



Outlook for the 113th Congress

AMAC Webinar Series – January 30, 2013

Today's Agenda

- › *Highlight of Past Accomplishments*
- › *Election 2012 and the New Composition of Congress*
- › *What Does the New Congress Mean for AMAC*
- › *Priorities in the 113th*

AMAC's 2012 Accomplishments

- ✓ **Section 140 Mandatory Certification:** Secured inclusion of the Section 140 Mandatory Certification Training Program as well as Predicate Findings into the recently enacted FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012!
- ✓ **Section 140 Implementation:** Worked with the FAA, USDOT, and Congress at multiple levels on AMAC issues of concern including Section 140 Implementation.
- ✓ **Webinars:** Two Membership Webinars!
- ✓ **Annual Conference:** 18th Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference with high-level FAA participation including FAA's Secretary Michael P. Huerta.
- ✓ **Enlisted Congressional Allies:** Engaged with and enlisted assistance and support from Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) and Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) on AMAC's PFC and TSA DBE issues.

AMAC's 2012 Accomplishments

- ✓ **Congressional Hearing Participation:** Testified before the House Homeland Security Committee hearing examining Access Control Points and Airport ID Badge policies.
- ✓ **White House DBE Briefing:** Participated in March 13th DBE Briefing at the White House.
- ✓ **AMAC 2012 Leadership Summit** (*See Next Slide!*).
- ✓ **Rental Car Working Group:** Organized a Rental Car Working Group to examine the Rental Car ACDBE program.
- ✓ **First Annual Aviation Brain Trust:** Worked with Rep. Lacy Clay (D-MO) to host the first annual Aviation Brain Trust at the CBC Annual Leadership Conference.

AMAC Leadership Summit Highlights

- ✓ AMAC was honored that **Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.** was able to attend Industry Day's debriefing reception and spend time with AMAC membership.
- ✓ AMAC's leadership sat down with **John Porcari, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Christa Fornarotto, Associate Administrator of Airports** for the Federal Aviation Administration, to discuss AMAC's issues.
- ✓ **Coordinated with the White House to meet with top officials within the Small Business Administration** to discuss ways in which AMAC can collaborate and engage with the Administration and provide more opportunities to its membership.
- ✓ AMAC and **Congressman William Lacy Clay, Jr.** held their first Aviation Brain Trust as part of the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference.
- ✓ AMAC members met with and secured the commitment of **Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton**, member of the House Aviation Subcommittee, to advance AMAC's issues of importance.
- ✓ **Congressman Elijah Cummings** sponsored AMAC's first Leadership Summit Matchmaking and Networking Session



113th Congress Composition

Senate Composition

Democrats – 53

Republicans – 45

Independents – 2
(To caucus with Democrats)



House Composition

Republicans – 234

Democrats – 199

Electoral Map

BARACK OBAMA

332 Electoral Votes (61.71%)
61,170,408 Popular Votes (50.5%)

MITT ROMNEY

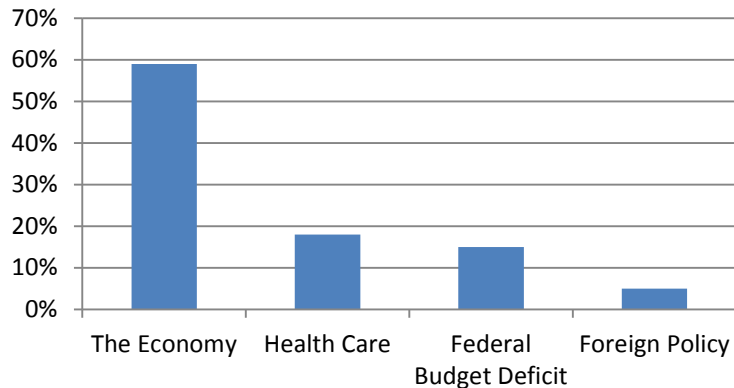
206 Electoral Votes (38.29%)
58,163,978 Popular Votes (48.0%)

Obama gets decisive win by stringing together series of narrow victories – WASHINGTON POST (11/6/12)



Exit Polls

Key Issue of the Election? *The Economy!*



Source: Washington Post. 2012 Exit Polls

- **Economy Voters** voted Romney (51%) over Obama (47%)!
- However, **Health Care Voters** voted Obama (75%) over Romney (24%), and;
- **Foreign Policy Voters** also voted Obama (56%) over Romney (33%).
- **Federal Deficit Voters** voted Romney (66%) over Obama (32%) but this was not enough to overcome Romney's deficit from Health Care and Foreign Policy.

Exit Polls

Changing Demographics!

How Groups Voted in the Past Four Elections

By Age	2012	2008	2004	2000
18-29	19%	18%	17%	17%
30-64	65%	66%	67%	69%
65+	16%	16%	16%	14%

By Gender	2012	2008	2004	2000
Men	47%	47%	46%	48%
Women	53%	53%	54%	52%

By Race	2012	2008	2004	2000
White	72%	74%	77%	81%
Black	13%	13%	11%	10%
Hispanic	10%	9%	8%	7%
Asian	3%	2%	2%	2%
Other	2%	3%	2%	N/A

Sources: Washington Post, 2012 Exit Polls; Roper Center, University of Connecticut

- **Young Voters are becoming a more important part of the electorate** at the expense of those voters aged 30-64. Young Voters went heavily Obama (60% to 37%).
- **Romney did very well with Older Voters** but not at blow-out margins (56% to 44%).
- **Women are a hugely important part of the electorate.** Women Voters went Obama by solid margins (55% to 44%).
- **Demographics are shifting.** Romney failed to reach 30% with any of the three major groups of minority voters. For example, Hispanic Voters broke for Obama at 71% compared to Romney at 26%. Contrast this with 2004 when Hispanic Voters went with Bush at 44%.
- **In close races, every percentage point counts. Bottom Line:** Slight but steady upticks in the participation of young voters, minority voters, and the consistently strong participation of women voters won this election for Barack Obama.

