

## CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS REQUEST

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL AND TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE (NACTTI)

## **BACKGROUND**

The NACTTI's mission is to advise the Secretary of Transportation on current and emerging priorities, issues, projects, and funding needs related to the intermodal transportation network that facilitates travel and tourism (additional information on the NACTTI's roles, charter, and current membership).

The DOT tasked the NACTTI with providing a report to the Secretary that contains a list of critical infrastructure improvements that will alleviate significant congestion problems in major transportation facilities and corridors. The DOT requested that the report discuss, among other things, how the NACTTI defines "critical infrastructure," what information is used to identify improvements to critical infrastructure, and what criteria is used to rank which critical infrastructure needs the most to least improvements. The DOT will use this project list in the development of its National Travel Infrastructure Strategic Plan, as required under the FAST Act (Pub. L. No. 114-94).

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The NACTTI asked U.S. Travel to help compile a list of critical travel infrastructure projects for consideration. To be considered, the project submissions should meet the NACTTI's definition of "critical infrastructure" and provide as much information as possible in the following areas:

- Project location;
- Project sponsor;
- Project description;
- Estimated total federal, state, local and private sector investment;
- Current status and estimated date for start of construction and completion;
- Explanation of how the project meets the NACTTI's definition of "critical infrastructure" for travel and tourism;
- Description of any federal barriers (e.g. financial, regulatory, legislative etc.) to completing the project; and
- Estimate of direct and indirect job creation, if known.

## **DEFINITION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

The NACTTI established the following definition for "critical infrastructure":

"Critical Infrastructure" consists of the fixed installations, including but not limited to roads, railways, airways, waterways, and terminals such as airports, railway stations, bus stations and seaports, that enable long-haul travel mobility to and within the United States. These systems and assets, whether physical or virtual are so vital to the largescale movement of people that the incapacity, inefficiency or absence of such systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on travel and tourism and have an adverse effect on security, safety, economic growth, or any combination of those matters. When determining if systems or assets qualify as Critical Travel Infrastructure, consideration should be given to alleviating congestion and accommodating future growth along major corridors for long-haul travel (surface, air, rail) and enhancing connectivity, reliability, efficiency, technology, safety and security between modes and to major destinations and tourism assets (AV's, TNC's, transit).

Please submit your project suggestions using the <u>online survey link</u> provided by close of business, Friday, November 9, 2018.

Questions? please contact Erik Hansen, VP, Domestic Policy, ehansen@ustravel.org.