeSantis announced Wednesday that he is challenging Florida to go from No. 24 to No. 1 in the nation for its workforce and technical training programs by 2030, and issued an executive order he said would be the first step to achieving that goal.

"We have too many folks who are not prepared for either college or workforce success. We have a lot of demand in the economy for jobs in education, health services, trade, transportation," DeSantis said during an appearance at Tampa Bay Technical High School. "We want to be nimble. We want to be responsive to how the economy changes."

Those national rankings are calculated by the number of people aged 24 to 64 with an associate degree or higher or with a workforce certificate, according to the governor. The executive order asks state education commissioner Richard Corcoran to audit Florida's current offerings of career and technical training and to

#### **Welcome New Member**

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provide the governor with annual recommendations to make sure they are “in line with market demand.” DeSantis said he’s asked Corcoran, who was present at the announcement, to request \$10 million from the Legislature for workforce apprenticeships, plus \$26 million for vocational programs to be housed in the state colleges.

Career and technical education programs are skills-based classes offered in middle schools, high schools and colleges in subjects such as manufacturing, cosmetology, information technology or agriculture that can lead to students earning industry certifications for jobs that don’t typically require college degrees.

DeSantis said he wants to pursue “reverse transfer” legislation that would allow students who start but don’t finish a bachelor’s degree at a university to be able to earn an associate degree if they have at least 60 credit hours. That would also apply to students who transfer from a state college to a university and drop out before finishing. He also said he’s pushing for a new program called the “last mile college completion,” which would offer tuition waivers for online and state college courses to former students who are within 10 percent of their credit hours to completing their degree.

[Read more...](#)

## Florida lawmakers ready to buy new state plane

Gov. Ron DeSantis flew Wednesday afternoon on the state law enforcement plane that had to make an emergency landing just three days after he took the oath of office.



DeSantis has been flying on a rebuilt King Air, seized by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in a drug bust. On Jan. 11, the plane made an emergency landing with the governor, Attorney General Ashley Moody and four staffers on board. “Air things dropped from the ceiling,” said DeSantis. “I’ve never had to do that before in my years of flying.” “It was a pretty harrowing time. We had to descend rather quickly,” Moody said. “We were just happy to get on the ground.” The state used to have a jet and a King Air, but they became a campaign issue for Rick Scott in 2010.

Scott sold the planes for \$4 million and flew his own jet while in office. After the emergency earlier this month, legislative leaders say it is time for a new plane.

“I think absolutely necessary that the governor has a way to get around the state,” said House Speaker Jose Oliva.



## *FAC seeks all photos and memories!*

Do you have any photos of FAC events or member recognition that we can include in the FAC Archives? If so, please send them to [gina@floridaairports.org](mailto:gina@floridaairports.org) with the subject “FAC Photos.”



Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried said if there is a new plane, she and other Cabinet members should have access to it. "It is not easy for people to get up here to Tallahassee, and making sure we are available to them has got to be a top priority," Fried said.

Diverting the plane for personal uses by Cabinet members prior to 2010 is what led to the planes being sold. A used jet could cost the state around \$8 million, and a new jet goes for upward of \$20 million. If there is a new plane in the offing, it'll likely be for the governor only.

### Calling ALL aviation/aerospace industry partners

The Florida Aviation Business Association in collaboration with the Gaetz Aerospace Institute at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, have joined forces to provide industry opportunities for your students. Last year, students worked side by side with industry, government and academic stakeholders to discuss the growing aerospace and defense industry workforce needs while attending the Florida Aerospace and Defense Workforce Summit hosted by Aerospace Industries Association. This year we are asking business partners to invite students in to experience the vast and diverse career opportunities within this exciting industry.

We are asking each of you to reach out to local aviation businesses and recruit them to participate in the first statewide "Florida Aviation Business Week" from February 11th through the 15th. Businesses can participate by offering company tours, classroom speakers, job shadowing experiences or internships. We hope this statewide event will bring attention to this dynamic industry and highlight Florida's position as a national leader in aviation and aerospace. We would love to see a week filled with students engaging with business leaders and aviation companies throughout Florida. Please pass along the survey link to your local aviation business partners: <https://bit.ly/2BTk1kQ>



Florida Aviation Business Association  
Serving the General Aviation and Business Aviation Community Since 1946



### **AIRPORT MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

#### Record-breaking December makes 2018 busiest year for RSW

(Source: Fort Myers News-Press)



Southwest Florida International Airport had its busiest December on record last year, according to a [Lee County Port Authority report](#). The increase helped boost the totals up 6 percent from last year, breaking all previous year-end numbers.

