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With 2016 behind us, we wanted to thank you for your continued support of ACC. Thanks to you, we had an excellent year featuring tremendous growth in our membership and an expansion of valuable services and events. We invite you to review ACC's accomplishments in our [2016 ACC Annual Report](#), where you will see the numerous initiatives and successes of the organization last year.

We are excited about prospects for 2017, including new services and offerings - stay tuned for more details to come! In the meantime, things are gearing up here in Washington with the new Congress sworn in yesterday and the inauguration of Donald Trump on January 20. We wanted to take this opportunity to bring you up to speed on what's in store this coming year.

Continuing Resolution – One of the last items passed by the 114th Congress in December was another Continuing Resolution (CR) that will keep federal programs up and running at FY 2016 levels (with a slight across the board rescission) until April 28, 2017. This timeframe was at the request of the Senate, which will be busy confirming President-elect Trump's political appointments and a potential Supreme Court nominee early this year. This delays finalization of the FY 2017 appropriations, which will impact the FAA's disbursement of grants to airports later this year.

New Administration & Congress – Expect the new Trump Administration and Congress to focus on a few key priorities early this year. These include comprehensive corporate and individual tax reform, immigration reform, repealing Obamacare, and a new Supreme Court nominee. Trump will be busy identifying candidates to vet for over 4,000 political appointments that need to be made. Elaine Cho is nominated for Secretary of the US Department of Transportation. She is well known in Washington, as she was appointed Deputy USDOT Secretary in 1989 and Secretary of Labor from 2001-2009. Her appointment hearing before the Senate Commerce Committee may take place next week. Retired Gen. John Kelly is nominated to lead the US Department of Homeland Security.

Infrastructure – President-elect Trump has touted robust investment in infrastructure, to the tune of \$550 billion to \$1 trillion. Details on how this would get funded are unclear. Advisors to the Trump campaign last year developed a proposal under which the private sector would be incentivized through \$167 billion in tax credits to invest in public infrastructure projects. There has also been renewed interest in possibly creating an infrastructure bank that would provide \$25 billion to leverage \$225 billion in investments. It was recently reported that he will pull together an [infrastructure task force](#) to help identify a specific path forward. However, Trump [faces a skeptical Congress](#) with many conservatives wary about another "stimulus" bill. This

may become a second-tier priority for Congress this year – look to see if there is progress on an infrastructure package before the August summer recess.

FAA Reauthorization – Expect dynamics in Congress to remain the same as it relates to consideration of the FAA reauthorization this year. In the House, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) has expressed that he will continue to push for privatizing the air traffic control function of the FAA. In press reports he has expressed confidence that the Trump administration will be more favorable for privatizing ATC. Whether this could help Chairman Shuster gain momentum push his bill in the House chamber is unclear at this time. In the Senate, it is unclear how aggressive the chamber will be on reforming air traffic control. We do believe that an increase in the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) could be possible, while prospects for an increase in the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) are not known. It will be interesting to see if the Trump Administration would be supportive of an increase to give more control to localities. The current FAA extension lasts through the end of FY 2017 on Sept. 30.

Stay tuned for additional developments throughout what promises to be a most interesting year! In the meantime, feel free to contact ACC if you have any questions by emailing tjs@acconline.org.



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