



Completing Our Work

DEVELOPING VISION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOCC

(DRAFT)



3 STEPS TOWARD OUR BOCC RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Identify *Key Community Values* that Apply to Our Airport

2. Express Values as *Directions and Goals*

July Continuum Exercises: Commercial Enplanements, Air Quality, Noise

Future Goal Setting: Commercial Service Range, GA Operations, User Experience, Ground Connectivity, Architecture & Design

3. Use Goals to Guide *Specific Airport Recommendations*

POSSIBLE OUTLINE OF OUR FINAL REPORT

1. Goal of This Report
2. Community Values
3. High Level Airport Planning Goals
4. Core Findings
5. Strategic Questions and Recommendations
6. *Living with Uncertainty: Future Reassessments*

Appendix

SECTION 1: GOAL OF OUR REPORT

Offer recommendations for a new airport that reflects and balances our community character, our quality of life, and our economic vitality over the next 30 years

SECTION 2: COMMUNITY VALUES

Present Community Values Identified in April 29 Meeting

ASE COMMUNITY VALUES SUMMARY

- **Safety in the Air and on the Ground**
- **Adaptable, Flexible, Future-Proof**
- **Environmental Responsibility**
- **Community Character – Reflect local culture and values**
- **Economic Vitality**
- **Warm and Welcoming**
- **Design Excellence**
- **Efficiency – an airport that works well**
- **Preserve High Quality of Life**
- **Convenient and Easy Ground Transportation**

SECTION 3: HIGH LEVEL AIRPORT PLANNING GOALS

- Commercial Enplanements: Limited Growth (~.8%)
- CO2 and *Other* Air Pollution: Substantial Reduction (30%)
- Noise: Substantial Reduction (30%)

SECTION 4: CORE FINDINGS

Findings of Fact (examples)

- CRJ-700 last delivered in North America in 2011
- Some pilot surveys name Aspen “most challenging commercial airport in U.S.”

Findings related to community and quality of life

- Community Character preamble (Sept. presentation)
- Airport essential to our economy

SECTION 5: STRATEGIC QUESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations:

- A. Relatively easy ones
- B. Issues not discussed in the Working Groups?
- C. Requiring additional thought and discussion

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A. Easy Recommendations

- Move transportation closer to the terminal
- Tell story of Aspen in Terminal
- Use geothermal, LED lighting and solar energy in the terminal
- Measurement methodologies

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B. Not fully discussed in working groups?

- Growth in enplanements VS Growth in operations

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C. Requiring additional thought and discussion

- If jetways exist, make them open air?
- How will a new airport be phased?
- What design group achieves our goals?

SECTION 6: LIVING WITH UNCERTAINTY

The need for future reassessments

Changing and unpredictable future technologies

- How could disruptive technologies influence phasing and future course corrections?

EXAMPLE OF UNCERTAINTY

**“Bell and Hyundai Soar
Into the Air Taxi Race”**

**“Helicopter maker and global
manufacturing giant unveil
concept for flying urban mobility”**

– Wired, January 7, 2020



APPENDICES

How Work Was Conducted

- Invitation from Pitkin County Commissioners
- Participants & Working Groups
- Meetings held and data gathered throughout 2019
- Presenters

Final Working Group Reports

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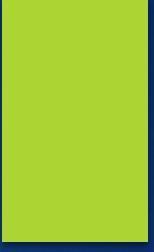
PROPOSED VISION COMMITTEE METHODOLOGY

- **Informal Work Sessions**
- **Discussion and Listening**
- **Identify Areas of Agreement** (specific issues + groups of issues ... thumb voting)
- **Formal meeting(s) at end to confirm recommendations**

MEETING SCHEDULE

January into February

Thursdays 4-6 PM



An Aspiration...

Focus Our Decision Making
on Community Goals

Not Community Fears

Goals Not Fears...

Obvious Fears

- Loss of Economic Vitality
- Loss of Character & Quality of Life

1995 Argument: Protecting Economy VS
Succumbing to Industrial Tourism

Drumbeat of fear already growing in
newspapers

The Opportunity...

To achieve Major Community Goals

- Safety
- Limited Growth
- Reduced Greenhouse Gas and Other Emissions
- Reduced Noise Pollution

To create a special airport that truly reflects the uniqueness of Aspen & Pitkin County

EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES DOESN'T MEAN GIVING UP DEEPLY HELD VALUES

No one can be forced into a
recommendation they don't believe in

THE STRENGTH OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS



What our County Commissioners really want to know...

How much can we actually agree on?

How close can we get to full or near consensus?



So let the dialogue begin...







Strategic Questions Assigned to Working Groups

FOR REFERENCE

Technical Working Group:

What workable options exist for our future airfield?

- How could the existing or future "fleet mix" meet the air pollution reduction, limited enplanement growth, and noise abatement goals recently established by the ASE Vision process?
- In light of those community goals, what does the future airfield look like in terms of safety and airport design?
- What are the implications of the status quo VS Airport Design Group II VS Airport Design Group D-III)? Could any variations exist within these design groups — such as landing speeds, aircraft weight, etc. — that might help us attain our community goals?
- How could our future airfield be as green and carbon neutral as possible?

Experience Group:

Based on our values, our goal of limited enplanement growth, and our goal to reduce CO2 and other emissions, what would a *warm, welcoming and comfortable* terminal look like?

- How could it best “fit” the community?
- What are our terminal and landside options?
- How could our building size, function, number of gates, etc. best reflect our values, planning directions and goals?

Community Character:

What's the big-picture role of the Airport in our Community?

- How will our future Airport fit the ASE Vision values and the civic goals of the Aspen/Pitkin County community?
- How should these values and goals inform planning for future operations of both General Aviation and Commercial service?

Focus Group:

How can we improve airport connectivity?

- What would more convenient and easy ground transportation to and from the airport look like?
- How can we enhance multi-modal transportation options and create seamless connectivity to transit?
- How does the Airport fit into the broader surface transportation network of Aspen, Pitkin County and the Roaring Fork Valley?

Scheduling:

- **Vision Committee** – August 26
- **Working Groups** – Your facilitator will be reaching out this week to find a meeting time and location that works best for majority of the group before the next All Group Meeting
- **Future All Group Meeting Dates**
September 18 – Aspen Meadows
October 2 – Aspen Meadows
November 13 – Aspen Meadows