The Florida Airports Council has successfully advocated for the issues that matter most to our state’s publicly owned and operated airports for over 50 years, proudly serving as the voice for Florida’s airports now...and into the future.

Join FAC and the Federal Affairs Committee to “walk the halls” of Congress and promote Florida Aviation.

Schedule:
March 3rd: Travel Day
March 4th: Meetings begin at 8:30 a.m.

** No FAC events are planned for March 5th

Registration
We use the registration list to develop groups to meet with representatives.

**CLICK HERE to register**
Registration Fee $80

Hotel Information:
The Liaison Capitol Hill
415 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 638-1616

**CLICK HERE for reservations**
Hotel Room Rate $359 (plus tax)

** The last day to receive this rate is Monday, February 24, 2020

There will be a reception on the evening of March 4th held at the Rayburn Office Building Banquet Room from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

RSVP to gina@floridaairports.org by Wednesday, February 26, 2020

*Click here for more information and/or to sponsor the event.*
Federal Legislative Priorities

Policy

Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) - **SUPPORT** modernizing the PFC fee to allow airports to determine the appropriate charge based on local infrastructure needs as it relates to safety, security and capacity. Additionally, FAC **SUPPORTS** the elimination of the significant contribution requirement.

Infrastructure Package - **SUPPORT** Congress approving funding for infrastructure projects to invest and meet future capacity needs for Florida airports.

Airport Improvement Program - **SUPPORT** the continued funding of the Airport Improvement Program at no less than $3.35 billion in order to maintain infrastructure development at Florida airports.

Contract Tower Program - **SUPPORT** continued funding that protects and maintains the contract tower program in its entirety for Florida’s and the nation’s airports.

General Aviation User Fees - **SUPPORT** the use of Fuel taxes as the method for the general aviation community to pay their fair share towards Air Traffic Services. **OPPOSE** the assessment of charges and fees to any general aviation flight to include those operating as Air Taxi’s (14 CFR Part 119) and On Demand Chargers (14 CFR Part 135).

Pilot Shortage - **SUPPORT** addressing the national pilot shortage to prevent impacts to U.S. carriers and future impacts to airports’ operations.

Safety & Security

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Staffing - **SUPPORT** the continued hiring and training of CBP officers for deployment at Florida airports to meet the strong demand for CBP services as a result of increasing international air traffic. **Technology** - **SUPPORT** the continued deployment of innovative technologies and procedures for efficient processing and to minimize passenger wait times. **Facility Requirement** - **OPPOSE** requirements imposed by CBP for airports to provide equipment and improvements that may be obsolete in the future with technology advancements.
Safety & Security (continued)

Explosive Detection Systems (EDS) Reimbursement - SUPPORT Congress’s efforts in ensuring that the transportation Security Administration (TSA) finalize the required review process that was outlined in FY ‘16 House and Senate appropriations report language directing the TSA to implement the required review process and propose sufficient funding to begin reimbursement to airports. FAC requests that Congress appropriate the funds for the claims that TSA has validated in the amount of $218 million.

TSA Exit Lane Staffing - SUPPORT TSA continuing to fulfill their obligations of staffing the exit points from the sterile area at security checkpoints as directed in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, section 603

Appropriations

Federal Aviation Administration

Airport Improvement Program - SUPPORT continued funding of the Airport Improvement Program at no less than $3.35 billion.

Contract Tower Program - SUPPORT continued funding of the program with a dedicated line item appropriation.

Department of Homeland Security

CBP Services - SUPPORT adequate federal funding for CBP activities and staffing at airports so that costs for these federally mandated activities are not passed onto non-user fee airports.

EDS Reimbursement - SUPPORT allocating sufficient funding in FY 2019 for the continued reimbursement of airports that incurred costs for the procurement and installation of EDS systems, which will resolve outstanding claims from those airports that installed the equipment.

TSA Law Enforcement Officer Grant Program - SUPPORT adequate funding for TSA to partner with airports and local jurisdictions to provide law enforcement support at airport security checkpoint facilities.

TSA Canine Program - SUPPORT allocating sufficient funding to TSA for the sake of administering the Passenger Screening Canine (PSC) program and to train and deploy an adequate number of officers and canines throughout U.S. airports.