May 15, 2019

**2019 End of Legislative Session Report**

Florida’s 2019 State Legislative Session was filled with a multitude of regulatory issues including Hurricane Michael recovery, school safety hardening measures, updating infrastructure and transportation, smokable medical marijuana, and an overhaul to our healthcare system. Lawmakers passed 196 bills over these 61 days ranging from criminal justice, to insurance, to elections, gambling, immigration, and more. A total of 3,571 bills and PCBs were filed, with 2,997 amendments, 40 floor sessions, and 3,765 votes taken.

**FAC High Priority Issues:**

Aviation Work Program State Funding for Airport Development Grant Program - Included in the $91.1 billion-dollar budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (that has not been signed by Governor DeSantis just yet) are the following items of interest:

- $266,471,920 for the Aviation Development Grant Program
- $50,000,000 for VISIT Florida
- Other projects funded in the SB 2500/Conference Report:
  - $1,000,000 for Aircraft Service Center-Opa Locka Airport
  - $1,500,000 for the AVE Banyan Project at Opa Locka Executive Airport
  - $472,500 for the Ormond Beach Municipal Airport Access Roads
  - $1,500,000 for the Pensacola Airport MRO Campus Expansion
  - $500,000 for the Charlotte County Airport Rescue and Firefighter Training Prop
  - $541,250 for Aviation Sustainment under the Florida Division of Emergency Management

**Autonomous Vehicles** - (This bill not yet presented to Governor) HB 311 and SB 932 – Effective July 1, 2019, if Approved - The bill provides that a licensed human operator is not required to operate a fully autonomous vehicle and removes the requirement that a person possess a valid driver’s license to operate a fully autonomous vehicle. The bill also provides that the automated driving system, rather than a person, is deemed the operator of an autonomous vehicle when operating with the automated driving system engaged.

The bill requires autonomous vehicles to comply with applicable federal laws and regulations and allows an on-demand autonomous vehicle network to operate pursuant to state laws with the same insurance requirements applicable to a transportation network company. The bill also requires the automated driving system of a fully autonomous vehicle to be capable of achieving a minimal risk condition if a failure of the system occurs. The bill prohibits local governments from imposing a tax, fee, or other requirement on automated driving systems or autonomous vehicles and clarifies that this prohibition does not exempt autonomous vehicles from a tax or fee applied to non-autonomous vehicles.

The bill authorizes the Florida Turnpike Enterprise to fund, construct, and operate facilities for the advancement of autonomous and connected innovative transportation technologies and enter into agreements with private entities to provide services and concessions to benefit the traveling public.
FAC successfully secured the below language in the autonomous vehicle legislation that passed:

“This subsection does not prohibit an airport or seaport from charging reasonable fees consistent with any fees charged to companies that provide similar services at that airport or seaport for their use of the airport’s or seaport’s facilities or prohibit the airport or seaport from designating locations for staging, pickup, and other similar operations at the airport or seaport.”

Tax Package/Aviation Fuel Taxes - Presented to the Governor on May 14, 2019 – has until May 29th to act. Effective Upon Becoming Law if Approved. FAC was successful at preventing any attempt to waive, reduce or suspend existing aviation fuel taxes on a local or statewide basis. The tax package provides several tax relief and policy changes that includes the following among others:

♦ Back to School Sales Tax Holiday (August 2nd - 6th) and a Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday (May 31st-June 6th).
♦ Reduction on the commercial rental sales tax rate from 5.7% to 5.5%.
♦ Current law exempts transfers of homestead property between spouses from documentary stamp tax when the transfer occurs within 1 year of marriage. The bill removes the 1-year limitation.
♦ The bill increases from 9% to 18% the reduction to a traffic fine when the driver attends traffic school.

Ride Share (Turo) car rental alternative - Several bills were introduced but none were passed.

Concealed Weapons or Open Carry of Weapons in Airport Terminals - No bills were introduced regarding this issue.

