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Theory of Law of Airport Revenue Diversion

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ACRP Legal Research Digest 2 • 2008

This digest describes the issue of airport revenue diversion, what prompted Congress to address it, how it has manifested itself, and how the prohibition against revenue diversion has been enforced. It should be useful to airport administrators, financial officials, local government officials, planners, and elected officials. The digest is presented in the following sections: (I) Introduction; (II) Airport Finance; (III) Federal Legislation; (IV) Federal Aviation Administration Policies and Procedures; (V) Synthesis: Federal Law and Policy on Revenue Diversion; (VI) Conflict Between Federal and Local Governments Over Revenue Diversion; and (VII) Conclusion.

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Item 2

Survey of Laws and Regulations of Airport Commercial Ground Transportation

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ACRP Legal Research Digest 3 • 2008

This report was prepared under ACRP Project 11-01, "Legal Aspects of Airport Programs," for which the Transportation Research Board (TRB) is the agency coordinating the research. The report was prepared by Lew R. C. Bricker and Gerald P. Clearly, Attorneys, SmithAmundsen LLC, Chicago Illinois. James B. McDaniel, TRB Counsel for Legal Research Projects, was the principal investigator and content editor.

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Evaluation and Mitigation of Aircraft Slide Evacuation Injuries

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ACRP Report 2 • 2008

This report provides guidance on reducing injuries and improving safety and coordination during aircraft slide evacuation events. This report examines available data regarding commercial aircraft slide deployments with particular focus on injuries to aircraft crew and passengers incurred during aircraft slide evacuations. As a result of encountering gaps in the data on commercial aircraft slide deployments, this report also encourages more consistent reporting of injuries incurred in commercial aircraft slide deployments. A better understanding of the types and potential causes of aircraft slide evacuation injuries will help airport first responders, such as Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting personnel, and airport and aircraft operators to better prepare for commercial aircraft slide deployments and possibly prevent some injuries from happening.

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Analysis of Aircraft Overruns and Undershoots for Runway Safety Areas

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ACRP Report 3 • 2008

TRB's Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) Report 3: Analysis of Aircraft Overruns and Undershoots for Runway Safety Areas explores overrun and undershoot accident and incident data conditions relating to these occurrences. The report also includes an assessment of risk in relation to the runway safety area and highlights a set of alternatives to the traditional runway safety area.

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Item 5

Ground Access to Major Airports by Public Transportation

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ACRP Report 4 • 2008

TRB's Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) Report 4: Ground Access to Major Airports by Public Transportation examines key elements associated with the creation of a six-step market-based strategy for improving the quality of public mode services at U.S. airports. The report also addresses the context for public transportation to major airports, explores the attributes of successful airport ground access systems, presents an airport by airport summary of air traveler ground access mode-share by public transportation services, and more.

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Quarantine Facilities for Arriving Air Travelers: Identification of Planning Needs and Costs

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ACRP Report 5 • 2008

Identification of Planning Needs and Costs explores facility issues, security considerations, and estimated costs (including operating costs) that airport operators and policymakers may want to consider when planning for the potential quarantine of arriving air travelers.

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Research Needs Associated with Particulate Emissions at Airports

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ACRP Report 6 • 2008

ACRP Report 6: Research Needs Associated with Particulate Emissions at Airports provides guidance on the most important research needed by the airport community in the area of particulate emissions. This report examines the state of industry research on aviation-related particulate matter (PM) emissions and identifies knowledge gaps that existing research has not yet bridged. These gaps and related research needs are then prioritized based on the ability of research in those areas to address airports' needs for more thorough and accurate aviation-related PM emissions inventories. While the main purpose of this report is to identify key research areas important to the airport community for ACRP consideration, research communities at large will also benefit from this report's comprehensive analysis of aviation PM emissions-related research needs.

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Item 8

Guidance for Implementation of the AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Volume 18: A Guide for Reducing Collisions Involving Bicycles

TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD

NCHRP Report 500 Volume 18 • 2008

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has adopted a national highway safety goal of halving fatalities over the next 2 decades—or reducing the number of fatalities by 1,000 per year. This goal can be achieved through the widespread application of low-cost, proven countermeasures that reduce the number of crashes on the nation's highways. This eighteenth volume of NCHRP Report 500, "Guidance for Implementation of the AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan," provides strategies that can be employed to reduce bicycle crashes. The report will be of particular interest to safety practitioners with responsibility for implementing programs to reduce injuries and fatalities on the highway system.

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Guidance for Implementation of the AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Volume 20: A Guide for Reducing Head-On Crashes on Freeways

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NCHRP Report 500 Volume 20 • 2008

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has adopted a national highway safety goal of halving fatalities over the next 2 decades--or reducing the number of fatalities by 1,000 per year. This goal can be achieved through the widespread application of low-cost, proven countermeasures that reduce the number of crashes on the nation's highways. This twentieth volume of NCHRP Report 500, "Guidance for Implementation of the AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan," provides strategies that can be employed to reduce head-on crashes on freeways. The report will be of particular interest to safety practitioners with responsibility for implementing programs to reduce injuries and fatalities on the highway system.

