

COVID-19: Survival and Revival

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About this session: This week we'll hear from Bill Wyatt, Executive Director of the Salt Lake City Department of Aviation, who will discuss the challenges of building a new airport in the middle of a pandemic. How SLC has addressed concessions offerings in the new facility and the innovative approach SLC took to help concessions partners with capital financing assistance for stores and restaurants will be among the topics he'll cover, as well as the outlook for recovery for SLC and the aviation industry.

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Bill Wyatt Executive Director Salt Lake City Department of Airports

Bill Wyatt began serving as the Executive Director of the Salt Lake City Department of Airports (SLCDA) in November 2017. The SLCDA operates Salt Lake City International Airport and two reliever airports, South Valley Regional Airport and Tooele Valley Airport. Previously, Wyatt spent 16 years as the Executive Director of the Port of Portland where he oversaw four marine terminals, two general aviation airports and Portland International Airport (PDX).

Prior to his appointment as the Port's Executive Director, Wyatt served as Chief of Staff to former Oregon Governor John A. Kitzhaber for seven years, preceded by six years as President of the Oregon Business Council, and five years as Executive Director of the Association for Portland Progress, then, Portland's downtown development association. Wyatt served as a state representative from the Astoria, Oregon area from 1974 through 1977.