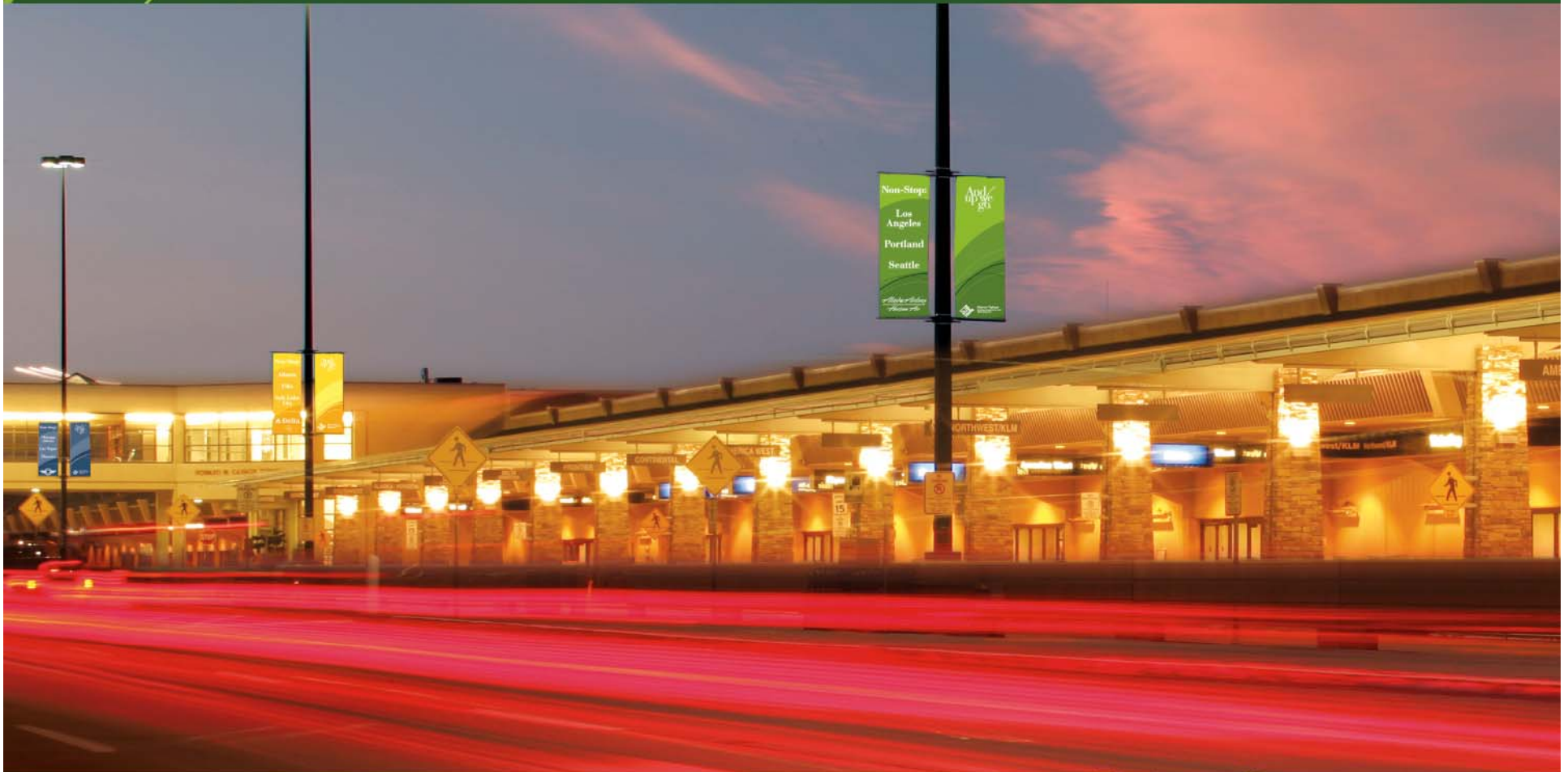


Association of California Airports

September 20, 2007



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Now is the Time

- Great time to be talking about airports
- As we speak, congress is making monumental decisions regarding the future of aviation
- Reauthorization bills will impact every aspect of aviation for years to come
- Both House and Senate are tackling the issue
- Here's what's going on in Washington today...