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Standardized Procedures for Personal Travel Surveys

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NCHRP Report 571 • 2008

Over the past 40 years, significant resources have been spent on collecting data for transportation planning. Often transportation agency staff and their consultants struggle with the difficulties of collecting and analyzing the survey data. The transportation planning and data communities have become increasingly concerned about declining response rates and potential sample biases in transportation surveys. Resources are potentially wasted because standards are lacking in both survey methods and assessment procedures. This report contains an assessment of the aspects of personal travel surveys that could be standardized, resulting in improvements to the quality, consistency, and accuracy of the resulting data. The results of this research will be useful to transportation practitioners in state departments of transportation (DOTs) and in Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) for preparing statistically sound data collection and management programs.

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Development of a Recommended Practice for Use of Controlled Low-Strength Material in Highway Construction

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NCHRP Report 597 • 2008

This report summarizes the results of a project to evaluate the use of controlled low-strength material (CLSM) in highway construction applications, in particular, as backfill, utility bedding, and void fill and in bridge approaches. A key product presented in this report is a recommended practice for the use of CLSM that was validated through a series of full-scale field experiments. The report will be of particular interest to materials and construction engineers in state highway agencies and industry.

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Calibration and Validation of the Enhanced Integrated Climatic Model for Pavement Design

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NCHRP Report 602 • 2008

Calibration and Validation of the Enhanced Integrated Climatic Model for Pavement Design explores the evaluation, calibration, and validation of the Enhanced Integrated Climatic Model (EICM) incorporated in the original Version 0.7 (July 2004 release) of the Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPDG) software with measured materials data from the Long-Term Pavement Performance Seasonal Monitoring Program (LTPP SMP) pavement sections. In addition, the report examines subsequent changes made to the EICM designed to improve its prediction of moisture equilibrium for granular bases.

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Heat-Straightening Repair of Damaged Steel Bridge Girders: Fatigue and Fracture Performance

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NCHRP Report 604 • 2008

This report summarizes the results of a project to establish limits, based on fatigue and fracture performance, on the number of damage and repair cycles to which damaged steel bridge girders may be subjected using the heat-straightening procedure. A key product presented here is suggested revisions to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) manual of practice for heat straightening. The report will be of particular interest to engineers in state highway agencies and industry responsible for bridge maintenance and repair.

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Specifications and Protocols for Acceptance Tests on Processing Additions in Cement Manufacturing

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NCHRP Report 607 • 2008

This report presents recommended changes to the cement specifications and test protocols contained in AASHTO Standard Specifications for Transportation Materials and Methods of Sampling and Testing (AASHTO M 85). These changes pertain to the amount of processing additions that can be incorporated in the cement and the tests required for evaluating acceptability of cements incorporating processing additions. The report also presents a recommended specification for evaluating processing additions that may be used in amounts exceeding those stipulated in the cement specification. These specifications will guide materials engineers and cement producers in evaluating cements and assuring that highway concrete is not deleteriously affected by the presence of such additions. The information contained in the report will be of immediate interest to state materials engineers and others involved in specifying and evaluating concrete mixtures for use in highway pavements and structures.

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GASB 34—Methods for Condition Assessment and Preservation

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NCHRP Report 608 • 2008

This report updates the findings contained in NCHRP Report 522, "A Review of DOT Compliance with GASB 34 Requirements." NCHRP Report 522 provided a comprehensive look at approaches taken by AASHTO member departments to comply with the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34. NCHRP Report 608 provides a recommended practices guide that identifies effective methodologies that integrate infrastructure inventory, condition assessments, minimum acceptable condition levels, and funding decisions with GASB 34 reporting requirements and assesses the operational and financial impacts of reporting under GASB 34. This report will be helpful to professionals who work with state departments of transportation and local governments in the areas of finance, auditing, asset management, and policymaking.

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Guidelines for Selection of Speed Reduction Treatments at High-Speed Intersections

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NCHRP Report 613 • 2008

TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Web-Only Document 124: Guidelines for Selection of Speed Reduction Treatments at High-Speed Intersections documents the research efforts associated with production of NCHRP Report 613 that explores the effectiveness of geometric design features as well as signage and pavement markings to reduce vehicle speeds at high-speed intersections.

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Refining the Simple Performance Tester for Use in Routine Practice

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NCHRP Report 614 • 2008

Refining the Simple Performance Tester for Use in Routine Practice explores the develop of a practical, economical simple performance tester (SPT) for use in routine hot-mix asphalt (HMA) mix design and in the characterization of HMA materials for pavement structural design with the Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide.

