# FAA PRIORITIES AND FUNDING OVERVIEW

To: Transportation Research Board Executive Committee

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### The FAA's Role

**Mission:** to provide the safest, most efficient aerospace system in the world.

- >We *operate* the U.S. air traffic control system.
- >We *regulate* through safety standards and rules for aircraft and flight crews.
- >We **fund** air traffic control infrastructure, airports, and research and development.

# The FAA's Strategic Priorities

- Make aviation safer and smarter.
- Deliver benefits through technology and infrastructure.
- > Enhance global leadership.
- > Empower the FAA's workforce to innovate.

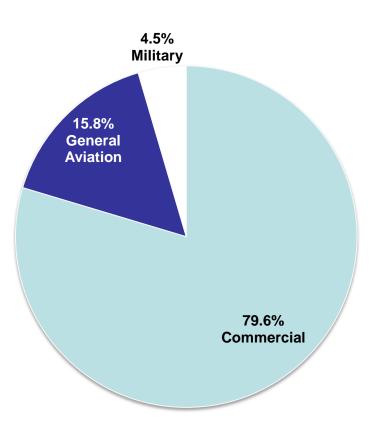
# **Operators in the Airspace System**

#### Activity at Airports with Air Traffic Control

# 5.1% Military 43.2% Commercial 51.7% General Aviation

Year: 2012
Source: FAA Air Traffic Activity

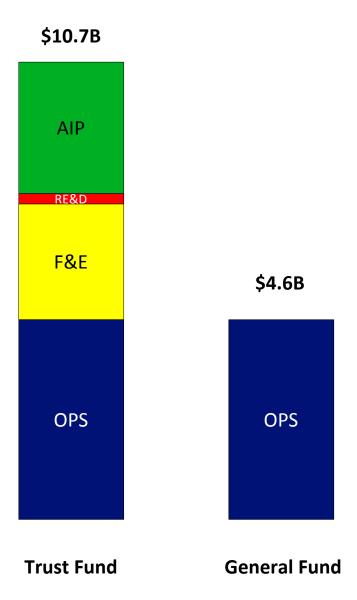
#### En route Air Traffic



# **FAA Funding**

- > FY13 ~ \$15.3 Billion\*
- Trust Fund ~ \$10.7 Billion (70%)
- General Fund ~ \$4.6 Billion (30%)

**Note:** By law RE&D, F&E, and AIP must be funded by the Trust Fund with a portion of Operations funded up to the annual trust fund limit. The rest of Operations must be funded from the General Fund.



<sup>\*</sup>Funding at post sequester levels

## FAA's Financial Allocation (FY13)

Operations \$9.4 Billion

Facilities & Equipment \$2.6 Billion

Research, Engineering \$159 Million

& Development

Airport Improvement Program \$3.35 Billion\*

<sup>\*</sup>Includes \$247.2 million and \$5.8 million transferred into Ops and F&E account.

## **Sources of Trust Fund Revenue**

Tax Type	2012 %
Transport of persons by air  ■Domestic ticket tax (7.5% of ticket price  ■Domestic flight segment tax (\$3.80/segment)	70%
Use of international air facilities tax (\$16.70 per arrival/departure; \$8.40 for departures from AK and HI	22%
Transport of property by air (6.25% of amount paid for transport).	4%
Noncommercial aviation fuel  Aviation gasoline (19.3 cents/gal)  Other Aviation fuel (21.8 cents/gal)  Fractional ownership (14.1 cents/gal)	3%
Commercial aviation fuel (4.3 cents/gal)	1%

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