FAC Supports:

Elimination of Tax on Aircraft Sales and Leases - This issue had early support but was not included in the tax package or other legislation.

Aircraft Liens - Not yet presented to Governor – Effective July 1, 2019 if Approved - The bill clarifies that liens claimed under ss. 329.41 and 713.58, F.S., for labor, services, fuel, or materials furnished to an aircraft are not possessory liens. Therefore, a person claiming such a lien does not need to keep possession of the aircraft to enforce the lien.

FAC Monitored:

Firefighters - Signed by Governor Ron DeSantis on May 3, 2019 – Effective July 1, 2019. The bill makes firefighters who are diagnosed with certain cancers eligible to receive certain disability or death benefits. Specifically, in lieu of pursuing workers' compensation coverage, a firefighter is entitled to cancer treatment and a one-time cash payout of $25,000 upon the firefighter’s initial diagnosis of cancer. In order to be entitled to such benefits, the firefighter must meet specific requirements outlined under the bill.

Emotional Support Animals - Several bills were introduced but none were passed.

[CORRECTION: MISTAKENLY LISTED UNDER “SUPPORT,” ADDED TO “MONITOR”.] FAC does not support:

Engineering - Not Yet Presented to Governor – Effective October 1, 2019 if Approved - This legislation makes several changes to the engineering practice act. Among several provisions are allowing a licensed engineer to qualify an engineering business and provides requirements and requires a temporary registration instead of a temporary certificate of authorization for out-of-state engineering businesses. Of interest to FAC, SB 616 and HB 827 prohibits a local government from contracting for construction engineering inspections with the same entities that perform design services on the same project when a project is wholly or partially funded by FDOT under F.S. Chapter 337. This was a legislative vehicle where we sought the following exemption language, although unsuccessfully. “…except for a seaport identified in s. 311.09(1) or an airport as defined in s. 332.004, the entity performing…” FAC is Monitoring this item and will only support it if there is an exemption for airports (same as seaports).

Daily Hangar rentals via DailyHangar.com - No bills were introduced regarding this issue.

Medical Marijuana / Recreation Use Bills - No bills were introduced regarding this issue.

Legislation related to Special Districts - No bills were introduced regarding this issue.

Legislation related to Drones - Several bills were introduced but none were passed.
2019 FAC Education and Training Summit Committee Meeting Schedule

**Wednesday, May 22nd**
- Facilities Committee Meeting: 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Royal Dublin Room
- Operations Committee Meeting: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Royal Dublin Room

**Thursday, May 23rd**
- Security Committee Meeting: 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. St. Andrews Room
- Training Committee Meeting: 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Royal Dublin Room

**Friday, May 24th**
- IT Committee Meeting: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. St. Andrews Room

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**DFW Airport launches first ever airport apprenticeship in Texas**

Dallas Fort Worth International (DFW) Airport has partnered with Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) to introduce a new apprenticeship program, designed to promote internal growth and the sustainability of a skilled workforce in the construction and maintenance industry.

The program at DFW will be the first airport apprenticeship in Texas registered by the U.S. Department of Labor. Including a one-year Facility Manager/Facilities Services Supervisor training conducted by a qualified, experienced DCCCD faculty member, participants will earn a certification with the opportunity to convert to college credit.

“DFW continues to invest in new learning and development opportunities that enable our employees to grow their careers at the airport,” said Linda Valdez Thompson, DFW’s Executive Vice President of Administration and Diversity. “This partnership with DCCCD will allow our employees to enhance their professional skills and build a stronger, more skilled DFW Airport workforce.”

A minimum of seven DFW employees will participate in the program that is set to begin in autumn 2019. It will take approximately one year for employees to earn their certification.

