U.S. airlines invested more than $17.5 billion in 2016 in enhancing the customer experience — THAT IS MORE THAN $20 PER PASSENGER

- Better cabin experience with larger overhead bins for luggage and lie-flat seating in business class
- More USB power access, better wifi and inflight entertainment
- Locally sourced food and fan-favorite meals, new wine and craft beer options
- Expanded route network with greater scope and frequency and larger planes
- Continued rollout of advanced smartphone apps and faster check-in kiosks
- Innovative security lanes move passengers through security faster and more efficiently
- Improved baggage systems
- Renewing fleets with plans to buy more than 1,300 new planes, boosting operational reliability and environmental performance

Source: Airlines for America research and company SEC filings
INVESTING IN OUR EMPLOYEES

U.S. airlines have regained profitability in recent years, enabling us to hire more people into highly skilled jobs with good wages that exceed the national average by 38 percent.

**Airline job growth** is exceeding the U.S. average.

![Graph showing year-over-year percent change in U.S. Nonfarm Jobs and U.S. Passenger Airlines (FTEs) from 2013 to 2016. Opportunities have been steadily rising since 2013.]

U.S. passenger airline employees earn 38 percent higher wages than the average private sector employee.

![Bar chart showing wages for Private Sector Employees and U.S. Passenger Airline Employees from 2005 to 2015. Wages for U.S. Passenger Airline Employees have increased significantly from $44,629 in 2005 to $80,935 in 2015.]

Commercial aviation supports over 10 million U.S. jobs. That is roughly 1 in 14 U.S. jobs supported by the industry.

**Sources:**
Airlines and travelers are the primary contributors to airport funding.

Airports have exemplary credit ratings and large cash reserves, which enable them to easily access the bond market to fund capital projects. In fact, over $100 billion of capital projects have been completed, are underway or approved at the nation’s 30 largest airports alone since 2008. No needed airport project has gone unfunded—the current balanced funding approach works well and does not require additional tax burdens on the consumer.