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Accident Modification Factors for Traffic Engineering and ITS Improvements

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NCHRP Report 617 • 2008

This report presents the findings of a research project to develop accident modification factors (AMFs) for traffic engineering and ITS improvement. AMFs are a tool for quickly estimating the impact of safety improvements. The report will be of particular interest to safety practitioners responsible for programming and implementing highway safety improvements.

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Item 19

State Public Transportation Division Involvement in State Emergency Planning, Response, and Recovery

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NCHRP Research Results Digest 326 • 2008

This digest summarizes the findings of NCHRP Project 20-65 (13), which had the purpose of documenting existing and best policies and practices of state transit divisions pertaining to weather-related emergencies. This research includes state involvement in emergency planning, response, and recovery. It identifies lessons learned from recent emergencies, key issues associated with the involvement of state public transportation divisions, and best practices. The results of both a national survey of state transit divisions, and copies of or links to various resources related to emergency management are included in the report.

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Item 20

Color Effectiveness of Yellow Pavement Marking Materials

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NCHRP Research Results Digest 328 • 2008

This digest presents the results of NCHRP Project 5-18, "Color Effectiveness of Yellow Pavement Marking Materials." The project included a detailed review of the technical literature, a survey of highway agencies and pavement marking material manufacturers, and a laboratory experiment to determine the range of chromaticity coordinates that observers classify as yellow and white under daytime and incandescent illumination. Color classification performance in the report is expressed in terms of the percentage of observers who classified a color sample as either yellow or white. A field experiment was conducted to determine pavement marking color classification in the field using actual pavement marking materials. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) conducted precise characterization of all materials and stimulus presentation devices throughout the study. Detailed pavement marking chromaticity measurements also were conducted in four states to determine the color performance of existing materials. The goal of this project was to provide data that can be used to generate recommendations on day and night color limits for pavement markings.

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Highway Safety Manual Data Needs Guide

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NCHRP Research Results Digest 329 • 2008

The purpose of this guide is to help potential users of the 1st edition of the "Highway Safety Manual" (HSM) anticipate the data needs for using the HSM. The guide focuses on the data needed to use the HSM Part C methodologies for rural two-lane highways, rural multilane highways, and urban and suburban arterials. The guide provides information for HSM users to assess whether their existing data sources contain the data needed to apply the HSM safety prediction methodologies to highways of interest.

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Compilation of Public Opinion Data on Tolls and Road Pricing

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NCHRP Synthesis 377 • 2008

This synthesis study summarizes and analyzes public opinion on tolling and road pricing across the United States and internationally. It compiles existing data from completed public opinion research and presents an interpretive framework for understanding situational context in outcomes from various public opinion polls. Additionally, the study provides a systematic review of how the public feels about tolls and road pricing. It addresses such questions as: What is the overall public opinion concerning charging for the use of roads? Is there widespread support or focused opposition? What factors are associated with its acceptance or rejection? The synthesis is intended as a resource for public and elected officials making decisions about infrastructure policy and projects and officials in the process of considering, planning, implementing, and operating tolled facilities. This report is based on a thorough review of the published literature, a scan of national and international media on the topic, and direct contact with organizations of interest or those with experience with tolling programs and road pricing. In addition, a survey questionnaire was distributed to agencies responsible for or engaged in tolling and road pricing to both identify data sources and gather perspectives on relevant issues. The synthesis annotates 110 data points, which are defined as poll, survey, or focus groups that capture public opinion.

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Item 23

Privacy Issues with the Use of Smart Cards

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TCRP Legal Research Digest 25 • 2008

The nation's transit agencies need to have access to a program that can provide authoritatively researched, specific, limited-scope studies of legal issues and problems having national significance and application to their businesses. The TCRP Project J-5 is designed to provide this insight.

The intermodal approach to surface transportation requires a partnership between transit and other transportation modes. Transit attorneys have noted that they particularly need information in several areas of transportation law, including environmental requirements; construction and procurement contract procedures and administration; civil rights and labor standards; and tort liability, risk management, and system safety.

In other areas of the law, transit programs may involve legal problems and issues that are not shared with other modes; as, for example, compliance with transit equipment and operations guidelines, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) financing initiatives, and labor or environmental standards.

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Leveraging ITS Data for Transit Market Research: A Practitioner's Guidebook

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TCRP Report 126 • 2008

TCRP Report 126: Leveraging ITS Data for Transit Market Research: A Practitioner's Guidebook, describes currently used intelligent transportation systems (ITS) and Transit ITS technologies that have the greatest promise for transit market research. This guidebook documents ITS and Transit ITS technologies currently in use, assesses their potential to provide market research data, and presents methods for collecting and analyzing these data. Also, the guidebook provides three in-depth case studies that illustrate how ITS data have been successfully used to improve market research practices. The guide should be useful to small, medium, and large transit agencies.

