



Congressman Doggett Visits AUS

U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett (Texas-35), along with his District Director Jocelyn Tau recently visited NATCA members at Austin-Bergstrom (AUS) for the first time. AUS member Blake Futrell organized and executed the facility tour, with Southwest Region Legislative Representative Corey Soignet (IAH) also helping facilitate the visit.



Futrell and Soignet took the congressman's group to the TRACON where they showed them the airspace and answered questions they had about how radar operations work. Rep. Doggett asked questions about AUS's current procedures and what changes we were working on with the growth of the Austin area.

Futrell and Soignet also took the visitors to the tower where they explained the airport expansion plan, including how the plan will provide a much needed 3rd runway and a second main terminal. Rep. Doggett asked questions about what things we needed that he could be of assistance with, and Futrell and Soignet explained some of NATCA's current priorities such as increased staffing.

Rep. Doggett and Tau were interested in hearing more about how the growth of the area is affecting us. The congressman and his District Director want to have another meeting to look over data and allow AUS facility members to explain to them in more detail the current state of affairs.

Plan to Watch the CFS 2022 Video Stream

For those unable to attend the Communicating For Safety (CFS) Conference in-person in Las Vegas this year, NATCA plans to live stream the entire program on the natca.org public website from Monday, Sept. 12 through Wednesday, Sept. 14. On the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 14, NATCA also will live stream the Archie League Medal of Safety Awards. More details to come, but plan to watch today!



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from Sept. 12-14, 2022.**

Union Spotlight: AFL-CIO Affiliate Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET)

NATCA continues to highlight our union sisters and brothers in AFL-CIO affiliated unions. Today we thank and recognize our siblings of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET), who will celebrate the union's 160th anniversary next year and are the oldest labor union in North America.

BLET represents union members who work as locomotive engineers, conductors, brakemen, firemen, switchmen, hostlers and other train service employees on numerous railroads in the United States. The BLET's total membership is more than 57,000. In January, BLET joined the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), America's largest coalition of transportation labor unions.

Learn more about the history of BLET [here](#).

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