Florida Airports Council members met with legislators and key staff in Tallahassee on October 16th to promote airport issues and to “See and be Seen”. The Fly-in included meetings with 30 elected officials and key representatives at FDEP. FAC attendees divided into three groups, and with the help of our Johnson & Blanton lobby team, we were successful in meeting face-to-face with leaders of important committees and others. Interestingly, as we were exiting a few official offices, Airlines for America was entering. We are watching closely and plan to be ready - we expect they will target our aviation fuel tax again this year. 

Florida’s aviation industry continues to soar and one of our most important roles is serving as a resource for elected officials as they consider policies to position Florida’s airports and the passengers they serve for the future. If you have not attended a fly-in, plan on it next year. It’s a fantastic way to hear firsthand how Florida airports are meeting challenges and a great way to connect with important elected officials and staff. Thank you to all that participated this year! Below is a list of the issues FAC is prioritizing and monitoring for potential action. Check out the State Affairs Committee webpage for a continuing update on legislative priorities and the agenda for future conference calls.

- **A robust Aviation Work Program** - FAC SUPPORTS FDOT’s request for $274,623,935 in support of the Aviation Work Program.
- **PFAS** - FAC is seeking an exemption from the costs associated with any investigation or clean-up as these chemicals are required by FAA for ARFF.
- **Engineering - Certified Engineering Inspection (CEI) Services required in addition to design Engineer of Record (EOR)** - FAC is seeking an exemption from this 2019 change.
- **Turo/Peer-to-peer vehicle transactions** - FAC is seeking to include the language in any proposed bill that protects airports and allows them to charge reasonable fees consistent with any fees charged to companies that provide similar services at that airport for their use of the airport’s facilities or prohibit the airport from designating locations for staging, pickup, and other similar operations.
- **REAL ID** - **Real ID** (authentication/issuance of state driver’s licenses and identity documents) will be a requirement for all travelers in the U.S., effective October 1, 2020. Florida airports are preparing for how this will impact the traveling public as all U.S. states are not in compliance.
TUI announces Orlando Melbourne Airport as new Florida Gateway

MLB will become new gateway for all TUI UK customers beginning 2022

TUI, the world’s leading holiday company and the UK’s number one holiday provider, announced today that Orlando Melbourne International Airport (MLB) will become the Florida gateway for all customers traveling to Orlando and Central Florida beginning 2022.

Executive Director Greg Donovan, A.A.E., was welcomed by TUI UK & Ireland Managing Director Andrew Flintham and TUI Airways Managing Director Dawn Wilson to the TUI UK Headquarters to celebrate the new partnership. The celebration included a signing ceremony, a tour of the airline’s hangar and a peek into one of TUI’s Boeing 787 Dreamliners, the 300-seat aircraft type that will be used for all the new transatlantic flights. The initial schedule is still under development, but has the potential to be made up of nonstop flights between MLB and nine European cities.

“At TUI we’re committed to offering our customers an outstanding airline and holiday experience and we are delighted to be working with Orlando Melbourne Airport on their exciting expansion plans,” said Dawn Wilson. “Our new Orlando gateway will be perfectly situated to offer TUI UK customers total flexibility in designing their holiday around any combination of theme parks, beaches or cruising.”
Greg Donovan added, “TUI’s proven product combined with MLB’s exceptional concierge services will make for an unprecedented customer experience for UK holidaymakers traveling to Florida. With more than $100 million of investment into MLB’s airport facilities over the last few years, and much more on the way, MLB will be practically the newest and most modern airport in Florida.”

TUI UK and MLB will be working together in the coming months to create an outstanding arrival and departure customer experience for holidaymakers, with MLB planning to invest millions of dollars in terminal enhancements that will directly benefit all TUI UK customers and MLB passengers.

The brand new terminal expansion will include unique concessions, innovative passenger amenities and many other family-friendly features that will provide an entertaining, speedy, stress-free and uncongested experience. Upon arrival to MLB, UK holidaymakers will be welcomed by MLB’s team of multi-lingual international ambassadors with a glass of fresh Florida orange juice and assisted with any onward arrangements. Concierge services, public and private transfer options and all major rental car companies all will be immediately accessible upon arrival.

Landing at MLB will keep existing TUI customers in close proximity to Orlando’s world-famous theme parks, and bring them even closer to Central Florida’s beaches, cruises and attractions on the Space Coast. The geographic upgrade also brings TUI customers more than an hour closer to Miami and Fort Lauderdale in South Florida.

“This is a major win for Melbourne and our entire region,” said Airport Authority Chairman Jack L. Ryals. “Tourism is our region’s biggest asset, and I look forward to the day when UK travelers are admiring our beaches, enjoying our restaurants, relaxing at our hotels and catching a Space Coast thrill at our attractions.”