**FBI: Ransomware behind Cleveland airport info screen woes**

(Source: Associated Press)

Authorities say technical problems at Cleveland’s main airport that plagued flight and baggage claim information screens all last week was related to a ransomware attack. The FBI reported that ransomware was found on the network, but the city did not consider making any payments. City leaders last week denied that the computer systems were accessed by unauthorized personnel and that no ransom demands were involved. It also said the problem causing the information screens at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport to go blank didn’t affect the airport’s security and operations systems.

A city official told Cleveland.com that the city was asked by the malware to respond to an email address for more information. But he says the city did not respond.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| Education and Training Summit              | Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate  
1500 Masters Blvd., ChampionsGate, FL 33896  
Click [here](#) to access the registration brochure | May 22-24, 2019     |
| J. Bryan Cooper Award                      | Click [here](#) for more information or visit the Environmental Committee’s web page | Submission Deadline: June 7, 2019 |
| CFASPP Steering Committee Meetings         | Various  
Click [here](#) for more information | June 11 - 27, 2019 |
| CFASPP Statewide Steering Committee Meeting | Marriott Harbor Beach Hotel - Fort Lauderdale  
Click [here](#) for more information | August 3, 2019  
1:00 p.m.                              |
| 2019 FAC 50th Anniversary Conference & Exposition | Ft Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa  
Click [here](#) for more information and/or to register | August 4-7, 2019  |
| FAC Leadership Development Training        | Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate  
1500 Masters Blvd., ChampionsGate, FL 33896  
Click [here](#) for more details  
Click [here](#) to register | ALD - October 21-23, 2019  
ASL - October 23-25, 2019 |

Please email [lisa@floridaairports.org](mailto:lisa@floridaairports.org) with calendar updates.
Airlines set new record with $7.6 billion in ancillary fees
(Source: AAAE.com)

With airlines collecting nearly $5 billion in baggage fees in 2018 along with billions more in other ancillary charges – record highs – AAAE called on Congress to update the U.S. tax code and the federal cap on local airport user fees to reflect the airlines’ increased focus on bag fees and ancillary revenue and spur needed investments in the nation’s airports.

“While airlines pile up record fee collections from passengers for so-called ‘optional’ services like taking a bag for a trip, they vigorously fight modest proposals that would upgrade airports and other aviation infrastructure,” AAAE President and CEO Todd Hauptli noted in response to the 2018 data released today by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the airlines’ continued opposition to bipartisan calls to adjust the local airport user fee known as the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) that finances the construction of new runways, terminals, gates and other airport improvements that directly benefit passengers and increase airline competition.

“We can’t meet today’s needs, let alone tomorrow’s, while maintaining a system that fails to take into account changed airline business practices and an airport financing model last updated decades ago,” Hauptli added. “It’s past time for Congress to look past self-serving airline rhetoric and make meaningful changes to boost airport infrastructure investments that directly benefit the traveling public.”

According to data released today by DOT’s Bureau of Transportation Statistics, airlines collected more than $1.2 billion in baggage fees during the fourth quarter of 2018, bringing total bag fee collections for the year to $4.9 billion. Airlines collected another $2.7 billion in reservation change and cancellation fees during 2018, for a total of $7.6 billion in ancillary fees their passengers paid last year.

Although airlines have increased their bag fees and collect record amounts from their customers, they continue to oppose adjusting the federal cap on local PFCs, a user fee that must be justified locally, imposed locally and used locally on FAA-approved projects that enhance local airport facilities. The federal cap on the local PFC has not been adjusted since 2000. Despite misleading airline arguments, the PFC is not a tax and never goes to the federal Treasury, a fact verified by the non-partisan Congressional Research Service.

AAAE, industry groups urge funding for more CBP Officers (Source: AAAE.com)

AAE, as part of a coalition of industry groups, businesses and unions, urged Congress to provide funds for CBP to hire at least 600 additional officers to alleviate staffing shortages at the country’s airports and other ports of entry.

