



2025 WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE REGIONAL AIR PASSENGER SURVEY

Status Update

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Current Project Status

- Due to the federal government shutdown, the 2025 Washington-Baltimore Regional Air Passenger Survey was postponed to spring 2026. COG requested additional funding from airport partners to rebadge and rehire survey field staff.
- The badging process is currently underway at the three airports (BWI, DCA, and IAD) for COG staff, as well as for survey contractor and subcontractor staff (ICF and Ebony) who require rebadging.
- In coordination with ICF, COG staff finalized the web-based survey instrument and a dashboard for tracking surveyed flights.
- COG staff are updating the program used to select sampled flights using the spring 2026 flight data obtained from the airports.
- COG staff are coordinating with airport partners to secure badges, airport secure rooms, official airport letters/bulletins, and parking passes.

List of Tasks

- **Task 1:** Badging Process
- **Task 2:** Presentation to Airports
- **Task 3:** Web-Based Survey and Printed Materials
- **Task 4:** Administration, Staffing and Security Procedures
- **Task 5:** Preparation for Survey Implementation
- **Task 6:** Conduct Survey Field Collection



Task Description

- **Task 1: Badging Process – In Progress**
 - BWI: Badges expire on the badge holder's birthday: COG staff and PMs from ICF and Ebony are badged; those with birthdays occurring before the survey fielding period must be rebadged.
 - DCA: All previous badges were returned, and all staff must be rebadged. Certified officials from the three companies have started the badging process.
 - IAD: All certified officials for the three companies are badged.
- **Task 2: Presentation to Airports – Completed in Fall 2025**
 - COG staff presented at airport management and tenant meetings in September 2025 prior to the originally scheduled start of the survey. Airport partners indicated that additional briefing presentations were not necessary.
- **Task 3: Web-Based Survey and Printed Materials – Questionnaire and Dashboard Completed, Printed Materials In Progress**
 - In coordination with the survey contractor, COG staff finalized the survey instrument and the dashboard.



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- **Task 4: Administration, Staffing and Security Procedures – In Progress**
 - ICF staff are working with Ebony staff to oversee the hiring of data collectors, prepare training materials, and manage the scheduling and implementation of survey activities across the three airports.
 - COG staff will coordinate with airport partners to secure rooms, official airport letters and bulletins, and parking passes for survey field staff.
- **Task 5: Preparation for Survey Implementation – In Progress**
 - Final testing of the survey instrument, online dashboard, and on-site training will be completed prior to survey launch.
 - On-site training will be conducted one week prior to survey field collection.
- **Task 6: Conduct Survey Field Collection – Spring 2026**
 - Under the supervision of COG and ICF staff, Ebony staff will conduct survey field collection over 14 days concurrently at the three airports, followed by a 7-day resurvey period.



Request to Airports - Update

- Badging Process

- DCA: COG staff and contractor sponsorship process ongoing
- IAD: COG staff and contractor sponsorship process ongoing
- BWI: COG staff badging process ongoing
Contractor sponsorship process ongoing

- Airport Room

- DCA: In coordination
- IAD: In coordination
- BWI: In coordination

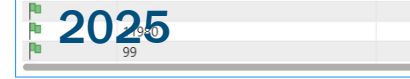
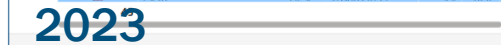
- Airport Official Letters

- Ideally issued in the weeks prior to the start of the survey

- Parking Passes - By Airport

- BWI: Arranged
- DCA/IAD: by airport
 - On-Site Training: 15 parking passes
 - Data Collection Period: 315 Parking Passes (21 per day)
 - Resurvey Period: 147 Parking Passes (21 per day)





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