

COVID-19: Survival and Revival

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About this Session: This week we welcome industry veteran Mookie Patel, Chief Revenue and Finance Officer of Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. Mookie's broad experience in the aviation industry at airports, airlines, and consulting arena gives us a unique look at the issues facing our individual and collective businesses. He will speak to the effect of the pandemic on the current industry business model and changes that may be necessary to add resiliency and sustainability for all stakeholders in the aviation ecosystem.



Mukesh (Mookie) Patel

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Mookie is an experienced aviation professional with 27 years of combined airport, airline and consulting experience. After earning a BS in Aviation Management from Oklahoma State University, he began his career at Kansas City International Airport as a property manager. His experience includes; capital program budget management for construction of Terminal 1 at JFK and International Terminal Building at SFO as a consultant at Av Air Pros, five years as an Airport Planner and Technology consultant and a decade working for Alaska Airlines in Seattle as a Corporate Real Estate/Airport Affairs Manager.

More recently, Mookie was the Senior Vice President for Airline and Commercial Affairs at Denver International Airport and was key in attaining stakeholder support for the 39 gate expansion project and also administering the opening of the new Westin Hotel. He also provided staff augmentation services to Alaska Airlines during the Alaska/Virgin merger on real estate transaction matters.

Mookie was hired in October 2017 as the Chief Aviation Administration Officer for the City of San Antonio Aviation Department. His responsibilities included fiscal administration, technology, properties, concessions, procurement and the Small/Minority-Owned Business office.

Mookie joined Austin-Bergstrom International Airport as the Airport Chief Revenue and Finance Officer in summer 2020. Since joining, he has taken on similar responsibilities, including oversight of the City's finance and properties functions. He is a passionate leader and always looking for ways to connect with his LinkedIn followers.

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