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Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends:

President Trump addressed the nation last evening during his first State of the Union speech. During the address, Trump called on Congress "to produce a bill that generates at least \$1.5 trillion" to address our nation's growing infrastructure investment needs. While calling on the need to build "gleaming new roads, bridges, highways, railways, and waterways across our land", the President missed a key opportunity to highlight the capital development needs of economic drivers across our nation's communities-airports.

According to the most recent ACI-NA Infrastructure Needs assessment, the total estimate of U.S. airports' capital development needs from 2017-2021 is approximately \$100 billion dollars. As Congress now pivots to craft legislation in response to the President's call to action, it is imperative that AMAC adds its voice in highlighting the needs of our nation's airports, in addition to the various small business communities that support them, to receive attention in any future legislative package. I encourage each of you to make plans to attend our [Leadership Summit](#) on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC on March 20-21, 2018. View the White House Infrastructure Fact Sheet [here](#).



Sincerely,

Krystal J. Brumfield
President & CEO
AMAC / AMAC Foundation

Save the Date! Join us August 21-25, 2018 for our [34th Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference: Inspiring Possibilities](#) hosted by the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport at the Westin Seattle in Seattle, Washington.

EVENTS

AMAC Academy Webinar: Airport ADA Essentials

AMAC Academy presents *Airport ADA Essentials* with Denise Bailey, Principal at Milligan & Company, LLC. This session will focus on ADA requirements and compliance strategies for airport public spaces. Topics covered include an overview of governing regulations, design standards, operational and maintenance considerations, and common issues in concession spaces. Also, we will discuss highlights of FAA's Order 1440.9A and the framework for ADA self-assessments.

Online Webinar
Thursday, February 8, 2018
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST

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AMAC New Member Orientation Webinar

Are you ready to discover how your AMAC membership can work for you? Our new member orientation is a detailed discussion of AMAC's goals, objectives and structure. We will explore how AMAC can improve your professional development and increase the networking opportunities that will contribute to your success while navigating through the aviation industry.

As the leading advocate for diversity inclusion in aviation procurement and employment opportunities, AMAC will familiarize you with our resources and provide opportunities to voice your opinion to decision makers who can affect real change. Join us to learn more about your membership, meet our staff and build relationships with your fellow AMAC members!

Online Webinar
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST

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14th Annual ARN Revenue Conference & Exhibition

The ARN Revenue Conference & Exhibition features the largest gathering of airport decision-makers and concession executives for any show throughout the year. Featured during the conference are presentations by leading experts who share their research and expertise on cutting-edge trends and business strategies in the areas of food and beverage, retail, technology, customer service and much more. Additionally, the experience hall showcases the foremost brands, concepts and operators in the industry. The conference is capped by the ARN Awards ceremony, a program honoring our directors of the year and celebrating the winners of the ARN Best Airport & Concession Awards.

Rosen Shingle Creek
Monday, March 12 - Thursday, March 15, 2018
8:30 pm - 11:00 pm EST

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AMAC Leadership Summit on Capitol Hill

Join us for a two-day event filled with optimal networking and advocacy opportunities to voice your opinions to decision makers who can affect real change and help policymakers understand the challenges and opportunities of operating in the aviation industry.

The Summit will include presentations on key topics by a range of Congressional and Administration leaders in addition to Congressional meetings on Capitol Hill. Your participation is critical to AMAC's advocacy efforts.

Summit Highlights:

- Working with the U.S. DOT and Federal Aviation Administration on the regulations and policies governing the airport DBE/ACDBE program;
- Strengthening links with governmental agencies such as the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA); and
- Advocating on Capitol Hill with Members of Congress and congressional staff on airport industry diversity and inclusion through legislative issues.

K&L Gates and U.S. Capitol Visitor Center
Tuesday, March 20 - Wednesday, March 21, 2018
8:00 am - 6:30 pm EST

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COMTO's Celebrating Women Who Move the Nation

COMTO's Celebrating Women Who Move the Nation (CWWMN) awards recognizes the outstanding contributions of women who are leading and advancing America's transportation industry. Hosted annually in Washington, DC during the month of March, in observance of Women's History Month, this signature COMTO event celebrates women from all modes of transportation representing all sectors of the industry.