Welcome New Members

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The organizations wrote to the leaders of the House and Senate DHS Appropriations Subcommittees in support of funding for additional CBP officers. The letters noted that, “Providing additional CBP officers at this time of growing volumes of international passengers and cargo will both reduce lengthy wait times and facilitate new economic opportunities in communities throughout the United States.” The organizations last week also sent letters to Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee Ranking Member Gary Peters (D-Mich.) and Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) in support of their legislation that would increase the authorized number of CBP agents by 600 annually.

* April 1977 - Rep. Betty Easily (Clearwater) named chair of the newly formed Florida’s Flying Legislators. FAMA organized this group, with the help of Executive Director Bill Coulter.

* May 1983 - Lee Wagener, Director, Broward County Aviation Division, announces retirement after leading the division for 35 years.

* May 13, 1983 - SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OPENS Southwest Florida Regional Airport is opening amid gala festivities this week. FAMA members from throughout the state joined governmental and business dignitaries and airport tenants for the occasion. Southwest Florida Regional is a Lee County airport under the direction of FAMA past—presidents Gary LeTellier and Bob Wightman.

* April 1989 - Bill creating the Florida Spaceport Authority passes through first committee on way to final adoption.

  May 1989 - Stewart Mast, former FAMA Board member, announces retirement after 23 years with Hillsborough County Aviation Authority.

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 with the subject “FAC Photos.”
Ready for takeoff: Ocala Intl Airport

Things are ramping up at OCF, with new infrastructure and businesses on the horizon.

Construction of a new terminal is ongoing at the airport on Southwest 60th Avenue and the $6.1 million project is on track for a December completion date. The 17,500-square-foot terminal will consolidate the airport administration, Sheltair Aviation, the airport’s fixed-base operator; rental car companies; and a restaurant. A couple of offices will be available for rent. Before, the main terminal was a 6,000-square-foot, ‘60s-era cinder-block building that largely housed the car rental companies.

“We were all fragmented. Now, we are all going to be in one location,” said Matt Grow, airport director. The new facility’s design also makes future expansions possible, something not possible with the previous building.

The funding for the project came from FDOT and FAA, airport funds and the City of Ocala’s partnership with Sheltair.

Later this year, resurfacing of the airport’s runways will begin. That multimillion-dollar project will take about nine months. Airport traffic will continue throughout the resurfacing. The FAA and FDOT will cover most of the cost of the resurfacing.

The airport’s control tower also will get an upgrade in equipment. The radio equipment in the tower is approaching 10 years of use and is no longer supported by the manufacturer. The FDOT will cover $165,600 of the $207,000 to replace the equipment. The airport will cover the balance.

The seven-story control tower went into operation in 2010 and has air traffic controllers on-site 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Read more...

Michael Baker International welcomes Kaitlin Davidson

Kaitlin Davidson has joined our Florida team as a Planner/Communications Specialist in the Tallahassee Office.

Kaitlin will be supporting numerous Planning initiatives throughout Florida as well as assisting local clients in the panhandle. Kaitlin has over 6 years of experience working alongside FDOT Central Office supporting Planning and Public Outreach/Education, FDOT Connected/Automated Vehicle initiatives and other assignments through the FDOT Transportation Data and Analytics Office and Systems Implementation Office.

Kaitlin graduated with a degree in Information Communications Technology with a minor in Hospitality from Florida State University in Tallahassee. She currently serves on the Council Advisory Board for the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Kappa Delta at FSU, overseeing Public Relations, and is also a member of the Tallahassee Junior League and the Tallahassee chapter of ITE. She is married and has a son, Wells, who is 9 months old. Kaitlin is a huge Florida State football and basketball fan, and enjoys water skiing and being outside.

Transportation Research Board’s Airport Cooperative Research Program Research Report 16: Guidebook for Managing Small Airports - Second Edition is published!

