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### **Brumfield Statement on Senate Appropriations Committee's Passage of Transportation Funding Bill**

*Funding Bill Includes Increase to PFC and AIP Funding*

**WASHINGTON, DC (July 28, 2017)** – Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) President Krystal Brumfield released the following statement regarding yesterday's Senate Appropriations Committee passage of the FY'18 Transportation Funding Bill:

"Yesterday's action by the Senate Committee on Appropriations is a great first step in ensuring our nation's airports have every available tool at their disposal in addressing their growing backlog of capital development needs. The Committee recommends \$3.6 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP)—a \$250 million increase over the previous fiscal year. By increasing the passenger facility charge (PFC) from \$4.50 to \$8.50, Senate Appropriators are sending an unequivocal message that the current PFC cap, in place since the year 2000, is no longer viable," stated Brumfield. "I commend the bipartisan leadership of both the full committee and transportation subcommittee for their leadership on this issue. Again, this is a great first step and AMAC looks forward to continuing our work with the Senate to ensure the policy interests of minority and women-owned business enterprises are included in the final outcome."

The FAA's AIP Program pays for capital improvements at the Nation's airports, including those investments that emphasize capacity development, safety improvements, and security needs. PFCs are federally authorized fees collected by airlines on behalf of airports. Airports use these fees to fund FAA-approved projects that enhance safety, security, or capacity. Since 2000, PFCs have been capped at \$4.50 per flight segment.

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#### **About the Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC)**

AMAC's mission is to promote the inclusion of minorities and women in employment and contracting opportunities throughout the aviation industry. Since 1984, AMAC has been at the forefront of nearly every national policy initiative impacting the participation of disadvantaged businesses in airport contracting. AMAC works consistently with congress, the federal government, aviation trade associations and others as a resource for information, education, and guidance on business and employment matters. For information on events, legislative updates and current aviation industry news visit [www.amac-org.com](http://www.amac-org.com) or call 703.414.2622.