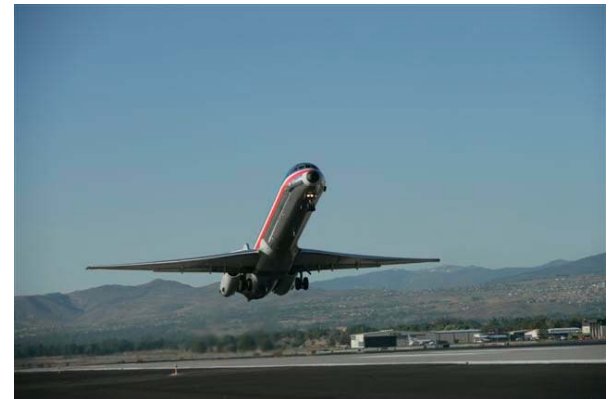
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FAA Reauthorization Update

Senate Finance Committee is considering:

- \$400 million to fund NextGen Air Traffic System
- \$250 million of the \$400 million will come from General Aviation
 - Fees on private jets
 - Fuel taxes
- Other \$170 million will come from taxes on international commercial flights



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FAA Reauthorization Update

The United States House of Representatives is considering:

- To raise PFC cap to \$7.00.
- Increase AIP funding by \$100 million per year for a total of \$15.8 billion.
- \$35 million per year for Small Community Air Service Development.
- Reduce federal match to small airports to 90%.
- Propose slight increases in GA fuel taxes to help pay for NextGen.



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FAA Reauthorization Update

- Time Quickly Running Out
 - Current bill and excise taxes expire at end of September.
 - House may pass its version of the reauthorization bill this month.
 - But lawmakers will not send bill to the President's desk in time.
- Congress Expected to Consider Short-Term Extension
 - Lawmakers must act soon.
 - Uncommitted balance of aviation trust fund expected to run out in 2 to 3 months.



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FAA Financing and Short-Term Extension

- House Ways and Means Committee is recommending a bill that would extend excise taxes through 2007
- Committee's draft finance proposal
 - Increases GA jet fuel tax from 21.8¢ to 35.9¢ per gallon.
 - Increases GA gas tax from 19.3¢ to 24.1¢ per gallon.
 - Both fuels subject to a 1¢ per gallon tax for Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund.
- Transportation and Infrastructure Committee proposal
 - Increases GA jet fuel tax to 30.7¢ per gallon.
 - Increases GA gas tax to 24.1¢ per gallon.



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Senator Trent Lott (R-MS)

July 12, 2007



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FAA Administrator Marion Blakey

September 6, 2007



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Department of Transportation Appropriations – FY 2008

AIP Funding

House: **\$3.6 Billion** for AIP --\$850 million above President's request

Senate: **\$3.515 Billion** for AIP -- \$765 million above President's request

Cost-Free Space

- House and Senate bills include provision preventing FAA from forcing airports to provide cost-free space

Essential Air Service

- House and Senate bills provide \$110 million for EAS

Contract Tower Program/Cost-Share Program

- House and Senate bills provide full funding for Contract Tower Program/Cost-Share Program

President Has Vowed to Veto DOT Spending Bill Over “Extraneous Spending.”



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Make Your Voice Be Heard

- Washington political maneuvers are hard to follow
- But when congress is in session, aviation can always be impacted
- It seems a world away, but their actions can hit home
- General Aviation Airport Managers need to make their voices heard
- There are GA Airports in hundreds of congressional districts across the country
- Working for a common goal, GA Airport Managers can be a political force



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Build Relationships Gain Access

- We've had great success in Reno because of congressional relationships
- We work hard to keep open lines of communication and understanding
- Senator Reid held meetings at Reno-Tahoe International last week
- I spoke with our congressman yesterday
- These types of relationships help both Reno-Tahoe and Reno-Stead Airports



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Reno-Tahoe International

- 60th busiest commercial airport in the country
- 5 million passengers per year
- Named 5th most efficient airport in North America by the Air Transport Research Society
- Not a major hub, but we play a major role in the community
- Political leaders are educated about the importance of Reno-Tahoe International Airport



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Reno-Tahoe International

- Investing time with congressional relationships has paid off
- Since 2000, Reno-Tahoe International has received more than \$100 million in federal funding for a wide array of projects including:
 - Sound Insulation - \$29 million
 - Land Acquisition - \$28 million
 - Airfield Improvements - \$43 million



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Federal Grants Received

- We have also landed grant funding for the award winning Reno-Stead airport
- Former military base dating back to 1942
- More than \$36 million in improvements since 2000
- In 2006, Reno-Stead received Western-Pacific Region's Small Airport Safety Award



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Recent Improvements

Airfield Facilities

- \$14,100,000 - Reconstruction and 1,000 ft. extension of Runway 14/32
- \$9,170,000 in Taxiway improvements
- \$5,000,000 - Installation of Precision Instrument Landing System on Runway 32 (August 2007)



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Recent Improvements continued...