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Item 25

Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery in the Transit Industry

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TCRP Research Results Digest 87 • 2007

This digest summarizes the mission performed March 16-31, 2007, under TCRP Project J-03, "International Transit Studies Program." It includes an overview of the mission that investigated emergency preparedness programs in the public transportation systems in several Asian cities (Hong Kong, Beijing, Tangshan, Seoul, Kobe, and Tokyo). The report begins in Section I with general observations by the mission team about the state of transit emergency preparedness in the cities visited. In Section II, information gathered about the policies and programs in place in each of the transit environments is provided. Section III shows how the different transit systems manage key emergency functions, including the following: control centers, Information Technology (IT) and telecommunications, interagency coordination, public communications, and evacuation planning.

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Innovative Practices in Transit Workforce Development

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TCRP Research Results Digest 88 • 2008

This TCRP digest summarizes the mission performed November 3-16, 2007, under TCRP project J-03, "International Transit Studies Program." This digest includes transportation information on the organizations and facilities visited. It was prepared by staff of the Eno Transportation Foundation and is based on reports filed by the mission participants.

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Item 27

AVL Systems for Bus Transit: Update

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TCRP Synthesis 73 • 2008

This synthesis documents the state of the practice, focusing on the uses of computer-aided dispatch/automatic vehicle location (CAD/AVL) systems in fixed-route and demand-responsive services (bus AVL), as well as changes in agency practices related to the use of AVL systems. The information will be of interest to transit agency managers, and maintenance, operations, planning, and business staffs, as well as other professionals involved in overall transit technology development. Information is presented on the characteristics of implemented bus AVL systems; on agency experiences with designing, procuring, implementing, integrating, and using these systems; and on benefits and costs. Information presented in this synthesis was obtained from a literature review, the responses from 32 transit agencies to a selected survey effort, and the findings from case study interviews.

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Item 28

Policies and Practices for Effectively and Efficiently Meeting ADA Paratransit Demand

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TCRP Synthesis 74 • 2008

This synthesis covers a wide range of policies and practices that transit agencies use to provide service to persons with disabilities more effectively and more efficiently. As demand for paratransit continues to increase in many communities, transit agencies are looking for innovative ways to serve the individuals who must use paratransit, while also operating more efficiently to contain costs and/or provide more service for the available resources. Information is presented here for transit agency managers and paratransit managers and their staffs, as well as other professionals involved in paratransit service delivery. This synthesis highlights policies and practices that transit agencies would be able to apply to their own services, often without the need to devote significant funds, personnel, or other resources. It also identifies certain practices and technologies that are still under development or have not undergone extensive testing. They merit discussion because they seem to offer great potential. This synthesis includes a literature review that provides a baseline of information studies, of particular value in representing definitive studies in their respective areas and/or bringing together much information in a single source. It documents 124 transit agency responses to a selected survey effort and summarizes the findings from 17 transit agency telephone interviews where staff provided further details about certain policies and practices that they believed to be innovative and/or potentially useful to others.

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Item 29

Uses of Higher Capacity Buses in Transit Service

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TCRP Synthesis 75 • 2008

Uses of Higher Capacity Buses in Transit Service explores the use of higher capacity (HC) public transit buses in trunk, express, long-distance commuter, Bus Rapid Transit, and special (e.g., sports and special events) services in North America. For purposes of this study, HC buses included articulated, double-deck, 45-ft, and other buses that have a significant increase in passenger capacity compared with conventional 40-ft buses.

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Item 30

Freight Demand Modeling: Tools for Public-Sector Decision Making

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TRB Conference Proceedings 40 • 2008

This conference was designed to complement the Federal Highway Administration's work on the Freight Model Improvement Program and focused on modeling methodologies, applications of existing models at the national and local levels (including international examples), and related data needed to support modeling efforts. The objectives were to engage members of the freight transportation community in examining current modeling practice and identifying areas where improvement may be needed. The conference brought together approximately 120 individuals from across the freight transportation communities, at national, state, regional, and local levels and from the public and private sectors and academia. The conference benefited from the contributions of international speakers and participants. In this summary report, the presentations made in each session are summarized and summaries of the breakout sessions are provided. Five peer reviewed papers prepared in connection with the conference are included. A list of conference attendees is also provided.

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Item 31

Interagency-Aviation Industry Collaboration on Planning for Pandemic Outbreaks

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TRB Conference Proceedings 41 • 2008

Over the course of the 3 days in September 2007 when this workshop took place, representatives from more than nine federal agencies, the airline and airport community, and several related associations representing numerous aviation interests provided their thoughts on pandemic planning in the United States as it relates to the aviation industry. At the beginning of the workshop, the chair of the workshop planning committee, Katherine Andrus of the Air Transport Association, provided background information to establish a common base for the discussion to take place during the workshop.

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