Second Edition is designed to help airport practitioners, owners, operators, managers, and policymakers of small airports, who may have varying degrees of experience and backgrounds, to fulfill their responsibilities in such areas as financial management, oversight of contracts and leases, safety and security, noise impacts, community relations, compliance with federal and state obligations, facility maintenance, and capital improvements. The report is available here: http://www.trb.org/Publications/Blurbs/162145.aspx
FAC NEWS

Interested in serving on the FAC Board of Directors?

Council Board leadership is made up of the Chairman of the Board, the Vice Chairman, the Secretary/Treasurer and the Immediate Past Chairman (the Executive Committee) and seven permanent, full-time employees of Airport Members, plus one member from the Corporate Committee.

One position on the Board is open for the term beginning October 1, 2019. The new Director will be elected at the 50th Annual Conference and will serve a term of three years. Any full-time employee of an Airport Member in good standing is eligible to serve as a Board Director. Interested? Please provide a copy of your resume before, Monday, June 10, 2019 to lisa@floridaairports.org.

Nominate a Florida Airport/Aviation Professional or Corporate Member for special recognition

Each year, FAC honors airport and corporate members with two awards, the Aviation leadership Award and the Corporate Eagle (Member of the Year) Award. Nominations can be made by any FAC member and submitted electronically. The awards are presented at the Leadership Luncheon during the Annual Conference and Exposition.

The Aviation Leadership Award is presented to a professional or individual that has demonstrated outstanding service and contribution to the Florida aviation/airport community, the FAC Board of Directors, the FAC Education Foundation, or one or more FAC committees. Membership in the Florida Airports Council is not a prerequisite for this award. The Corporate Eagle (Member of the Year) Award is presented to a Corporate member or firm that has performed a service or function “above and beyond the call of duty.”

Members interested in submitting a nomination should provide the following information to gina@floridaairports.org on or before Monday, June 10th:
1. Name of Award Nomination
2. Name and title of the Corporate member/firm and/or individual
3. Name and contact information of the FAC Member submitting the nomination
4. Description of why this member/company/individual is being nominated, including specific contributions to the Council and/or Foundation over the last 12 to 24 months

Support FAC - purchase branded apparel

Show your support and purchase a FAC-branded oxford, polo, or casual shirt. All styles are available in a variety of colors, fabrics, and sizes for both ladies and men. Place your order in FAC’s online store today!

Proceeds go to FAC and the Education Foundation

Education Committee seeks donations

Each year, the Education Foundation holds fundraising events to benefit the scholarship and training programs. Several events are scheduled to take place during the 2019 Annual Conference - these are by far the largest fundraisers of the year. Proceeds support students from Florida universities studying aviation/airport management, and five FAC Student Chapters. The following events are planned:

- FAC 5K Fun Run - August 4th
- Silent Auction - August 4th beginning at noon and ending August 6th at 11:00 a.m.
- Live Auction - August 7th at the Leadership Luncheon and Awards Ceremony starting at noon

Please support the Foundation by providing a gift for the Silent and/or Live Auctions!

Click here for more information and here for a donation form
**LEGAL NOTICE**
Request for Bids (RFB #19-16 LKD)
PRESSURE WASHING SERVICES
at RSW

The Lee County Port Authority invites the submission of Request for Bid from all interested and qualified parties to provide PRESSURE WASHING SERVICES at the Southwest Florida International Airport. A copy of the Request for Proposal and instructions for submittal may be obtained online at [www.publicpurchase.com](http://www.publicpurchase.com).

Receiving and opening of the RFB is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., June 7, 2019, in the Purchasing Office, 3rd Floor, Southwest Florida International Airport Terminal, located at 11000 Terminal Access Road, Suite 8671, Ft. Myers, Florida 33913-8899. Any questions concerning this request shall be addressed to Lori DeLoach, Senior Procurement Agent, Telephone (239) 590-4555, Fax (239) 590-4539 or e-mail: LKDELOACH@flylcpa.com

**INVITATION TO BID**
NO. 2019-BRAA-001
ATCT Renovations Phase II

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Boca Raton Airport Authority (hereinafter referred to as “BRAA”), will receive sealed bids from General Contractors or other qualified contractors, at:

Boca Raton Airport Authority, 903 NW 35th Street, Boca Raton, Florida 33431
Attn: Travis Bryan, Airport Operations Manager

Until the hour of 2:00 PM, Local Time, on June 5, 2019 and said bids will be opened and publicly read immediately thereafter in the conference room, at the above address, on the same day.

