

Press Release

Los Angeles business travelers urge air safety upgrades

(LOS ANGELES – September 20, 2010) – The Los Angeles Business Travel Association today urged Congress to support President Obama’s call for funding a satellite-based air traffic control system and airport runway improvements.

The Obama Administration is proposing a “robust investment” in the development of FAA’s NextGen ATC system, which Congress has not yet determined how to fund. The President also proposed to rehabilitate or reconstruct 150 miles of runways at U.S. Airports.

“A more accurate satellite-based ATC system will increase the margin safety for air travelers, reduce flight delays, increase fuel efficiency for airlines – all of which are a direct benefit to business travelers,” said Frank Dolce, Director of Legislative Affairs.

Dolce said federal funding for runways can benefit Los Angeles travelers by hastening safety improvements to the north airfield at LAX. Specifically, separating the runways on the north side will permit construction of a center taxiway – something the FAA has urged for more than decade. A similar project on the south airfield significantly reduced runway incursions, Dolce noted.

About LABTA: The Los Angeles Business Travel Association (LABTA) is the largest west coast chapter of the National Business Travel Association (NBTA), the world’s premier business travel and corporate meetings organization. LABTA represents more than 250 business travel professions including corporate and government travel, meeting managers, and travel service providers in five counties in Southern California. They collectively manage and direct millions of dollars of global business travel and meeting expenditures annually on behalf of thousands of business travelers within their organizations. For more information, visit www.labta.org

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