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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
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Transportation
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Ranking Member – Committee on Commerce,
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The Honorable Sam Graves
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The Honorable Rick Larsen
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Chair Cantwell, Chair Graves, Ranking Member Cruz, and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) and its 1,500 members across the country, we are writing to urge you to support the inclusion of the attached provision in the final FAA reauthorization bill. This provision, which is included in Title IV, Subtitle A, Section 437 of H.R. 3935 – *Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act*, directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study on the efficacy of transportation demand management (TDM) strategies at airports. TDM means using strategies to inform and encourage travelers to maximize the efficiency of a transportation system, leading to improved mobility and equity, reduced congestion, and lower vehicle emissions, including strategies that use planning, programs, policies, marketing, communications, incentives, pricing, data, and technology.

The FAA estimates an average of nearly 3 million passengers flew in and out of US airports per day in FY22.¹ This figure does not factor in the number of airline and airport employees that enter airports on a daily basis. As the aviation industry continues to return to pre-pandemic levels, this sheer volume of demand requires the development and deployment of best practices that can be used to improve access to airports for passengers and airport and airline personnel. By including this provision in the FAA reauthorization bill, airport planning and construction projects will have the right information to decide which, if any, TDM strategies should be included to assist with ingress and egress.

As the House and Senate begin negotiations over their respective versions of the FAA reauthorization bills, our organizations strongly support the creation of an efficient multimodal transportation system in order to improve the quality of life of commuters, enhance the livability of communities, and stimulate

¹ https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/by_the_numbers

economic activity. The inclusion of this provision in the FAA reauthorization bill is an important first step to creating a more efficient transportation system.

We encourage you to make the inclusion of this provision a priority during the final drafting of the FAA reauthorization bill. If you have any questions, please follow up with ACT's Executive Director, David Straus (dstraus@actweb.org).

Sincerely,
David Straus, TDM-CP and the undersigned organizations:

- A Better City
- Actionfigure
- AECOM
- Agile Mile
- Assembly Connect TMA
- Atlanta Regional Commission
- Burbank Transportation Management Organization
- BUSUP Mobility
- Chittenden Area TMA
- Commute Solutions Program
- Commuter Services
- Commutifi
- GO ITHACA
- Greater Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association
- GVF
- Hyve 1
- King County Metro
- Longwood Collective TMA
- Love to Ride, LLC
- Redding Area Bus Authority
- RideAmigos
- Salem Area Mass Transit District
- Steer
- SustainMobility
- Transportation DM, LLC
- Transportation Management Association of Chester County
- Tri County Council for Southern Maryland
- UrbanTrans North America
- Woodruff Company Engineered Solutions, Inc.