

MODERN SKIES ACT

Fixing Air Travel Once & For All



PRESIDENT TRUMP & SECRETARY DUFFY HAVE MADE INCREDIBLE PROGRESS IN TRANSFORMING AMERICA'S SKIES.



BRAND-NEW AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM

Thanks to the Working Families Tax Cut, the Department is deploying \$12.5B at the Speed of Trump—upgrading telecommunications lines, installing new radios and radars, and transitioning to electronic flight strips. This historic deployment is set to be completed by the end of 2028, **with all 13 modernization workstreams on track.**



SMART LAUNCH

Last week, Secretary Duffy launched SMART—a cutting-edge air traffic control management tool that centralizes 200 data streams to produce recommendations that will unlock airspace capacity and modernize flight scheduling. SMART's AI-powered engine creates a visualization of flight paths, air space capacity, and forecasts weather or congestion before delays happen.

While these long overdue gains are essential to the safety of the flying public and the efficiency of the air space, fully fixing the state of America's air travel requires additional investment.

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Senator Eric Schmitt (R-MO)'s Modern Skies Act will invest \$30 billion to modernize the digital architecture powering air traffic control, replace crumbling infrastructure, and build world-class airports across the country. This critical funding will finish air traffic control modernization, fix the flying experience for the traveling public, and generate trillions in economic opportunity.



**COMPLETE A
RELIABLE DIGITAL
ARCHITECTURE
(\$10B)**



**OVERHAUL
OUTDATED
INFRASTRUCTURE
(\$10B)**



**BUILD WORLD-
CLASS AIRPORTS
(\$10B)**

MODERN SKIES ACT BREAKDOWN



\$10 Billion to Complete a Reliable Digital Architecture

Upgrades air traffic controller safety separation tools (CAP), builds a more resilient telecommunications system that powers air traffic control (FENS), unlocks airspace capacity with state-of-the-art air traffic flow management technology (FMDS), and expands SMART data capabilities.

- \$300 million: Consolidate terminal air traffic control facilities
- \$7.2 billion: Update digital safety tools controllers use to keep planes separated
- \$2 billion: Overhaul data architecture to have more data bandwidth, enhanced cybersecurity and resiliency
- \$600 million: Fully deploy SMART and FMDS

\$10 Billion to Overhaul Outdated Airport Infrastructure

Replaces decaying control towers, airport facilities, and runways with state-of-the-art infrastructure. At current funding levels, replacing FAA-owned aging towers would take 300 years. This legislation will eliminate the bottleneck to deliver safer, modern facilities for workers and passengers at the Speed of Trump.

- \$2 billion: Construct, replace, and improve FAA-owned towers
- \$3 billion: Airport Improvement Program discretionary grants
- \$5 billion: Airport Terminal Program discretionary grants

\$10 Billion to Build World-Class Airports

Establishes a new pilot grant program for new terminals, capacity upgrades, and cargo expansions at transitional hubs, which lack access to capital but service between 5 million and 25 million passengers annually. By absorbing connecting traffic, these vital hubs relieve congestion at major airports, anchor regional supply chains, and deliver a superior passenger experience.

Transfer Authority to Implement the Brand-New Air Traffic Control System

Transfers authority for the \$12.5 billion secured in the Working Families Tax Cut Act by President Trump and Republicans in Congress like Senator Schmitt. This flexibility empowers the FAA to continue its rapid deployment of modern equipment and achieve full modernization by the end of 2028.