What Does the Election Mean for AMAC?

Playing Field Not Substantially Changed: The outcome of the 2012 election does not substantially change the playing field for AMAC. The President and the Senate Leadership positions have been solidified, but so has the position of the Republican House Leadership. *Cooperation will continue to be needed to pass any major initiatives.*

Increased Willingness to Compromise: On a positive note, there may be more willingness on behalf of both parties to work together given that the election is over. This is a sharp contrast to the environment that followed the 2010 midterm elections.

New Committee Leadership in the House:



House Transportation & Infrastructure
Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA)



House Transportation & Infrastructure
Ranking Member Nick Rahall (D-WV)

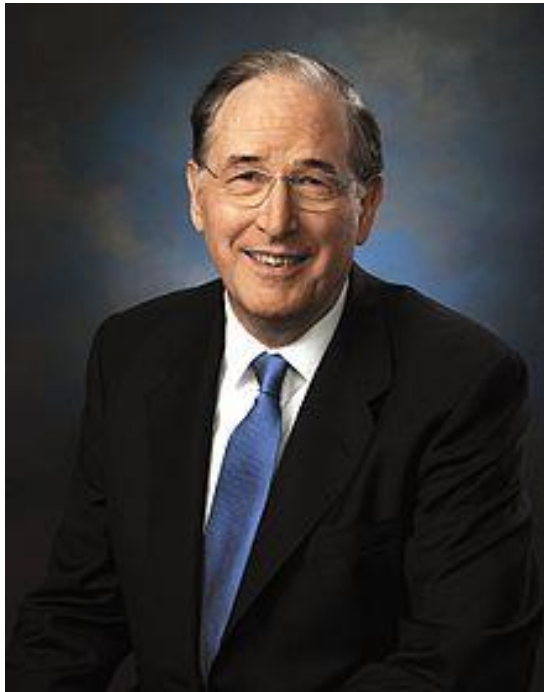


House Aviation Subcommittee
Chairman Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ)



House Aviation Subcommittee
Ranking Member Rick Larsen (D-WA)

Committee Leadership in the Senate



**Senate Commerce Chairman
John Rockefeller (D-WV)**



**Senate Commerce Ranking
Member John Thune (R-SD)**

What's Next?

Recent Developments:

- › **Huerta Confirmed as FAA Administrator**
- › **Tax Extenders**
- › **Sequestration Set to go into Effect**
 - › *Future of AIP? (technically exempt but downward pressure)*
 - › *Future of PFCs?*
- › **Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood Announces Retirement**
- › **Top Candidates to Replace LaHood:**
 - › *LA Mayor Villaraigosa, NTSB Chair Debbie Hersman, WA Gov. Christine Gregoire, Former PA Gov. Ed Rendell*



What's on Deck?

- › **FY13/FY14 Appropriations**
- › **Tax Reform**
 - › *Corporate Taxes? Tax Repatriation?*
 - › *Payroll Taxes? Estate Taxes? Amortization/Depreciation reform? Transportation taxes?*
- › **User Fees?** *Possibility transportation user fees such as PFCs could be wrapped up into the tax reform and user fee debate.*
- › **Nomination of a New Secretary**
- › **Budget**

Committee Focus

Committee Priorities

- › **Commerce:** All about oversight initially -
 - › **FAA Bill Implementation**
 - › **Section 140 DBE Mandatory Certification Training Program**
- › **FAA Reauthorization up for renewal during the President's 2nd Term:**
- › **Long-Term Funding?** PFCs vs. AIP – Linked with the sequestration and long-term federal budget debate.

T&I Chairman Bill Shuster Announced 113th Priorities:

- › Implementation of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012.
- › Safety Programs, specifically regional airline safety, general aviation safety, safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), pilot and controller training, ways to reduce operational errors, the FAA's enforcement and certification activities, and the FAA's volunteer reporting and data and sharing programs.
- › Evaluation of FAA's NextGen Air Traffic Control Modernization.
- › Oversight of the Office of the Secretary (within the Department of Transportation).
- › Airline Financial Condition and Passenger Service.
- › Streamlining the FAA's Policies, Programs, and Procedures.
- › Oversight of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Major AMAC Initiatives

Expanding DBE Goals to PFC Funded Projects

- › **Currently Engaging with Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)**
 - **Senior Member of:**
 - ✓ *House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee*
 - ✓ *House Aviation Subcommittee*

Expanding DBE Goals to TSA Funded Projects

- › **Currently Engaging with Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA)**
 - **Senior Member of:**
 - ✓ *Senate Commerce Committee*
 - ✓ *Senate Aviation Subcommittee*

Next Steps:

- ✓ Further Education on the Issues
- ✓ Agency Outreach