More information may be obtained [here](http://www.publicpurchase.com)

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

The CITY OF PENSACOLA will receive Qualifications as listed below. The RFQ is available online at http://www.cityofpensacola.com/bids.aspx, or may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at City Hall, 6th floor, 222 West Main Street, Pensacola, Florida. An optional pre-submission conference/site visit will be held on 05-30-19, 1:30 P.M., local time, at the Pensacola International Airport, Suite 224, 2430 Airport Boulevard, Pensacola, FL. The deadline for questions concerning the RFQ is 5:00 P.M., 06-06-19. Addenda will be posted to the City’s website. Respondents are responsible for obtaining addenda. The City shall have the authority to reject all qualifications and advertise for new qualifications.

RFQ NO. 19-022 / TITLE: PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SERVICES GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE FOR THE MRO CAMPUS PROJECT AT PENSACOLA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT / OPENING DATE: -6-14-19 / TIME: 2:30 PM local time

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**Notice of Request for Qualification Statement of Qualifications**

Aerostar Airport Holdings, LLC, the operator of the Luis Munoz Marin International Airport (Airport) and Part 139 Certificate Holder is requesting Statements of Qualifications from consultants interested in providing professional airfield engineering and general architectural services for a five (5) period, supporting airfield, landside, infrastructure and facilities development under the Airports Capital Improvement Program.

Written statements will be received until 2PM AST, on May 24th, 2019. All such statements will be addressed to:

Aerostar Airport Holdings, LLC
ATTN: Pablo G. Auffant, P.E.
Planning & Development Director
Luis Munoz Marin International Airport
Terminal D Ground Level
Carolina, P.R. 00983
Tel. (787) 289-7240
AIRMAIL ‘19

The Broward County Aviation Department which operates the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and North Perry Airport is seeking experienced Senior Accountants to work in the Aviation Finance Division. Multiple opportunities exist for enthusiastic and dynamic individuals who can work independently as well as serve on project teams. Selected individuals will have the opportunity to work with Aviation Finance Managers and rotate through Finance Sections. Responsibilities will include grant administration, compliance management, accounting and capital project financial management oversight, general ledger account reconciliation, journal entry and budget transfer preparation and posting, operating and revenue budget preparation as well as all associated monthly, quarterly and annual financial reporting. The successful candidate must have excellent accounting, analytical, and reconciliation skills.

For more information, click here.

Position: Accountant, Senior
Salary: $61,866 - $98,737 annually

This managerial position is responsible for the oversight of the policies and procedures, departmental safety and functional training, departmental budget creation and reconciliation; and Computerized Maintenance Management Systems (CMMS). Employee will work closely with the section managers and department personnel to develop, manage, maintain and provide oversight of the many policies and procedures; and develop, implement and update predictive maintenance programs.

Employee must be familiar with and have a good understanding of the airport’s mechanical systems, including passenger boarding bridges, HVAC, building automation, security, fire protection, airfield lighting, FAA Part 139 compliance, department budget, CMMS, predictive maintenance programs and warehouse operations. To view this posting in its entirety, click here.

Position: Manager, Maintenance Programs
Salary: $2,427.23 - $3,883.54 Bi-weekly
Closing: May 20, 2019

LEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY invites applications for the position of:

Line Service Agent

Salary: $14.38 - $23.01 Hourly
Closing: May 22, 2019

To view this posting in its entirety, click here.