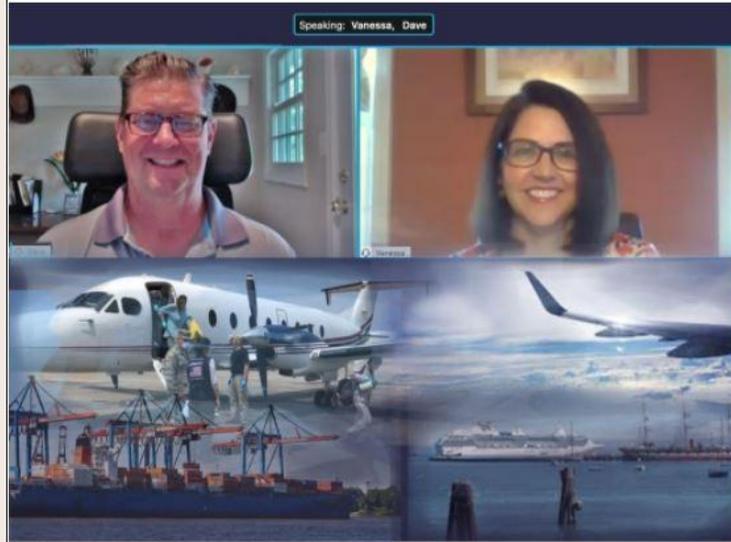




GEAR up for Economic Recovery



Why is restoring international transportation and travel important to post-pandemic economic recovery?

VANESSA: Transportation is integral to our economic recovery. The restoration of the movement of people and goods is vital to normalizing economic activity. International transportation linkages allow U.S. businesses to get their goods to global markets, foreign investors to invest in the United States, and tourists to come here to spend their money. All of which translate into economic opportunity and U.S. jobs. The tourism sector alone represents 3.1 million U.S. jobs.

What role do health safety rules play in safely reopening international transportation networks?

DAVID: People are less likely even to start their journey if they do not feel safe transiting an airport or sitting on a plane. Health safety rules protect passengers and give them the confidence to travel. These rules also ensure that goods coming in and out of the United States are handled safely. Ideally, the set of rules in one country would be the same or at least compatible and adhering to a common set of principles with a partner country. The State Department works with other transportation regulators, health agencies, and border officials in the United States and with counterparts internationally to develop a set of science-based health safety rules implemented to restore confidence in international transportation.



What are your offices doing to revive international transportation?

VANESSA: Working with the Department of Transportation and our G7 partners, we collectively released the **High-Level Transportation Principles**:

<https://www.state.gov/g7-high-level-transportation-principles-in-response-to-covid-19/>.

The Principles address ways to restore global confidence in our interconnected air, sea, and land transport systems through close cooperation between governments, industry, and international organizations.

DAVID: We also focus on the issue of aviation and maritime crews who are vital to the movement of people and goods. These essential workers must be able to freely and safely carry out their work to restart global transportation and keep goods flowing in the global economy.