“The possibility of exposing hundreds of thousands of new visitors a year to our community is truly remarkable, or might I say brilliant,” said Mark Busalacchi, MLB’s director of marketing and business development. “The TUI team has been wonderful throughout the decision making process and we look forward to continuing this partnership for years to come.”

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Please email [lisa@floridaairports.org](mailto:lisa@floridaairports.org) with calendar updates.
Gov. Ron DeSantis announces nearly $4M FL job growth grant fund award

Governor Ron DeSantis announced nearly $4 million is being awarded to the Melbourne Airport Authority for infrastructure improvements at the Orlando Melbourne International Airport through the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund.

The Florida Job Growth Grant Fund is an economic development program designed to promote public infrastructure and workforce training across the state. Proposals are reviewed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) and chosen by the Governor to help meet workforce or infrastructure needs in the community to which they are awarded.

"Investing in improvements at the Orlando Melbourne International Airport is a smart choice," said Governor DeSantis. "This Florida Job Growth Grant Fund award allows the Melbourne Airport Authority to make significant infrastructure improvements that will attract aviation and aerospace businesses from across the globe to invest in Florida. Additionally, the Melbourne Airport Authority has done an exceptional job working with their partners at the local level to ensure the local workforce can meet the growing demand for talent that comes with additional investment."

For date night, how about the airport?

Now you can visit some without a ticket

(Source: Washingtonpost.com)

Christina Cassotis used to be asked the same question when she spoke at public events: Why can’t we go hang out at the airport like we did in the old days? “We would hear people say, ‘I wish I could get over there, I’d like to have dinner, I’d like to shop, I’d like to greet my daughter when she comes off the plane with my new grandson,’” says Cassotis, CEO of the Allegheny County Airport Authority, which includes Pittsburgh International Airport. “It was among the top five questions at every single event, bar none. It got to the point where it was like, Why can’t we do that?”

After consulting DHS and TSA, the airport set up “MyPITpass,” a program that makes it possible for people who don’t have a boarding pass to visit shops, restaurants and gates past security checkpoints. Pittsburgh, a one-time hub for US Airways, introduced the program in 2017, and about 40,000 people have taken advantage so far. SEA-TAC piloted its own version for six weeks in late 2018 and saw 1,100 people visit, though authorities have not decided whether to bring it back permanently.

Since then, Tampa Intl. added the “TPA All Access” program in May and has since expanded to allow more people to visit. Detroit Metro Airport just introduced the “DTW Destination Pass” last month, a pilot program that runs through Jan. 5. And others such as Austin-Bergstrom International Airport have said they are considering the possibility. Bloomberg News called the concept “terminal tourism.” But wait a second. These are airports. Why would anyone voluntarily spend time at them — especially with a TSA screening required? Airport executives say they hear several reasons from people who participate, including meeting a loved one at the gate when they arrive, or seeing them off; shopping; eating at certain restaurants; or just passing time plane-spotting with kids.

At Tampa International Airport, one dining establishment in particular has proved popular: “We have the only Potbelly Sandwich Shop in the state of Florida,” says airport spokeswoman Emily Nipps. “We knew Potbelly would be popular, but I mean, it’s a sub shop.” Keep Reading...

Florida aerospace forum showcases expanding space-related technology

(Source: Spacedaily.com)

New players in Florida’s rapidly expanding aerospace industry came together Wednesday in a funding competition that included innovative ideas ranging from space debris detection to a specialized antennas for small satellites. “We believe this is one of very few events like this in the U.S. where new companies focused on aerospace compete for investment,” said Frank DiBello, president and CEO of Space Florida, the state’s marketing and development agency.
for space. Sixteen companies competed for $100,000 in investments at the second annual Florida Aerospace Capital Forum in Orlando’s Lake Nona suburb.

Boca Raton, FL-based Launchspace Technologies Corp. pitched its system for detecting and removing orbiting space debris, which has been identified by federal agencies as a growing problem. “Our space-based sensors will detect all orbital debris, and have customers either maneuver away from large debris, or Launchspace will use large debris impact pads...to remove small orbital debris,” said John Bauman, CEO of Launchspace. The company designed sensors that can scan orbital planes for the tiniest, fastest moving particles of space trash, and the first sensor was built by defense contractor L3 Technologies, now L3 Harris, for the U.S. government.

Bauman said he has interest from the Pentagon and the International Space Station National Lab to install the sensors on the space station. Another company, Rockledge, Fla.-based Helical Communication Technologies, presented a new design for antennas on small satellites, which is a market that is expanding exponentially with planned launch of thousands of new communication satellites by companies such as SpaceX and OneWeb.