COMTO inaugurated the Celebrating Women Who Move the Nation awards in 2012, starting a new tradition of recognizing the accomplishments and influence of today's outstanding women in transportation. COMTO has honored over 60 women with this award to date.

Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center
Thursday, March 22, 2018
8:00 am - 11:00 am EST

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2018 AMAC Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference

The Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) and the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac) present AMAC's 2018 34th Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference: Inspiring Possibilities at the Westin Seattle from August 21 - 25, 2018.

AMAC's Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference continues to bring together over 1,000 businesses, aviation professionals, government officials and individuals from around the country to discuss a variety of subjects ranging from how to do business at airports to public policy issues impacting the entire aviation industry. This highly acclaimed conference is the premier aviation industry event of the year - serving as a hub for education, advocacy and networking opportunities that promote diversity and inclusion in airports.

The Westin Seattle
Tuesday, August 21 - Saturday, August 25, 2018
7:30 am - 12:00 pm PST

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XpresSpa Expanding Reach Through Franchising Program Launch

XpresSpa announced the launch of its franchising program. Building upon the Company's 13 years of wellness expertise, XpresSpa is well positioned to leverage its national brand and grow its footprint through its complimentary franchising strategy by partnering with operators seeking exposure to the rapidly growing wellness industry.



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Paradies Lagardère Treats Troops with 1.7 M Donated Items

Paradies Lagardère announced that its customers

donated 1.7 million items of need in 2017 to its military service men and women around the globe through the Treat Our Troops program. This is almost 500,000 more items than donated in 2016!

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Birmingham-Shuttlesworth Names Interim President & CEO

Congratulations to AMAC Board Member Miguel Southwell on being named the Interim President & CEO of the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport! Additionally, congratulations to Alfonso Denson after 34 years of service to the Birmingham Airport Authority community. AI is a huge AMAC supporter and one of the AMAC Foundation founders.



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Denver International Airport is Working to Become a Destination

Air travel is surging globally, and Denver International Airport (DIA) and other airports that are spending billions of dollars to lure more flights and revenue are also embracing far-flung ideas designed to make passengers feel less like cattle and ease the stress of flying.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAC MEMBERS WHO WILL BE HONORED AT COMTO'S

Celebrating Women Who Move the Nation Awards Breakfast

Thursday, March 22, 2018; 8:00 am - 11:00 am
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For more information and to register for this event, visit www.comto.org



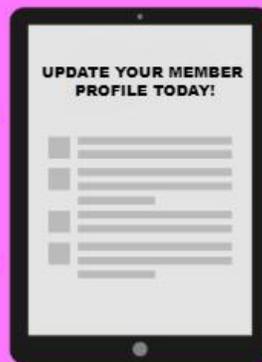
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AVIATION NEWS

4 Keys to Rebuilding Our Roads and Airports the Right Way

According to the American Society of Civil Engineers, some 9% of the nation's bridges - over 56,000 in total - are structurally deficient. On the most busily traveled section of passenger rail, the

average age of backlogged infrastructure repair projects is 111 years old.

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How to Spend Less Time in an Airport Security Line

Airports, airlines and technology companies have deployed a variety of methods over the past 16 years of TSA screening to assess queue times. Some have used people to manually count passenger movement or gathered crowdsourced data from actual travelers, which is how the Transportation Security Administration collects wait information for its "MyTSA" app.



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Airline Lobbying Soared More Than 30% in 2017

Airline lobbying last year soared more than 30 percent compared to 2016, a push that overlapped with a public debate over passenger rights and a White House-sanctioned plan to detach air traffic control from the federal government.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Tax Cuts: What Do They Mean For Aviation?

While the recently enacted tax cut legislation is expected to bump the economy by 0.08 to 0.12% annually for the next few years and drive up the deficit by \$1.5 trillion in the next ten years, the really important question for most Americans is, of course, "What's in it for me?"



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