

## COVID-19: Survival and Revival

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**About this Session:** This week we will be joined by two legislative experts, Brian Bell, Counsel to the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Sam Whitehorn, Co-founder and Principal of Elevate Government Affairs. They will discuss congressional efforts to address COVID-19 impacts on aviation and the prospects for assistance and relief for airlines, airports and concessionaires. The conversation will also focus on the legislative process and how concessionaires and the aviation community can be most effective advocating for the industry's survival.

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**Brian Bell**

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**U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**

Brian Bell is Counsel for the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation, where he is responsible for advising T&I Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Aviation Subcommittee Chairman Rick Larsen (D-WA) on a wide-ranging set of issues regarding civil aviation, including airport infrastructure and operations, disadvantaged business enterprises, environmental issues, consumer issues, and aviation workforce issues, among other things. Previously, he was the Director of Federal Relations/Legislative Analyst for Jacobs, formerly CH2M, an engineering, design and architecture firm. Prior to his work for CH2M, Brian served nearly four years on Capitol Hill, where he worked on an array of legislative issues including transportation, water, energy and appropriations for multiple Members of Congress.



**Sam Whitehorn**

*Co-founder and Principal*

**Elevate Government Affairs**

Sam has spent his more than 30-year career addressing tough legal and policy issues. He has been deeply involved in infrastructure, transportation and technology sectors and their intersection for years. Sam has held key positions on the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (Senior Counsel to the Aviation Subcommittee, Deputy Staff Director and General Counsel, and briefly, Staff Director) under Chairmen Hollings (D-SC), Rockefeller (D-WV) and Inouye (D-HI). Prior to his time on Capitol Hill, Sam was Senior Attorney at the U.S. Department of Transportation General Counsel's office, focusing on motor carrier safety and aviation issues.