HCT said the circular design of its antennas provide a tight beam of radiation that results in less interference or signal fade. “We’re competing for a very small portion of a very large audience,” said Greg O’Neill, the company chairman. “Two satellites with our antennas were launched in 2018. We have many clients in the wings that request specialized antennas like this.”

Aerial drones that can scan disaster zones, such as a hurricane landfall area, are the product of Daytona Beach, Fla.-based Censys Technologies. The system can help insurance firms avoid millions of dollars in fraud by scanning homes for damage, said Trevor Perrott, the president and CEO. Censys has $35.5 million in committed contract sales, he said. He was seeking up to $2 million in new investment to fund company expansion. Read More....
US Senators object to new US-Cuba flight restrictions  
(Source: ATWonline.com)

A group of 11 Democratic senators is urging the Trump administration to reverse new restrictions that ban US commercial flights to all Cuban destinations except Havana.

In a Nov. 1 letter to the heads of the Departments of State and Transportation, the lawmakers, led by Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minnesota), called the decision “another step backwards for the people of Cuba and the US,” adding that officials estimate it will reduce the number of American visitors to Cuba by more than half.

The DOT on Oct. 25 issued a notice suspending the authority granted to US airlines to fly between the US and any point in Cuba except José Marti International Airport (HAV) in Havana. The suspension is set to go into effect on Dec. 9. The DOT said it took the action after a request from the State Department made in an Oct. 25 letter from secretary of state Mike Pompeo to transportation secretary Elaine Chao. Suspending flights to non-Havana airports “sends a clear message to the Cuban Government” regarding alleged human rights violations and the county’s support for Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro, Pompeo wrote, while maintaining flying to HAV “preserves the main gateway for travel from the US to Cuba on commercial flights for family visitation or other lawful purposes.”

The flight ban would mainly affect Dallas/Fort Worth-based American Airlines and New York-based JetBlue Airways. Both fly to Camagüey, Holguín and Santa Clara, and American also serves Santiago de Cuba and Varadero. “We plan to operate in full compliance with the new policy concerning scheduled air service between the US and Cuba,” a JetBlue spokesperson said in an emailed statement. “We are beginning to work with our various government and commercial partners to understand the full impact of this change on our customers and operations in Camagüey, Holguín and Santa Clara.”

An American spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The move to restrict Cuba flying follows previous measures introduced by the administration over the past two years that barred travel to Cuba for previously authorized cultural and educational purposes. Only certain approved categories of travel, including for family, religious, academic or humanitarian purposes, are currently permitted by the US government.

“We have profound disagreements with the Cuban Government, as we do with many governments,” wrote the senators. “Rather than returning to the failed policies of the past, we should be working to create opportunities that benefit the people of both our countries.”
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The Lee County Port Authority Maintenance Department is requesting if airports can share their replacement criteria for fleet vehicles and equipment (tractors, carts, dump trucks, etc.)

Please send responses to:

Ethan Croop, A.A.E.
Senior Manager - Maintenance Administration
Lee County Port Authority
etcroop@flylcpa.com
Phone: (239) 590-4638
Cell: (239) 281-0863

Airport Internship Grant period is OPEN

Each year, FAC awards internship grants to member airports to help provide work experience for students interested in pursuing careers in airport management and to provide a talented workforce for Florida’s airports. This program issues grants at an 80/20 match, up to $4,000, for General Aviation Airports and at a 50/50 match, up to $4,000, for Commercial Service Airports, to use toward compensation for an intern.

This year, there are 12 internship grant opportunities available.

To apply, you can access the Internship Grant Application here and send it by email to lisa@floridaairports.org, with a copy to gina@floridaairports.org.

Applications are also accepted by mail at:

Lisa Waters, President/CEO
Florida Airports Council
5802 Hoffner Avenue, Suite 708
Orlando, Florida 32822

Warm wishes for a beautiful Thanksgiving!

The FAC Office will be closed for Thanksgiving
November 28-29, 2019
LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Bid RFB 19-18LKD
Grounds Maintenance Service for RSW - Multiple Entrances

The Lee County Port Authority ("Authority") invites all interested and qualified parties to provide submissions for the above referenced solicitation. RECEIVING AND OPENING: Solicitation submissions must be received at the Southwest Florida International Airport Terminal, Purchasing Office, 3rd Floor prior to 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 22, 2019.

CONTACT: Any requests or questions concerning this solicitation shall be addressed to the Purchasing Office, Lori DeLoach, CPPB, Senior Procurement Agent, email: LKDeLoach@FlyLCPA.com Telephone (239) 590-4555, Fax (239) 590-4539.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lee County Port Authority invites the submission of Request for Bids from all interested and qualified parties for (RFB) 19-31TB Taxable 5-Year $50,000,000 Revolving Credit Facility to Lee County, Florida.