- Another \$8 million in recent improvements include:
 - Aircraft parking apron reconstruction
 - Runway edge lighting
 - Ramp road reconstruction
 - Installation of full perimeter fencing
 - Construction of vehicle maintenance facility



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Promote General Aviation



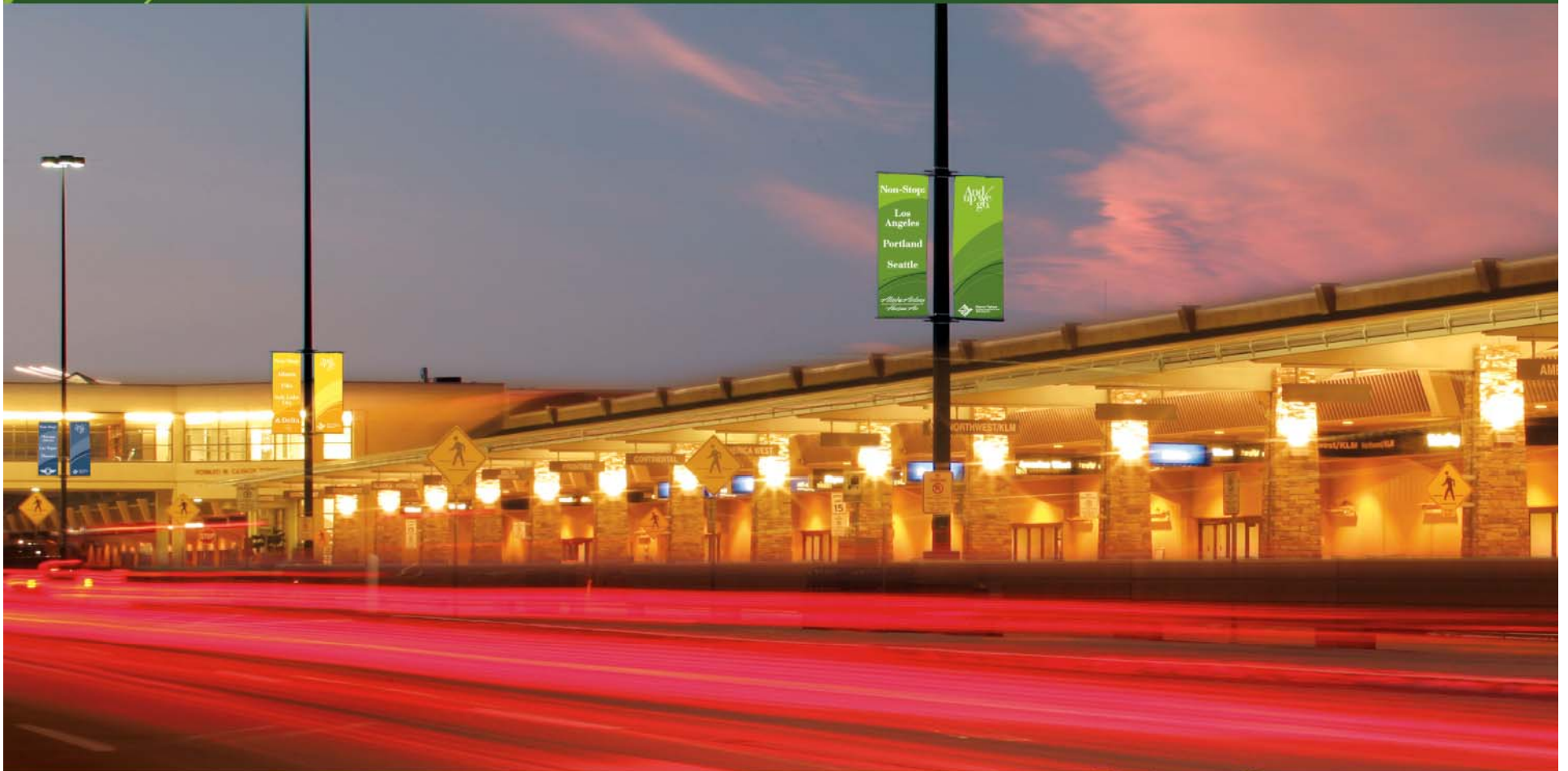
- Reno-Stead is a vital emergency asset of Northern Nevada
- Encourage all airports to educate the community about importance of their aviation facilities
- Tell your airport story so you can land grants as well as aircraft.



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