



# 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
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## 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%)**
- CO<sub>2</sub> 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

# SECTION 5: STRATEGIC QUESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## 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