A copy of the Request for Bids and instructions for submittal may be obtained online at www.publicpurchase.com or by contacting the Lee County Port Authority Purchasing Office at (239) 590-4556.

The receiving for this Request for Bids is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, December 17, 2019, in the Purchasing Office, 3rd Floor, Southwest Florida International Airport Terminal, located at 11000 Terminal Access Road, Fort Myers, FL 33913.

Any questions concerning this request shall be addressed to Terri L. Bortz, Purchasing Agent, Telephone (239) 590-4554, Fax (239) 590-4539 or email: tlbortz@flylcpa.com.

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Boca Raton Airport
Celebrating 70 Years

The Boca Raton Airport Authority ("BRAA") is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for Security Guard Services in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in this Request for Proposal. Request for Proposal documents are available beginning 11/10/19 on the Boca Raton Airport Authority website at www.bocaairport.com or by contacting the Boca Raton Airport Authority by e-mail at clara@bocaairport.com or by phone at (561) 391-2202.

Optional Pre-Proposal Meeting: Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 11:00A.M. Local Time
Deadline for Requests for Clarification: Monday, November 25, 2019 at 3:00 P.M. Local Time
Deadline for Submission of Proposals: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 3:00 P.M. Local Time

Written Proposals shall be limited to a maximum of 15 pages, excluding financial information and litigation and other contract dispute information.

Sarasota Bradenton International

The Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority (SMAA), is seeking professional architectural and engineering (A/E) services to provide design, permitting, and bidding to renovate the existing rental car office area and counters. The anticipated improvements include:

• Renovate ceiling, flooring, and walls as deemed necessary;
• Evaluate and upgrade HVAC, fire protection, communications, and electrical;
• Add security access control to offices;
• Upgrade signage;
• Renovate storefront; and
• Add additional curbside crosswalk with canopy.

Deadline for Written Questions/Clarifications is December 5, 2019. Deadline for Receipt of Proposal is December 29, 2019.

For more information click here.
Position: Asst Superintendent - Airport Ops
Salary: $22.62 to $52.01 hourly
Apply on or before: November 29, 2019

Essential Job Duties
This is responsible administrative, supervisory and technical work directing the security activities of Tallahassee International Airport; directing the division’s administrative functions; assisting in the day-to-day direction of the division and serving as division Superintendent as needed. Work is performed with considerable independent judgment while working within established policies and procedures under the general direction of the Superintendent–Airport Operations. Incumbent is expected to exercise considerable discretion and initiative in the performance of daily tasks. Work is reviewed through conferences, reports, and by results achieved.

Minimum Training and Experience
Possession of a bachelor’s degree in aviation management, business or public administration, criminal justice or a related field and four years of professional experience that includes commercial airport operations or similar military experience, or an equivalent combination of training and experience. One year of supervisory experience is also required and must be part of the aforementioned experience.

Necessary Special Requirements
In accordance with 49 CFR Part 1542, employees must successfully complete a fingerprint-based criminal history records check and personal background check prior to employment. Must possess a valid Class E State driver’s license at the time of appointment.

Position: Dep Director Airport Finance & Admin
Salary: $31.36 to $72.01 hourly
Apply on or before: December 6, 2019

Essential Job Duties
This is responsible managerial and supervisory work responsible for management and oversight of the financial and administrative functions of the Aviation Department including accounting, operating and capital budgeting, capital improvement program funding, debt management, rate setting, human resources and payroll, purchasing and procurement, asset management, financial, statistical and regulatory reporting, and internal controls, procedures, rules and regulations. The incumbent exercises considerable independent judgment and a thorough working knowledge of regulations, laws and requirements that correlate to administering the financial and administrative functions of a commercial service airport. Work is performed under the general direction of the Director of Aviation. Work is reviewed through conferences, reports, observations, and by results obtained and is subject to periodic internal and external audit.

Minimum Training and Experience
Possession of a bachelor’s degree in accounting, finance, business or public administration, aviation management, or a related field with six years of professional financial, budgeting or accounting experience, three years of which shall be in a supervisory capacity. A master’s degree in accounting, finance, or a related field or possession of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor or a Certified Management Accountant may be substituted for one year of the required experience.

Necessary Special Requirements
In accordance with 49 CFR Part 1542, employees must successfully complete a fingerprint-based criminal history records check and personal background check prior to employment. Must possess a valid Class E State driver’s license at the time of appointment.

Job Specifications
For the complete job specification, listing major job functions and duties for this job classification, go to http://www.talgov.com/employment/hr-job-descriptions.aspx

How To Apply
Interested applicants should apply online via the City of Tallahassee website at www.talgov.com