Last month, 958,717 passengers traveled through RSW, a 9.8 percent increase from December 2017, according to a news release. "December 2018 was the best December in the 36-year history of the airport and our performance for the year was a historic best with 9,373,178 passengers," said Jeff Mulder, executive director of the Lee County Port Authority, in the news release.

Delta Air led the other airlines in December with 165,344 passengers passing through its gates, according to the news release. Southwest, Spirit, Frontier and American were the next four busiest airlines.

#### 2018 was record year for passenger traffic at JAX

(Source: news4Jax.com)



Passenger traffic hit an all-time high at Jacksonville International Airport in 2018 -- the 50th anniversary year at JAX. The Jacksonville Aviation Authority said the airport saw 6,460,253 travelers, eclipsing the previous record of over 6.3 million set in 2007.

"This is an excellent milestone for our organization and Jacksonville as a whole," JAA CEO Mark VanLoh said in a news release. "It's reflective of the quality work done by the entire JAA team as well as Jacksonville's status as a dynamic and attractive city." The 6.4 million passengers represent a nearly 900,000-passenger increase over 2017, a 16 percent bump, JAA said.

VanLoh attributes the growth to a number of factors,

including carriers adding new destinations, increased flight frequency to existing destinations, larger aircraft flying existing routes, and Frontier and Spirit airlines starting service at JAX. Moving forward into 2019, JAA expects continued growth as well as customer service enhancements.

### **Florida-Cuba travel is in flux; some airlines want in and others opt out**

Air travel to Cuba is in flux with some US carriers dropping out of competition for routes and others hoping to win approval for additional flights to the island.

But there's still keen interest in South Florida routes to Havana, and Miami International Airport has become the most important gateway for commercial air travel to Cuba.

The most recent carrier to fall by the wayside in the competition for Cuba routes is FedEx. After asking the Department of Transportation for three extensions on its start date for cargo and mail flights that would fly five times weekly between Miami and Matanzas, FedEx told DOT in December that it was no longer interested in the route and was returning its flight frequencies while it "evaluates alternative all-cargo service options to Cuba."

Southwest Airlines also told DOT in late December that it was no longer interested in adding a second daily route from Tampa to Havana, saying that it preferred to concentrate its efforts on winning approval to begin service to Hawaii.

"Given that focus and overall capacity constraints, Southwest is unfortunately not in a position to apply for the US-Cuba frequency at this time," said Dallas-based Southwest in a DOT filing.

Southwest had initially been interested in picking up a second Tampa route after American Airlines announced last year that it planned to end its Charlotte, NC-Havana service because of low volume.

But instead of returning the flight frequency to DOT, thus allowing other airlines to bid for it, American asked DOT if it could shift its North Carolina-Havana route to a noontime flight from Miami, which would give American six daily Miami-Havana flights. It wants to

serve the route with a 160-passenger Boeing 737-800.

[Read more....](#)

### **Upscale fly-in hotel could be coming to fast-growing Orlando Melbourne International Airport**

(Source: [Floridatoday.com](#))

Officials at Orlando Melbourne International Airport (MLB) announced Wednesday that they are seeking developers for a unique high-end hotel with airfield access.

The fly-in hotel will accommodate the coastal Florida airport's accelerated growth in air service and major corporate tenants, with meeting space and lodging in high demand. It will be among only a handful of airport fly-in hotels in the nation.

MLB's Request for Proposals includes a minimum 20,000 square feet of meeting and event space, approximately 200 guest rooms, a fine dining restaurant with rooftop bar, outdoor pool, sundeck, fitness amenities and a VIP/concierge floor. In addition, partnering with a Fixed Base Operator facility must be incorporated into a winning proposal. MLB's monthly passenger counts increased by double-digit percentages in the fourth quarter of 2018 with no end in sight, closing out the calendar year at 489,240, its highest in more than a decade. Airport operations alone increased by 26.5 percent last year, with the trend expected to continue. The terminal can accommodate 2,000,000 passengers annually.

The airport's enviable aerospace tenant base is in a major hiring mode. More than 1,000 high-wage aerospace job positions are currently open around the airfield, including the North American Headquarters of Embraer Executive Jets, the newly-merged L3 Harris world headquarters, Northrop Grumman's Manned Aircraft Design Center, Thales, Collins Aerospace, General Dynamics and others.

