

# DIRECTORS REPORT



# ATC Shortages

- **Delays and cancellations**
  - July 23, 2025 (US Air Travel)
    - 6,307 delays
    - 129 cancellations
  - Weather and equipment outages
- **FAA reports a shortfall of over 3,000 controllers nationwide**
  - COVID – disrupted training at the FAA Academy
  - Retirement (56, 61 with exceptional skills)
  - Must be under 30 to be eligible
  - Schedule conflicts (sick and vacation leave)
- **FAA's Response**
  - \$12 Billion to begin modernization efforts
    - Full transition 2038
  - \$12.5 Million to hire new controllers
  - Additional funding for contract tower upgrades

