

# COVID-19: Survival and Revival

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**About this Session:** Brian Bell, Counsel to the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, returns to discuss the federal relief programs that are providing airport grants and MAG/rent relief for airport concessions, and the prospects for the Biden Administration’s infrastructure proposal—the American Jobs Plan. The T&I Committee, chaired by long-time aviation ally Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR), is the lead committee for aviation, airport and transportation legislation, programs and oversight in Congress. The Committee will play a major role in shaping the infrastructure bill and airport funding initiatives. Brian will discuss what it means for airports, concessionaires and ACDBEs and what we can expect from Congress in the months ahead to help the aviation industry, airports and concessionaires recover from the pandemic and return to a growth trajectory.



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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.

Brian received his bachelor’s degree in Government & Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park and his law degree from Washington & Lee School of Law. He has been admitted to practice law in the state of Maryland.