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## Business and Employment Opportunities



### SARASOTA BRADENTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SARASOTA MANATEE AIRPORT AUTHORITY

#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR TAXIWAY BRAVO REHAB RFQ-01-2019-TWB

The Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority is seeking professional engineering services to provide design, permitting, bidding, and construction phase services for the Taxiway Bravo North Rehabilitation project. The project limits will include Taxiway Bravo north of Runway 14-32 and connector as shown on Exhibit A. The project may also include airfield sign replacement, sign panel replacement, and taxiway light replacement within the project limits.

All firms and individuals interested in responding to the "Request for Qualifications" shall do so by initially submitting three (3) bound copies of their Statement of Qualifications to:

Mr. Kent D Bontrager, P.E.  
Senior Vice President, Engineering, Planning & Facilities  
Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority  
6000 Airport Circle  
Sarasota, FL 34243

Click [here](#) for more information.



#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS BID-01-2019-ATCTDEMO

The Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority will receive sealed bids for the demolition of the former Air ATCT at the Sarasota Bradenton International Airport until **2:00 PM, Monday, March 4, 2019** at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after stated time will not be accepted.

Click [here](#) for more information



#### INVITATION TO BID

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Commissioners, Palm Beach County, State of Florida, will receive sealed bids from qualified Contractors at:

Palm Beach County Department of Airports  
846 Palm Beach International Airport  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

until the hour of **2:00 PM**, Local Time, **March 26, 2019** and said bids will be opened and publicly read immediately thereafter in the conference room, at the above address, on the same day for:

**Palm Beach International Airport  
Northeast Airfield Improvements  
Palm Beach County Project No. PB 19-3  
Palm Beach County Department of Airports**

All conditions and requirements for bid submission, consideration, and award are contained in the Contract Documents, which include the plans and specifications. The work must conform to plans and specifications, which may be obtained or examined on or after **January 29, 2019**. In order to better manage document content and disbursement, bidders can download and print the Contract Documents free of charge by visiting the County's Vendor Self-Service Website:

<https://pbcvssp.co.palm-beach.fl.us/webapp/vssp/AltSelfService>.



**Solicitation No. 12197-895  
Air Noise Consultant, FLL  
Affecting City of Fort Lauderdale**

The solicitation can be viewed on **BIDSYNC.COM** under city of Fort Lauderdale projects. Register on BIDSYNC in order to download / participate. **There is no charge to register for City of Fort Lauderdale projects.** It is best to be registered to get any addendum, etc. related to the solicitation and be able to ask / get written responses to questions, etc.



## AIRMAIL '19

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### Position:

Engineering Assistant

### Salary Range:

\$36,275 - \$41,716

### Closing:

Open Until Filled

Under general supervision, provides assistance with the coordination of engineering projects to include observing daily construction activities, reviewing contractor's pay applications and change orders, escorting contractors and consultants within airport secured areas, assuring construction standards are followed, assuring environmental regulation compliance from Airport tenants, conducting monthly inspections of Airport storm water facilities, and general assistance with project management of airport design and construction projects.



### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Associate Degree in Civil Engineering, Drafting, or related field or equivalent experience on a one-to-one year basis, plus three years' construction inspection experience in a government or private industry. For more information on this position, click [here](#).



### Position:

Aviation Noise Abatement Coor.

Salary: \$50,689.60 to \$58,344.00

Closing Date: February 15, 2019

**Position Summary:** Support the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority Noise Abatement Program; perform community outreach and noise assistance visits to local residents, maintain records and prepare reports; develop and deliver presentations regarding noise abatement programs for Orlando International Airport and Orlando Executive Airport. To view this job posting in its entirety, click [here](#).



**Position:** Wildlife Management Specialist

**Salary:** \$19.10 to \$22.50 per hour

**Closing Date:** February 8, 2019

**Position Summary:** Primary responsibility for prevention, control, mitigation and removal of wildlife hazards in and around the Ari Operations Area (AOA) and airport property; conduct monitoring and assessment surveys and counts to determine relative abundance and population densities for a variety of wildlife species; research, track, investigate, capture, handle and/or transport a wide variety of birds and animals; assist Airfield Operations with the safe and efficient operation and security of the AOA and related areas; provide wildlife training to Airfield Operations staff per FAA guidelines.

To view this job posting in its entirety, click [here](#).

## AIRPORTS:

### *Internship Grant are still available*

To apply, you can access the Internship Grant Application [here](#) and send it by email to [lisa@floridaairports.org](mailto:lisa@floridaairports.org), with a copy to [gina@floridaairports.org](mailto:gina@floridaairports.org).

Applications are also accepted by mail at:

*Florida Airports Council  
5802 Hoffer Avenue, Suite 708  
Orlando, FL 32822*

*Don't miss out! There are only 4 grants still available!*

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