Airport Advisory Board

Regular Meeting

February 15, 2024

ASPEN/PITKIN COUNTY AIRPORT

OWNED AND OPERATED BY PITKIN COUNTY

FAA Meeting (January 29, 2024) Recap

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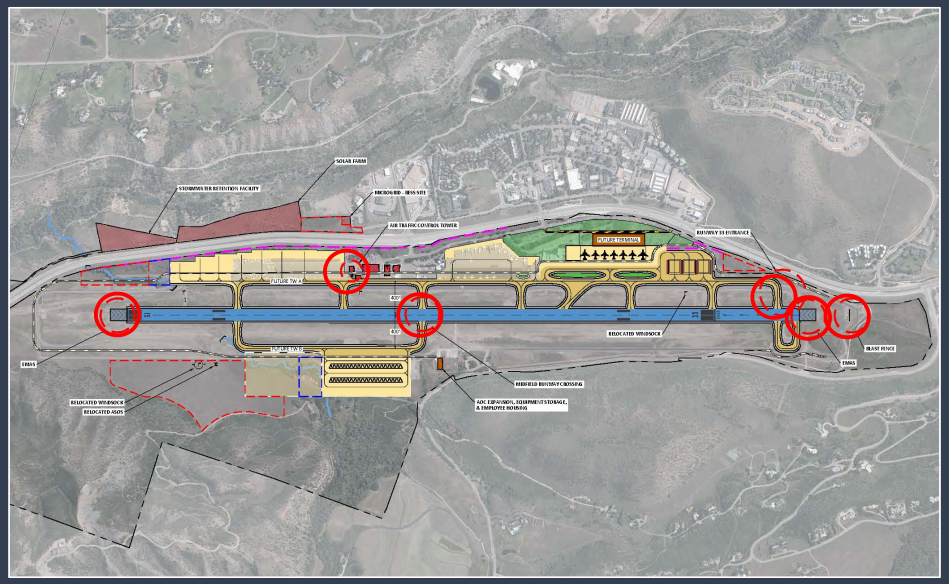
Participants:

County: Jon Peacock, Rich Englehart, Diane Jackson, and Dan Bartholomew
County Consultant: (Jacobsen Daniels): Brad Jacobson and Abe Oommen
FAA: Jon Bauer - FAA DEN ADO Manager, John Sweeny - FAA DEN ADO Lead Airport Planner, Todd Minnich - FAA DEN ADO Airport Engineer, Jesse Lymann - FAA DEN ADO Assistant Manager, Kandice Krull - FAA DEN ADO Environmental Specialist, Kyle Geltoth - ASE ATCT Manager, Logan Schneider - ASE Air Traffic Controller, National Air Traffic Controllers Association representative.

Five Open ALP Issues for FAA:

1. Full length Parallel Taxiway (West Side)
2. Runway Crossings
   - West Side Development
   - Operational and Air Traffic Control Impacts
3. Runway 33 end access
4. Air Traffic Control Tower Relocation
5. EMAS and Blast Fence



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Communications Team Update

Airport Project Coordinator Position Update

AAB Board Reappointments

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Current

- Jacque Francis - Pitkin County
- Meg Haynes - Garfield
- Auden Schendler - Eagle
- Michael Solondz - Pitkin
- Valerie Braun – Eagle (Up for reappointment)
- Bruce Gordon - Pitkin
- Howie Mallory - Pitkin
- Barry Vaughn - Eagle (Now 1st alternate)
- Vacancy – Alt. #2 (Needs to be Pitkin County)*

*Majority of Board must reside in Pitkin County

- Advertised in Monday's Aspen Daily News:
  - 1 regular (Valerie's term expiring April 1, 2024)
  - 1 alternate (2nd) to replace Mike Solondz. that must reside in Pitkin County
- Applications taken until Friday, Feb. 23rd.
  - If no applications have been received, advertise again with another 2 week deadline.
- New and renewal applicants will interview with BoCC (March 6, 12, & 19)
- If no BoCC decision before April 1st, all members remain until a decision
- Very common not to have all decisions ready until the first regular meeting in April (April 10th). However, will work to get a resolution to appoint / reappoint by March 27th.
- Resolution to appoint Michael S. (Replacing Rich Heede) on Feb. 28th BoCC

Security Checkpoint Delays

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Began on January 18th
Caused up to 2-hour TSA screening times/lines

Cause:

- TSA carry-on baggage screening machine malfunctioned
  - One of two at ASE
  - New equipment
    - Limited access to repair technicians (Grand Junction)
    - Limited part availability
  - Limited alternatives (Screening Dogs)
  - Reduced screening capacity to 50%

Additional Factors:

- Occurred during peak season
- Compressed airline operating window
- Undersized Terminal
  - Limited passenger hold space (Pre and Post Security)
  - Need 4 TSA lines… Only room for 2 (Example EGE has 4)

Tenant Employee Parking Blackout Dates

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March 22 – March 27

Due to parking constraints at ASE over the Spring Break holiday, employees are being asked to find alternative means of transportation to the airport during the posted dates. Employee parking passes will be deactivated.

Parking is permitted on the eastern side of the Cell Phone Lot but is only available on a first come, first served basis (see image below). Do not rely on these spaces to be available in the middle of the day. Please make an effort to carpool or utilize the Brush Creek Park & Ride.

- **Parking facilities undersized to meet demand during peak periods**
- Not telling employees that they "Cannot Park" in the lots, just that it will "not be free".
- Is to encourage carpooling and/or alternate/public transportation during the period
- Some parking available at Cell Phone Lot
- More than 30-days advance notice
- Employees have an opportunity to plan ahead… Travelers may not have that option.

Intermodal Grant Discussion

Intermodal Grant Opportunities

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

- Intermodal Facility Project Planning. Planning projects which include:
  - Planning, preparation, or design of eligible surface transportation capital projects that will not result in construction with RAISE FY 2024 funding.
- Amount: $48,000 to $25 million, with most in the $1 million to $5 million range.
- The Merit Criteria:
  - Safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and opportunity, state of good repair, innovation, and partnership and collaboration.
- Deadline Feb 28, 2024

Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program

- A SMART grant may be used to carry out a project that demonstrates at least one of the following:

Joint March AAB-BoCC Meeting

Commercial Passenger Update

ASE January Passenger #'s:

Aspen / Pitkin County Airport (ASE) 2023 YOY Passenger Comparisons											
ASE Total Passengers In & Out											
Month	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	% Chg 2021	% Chg 2022	% Chg 2021	% Chg 2020	% Chg 2019
January	83441	75573	77832	41700	79805	80807	10.4%	7.2%	100.1%	4.6%	3.3%

- **January:** Exceeded last year by 10.4%, marking eight consecutive months in a row of record monthly passenger #'s at ASE.
- **Peak Winter Schedules Start Today, Februarty 15:** A total of 30-37 daily flights are now scheduled from now through April 3, with Delta continuing their peak schedules through April 7, and United continuing their peak schedules through April 8 this year.

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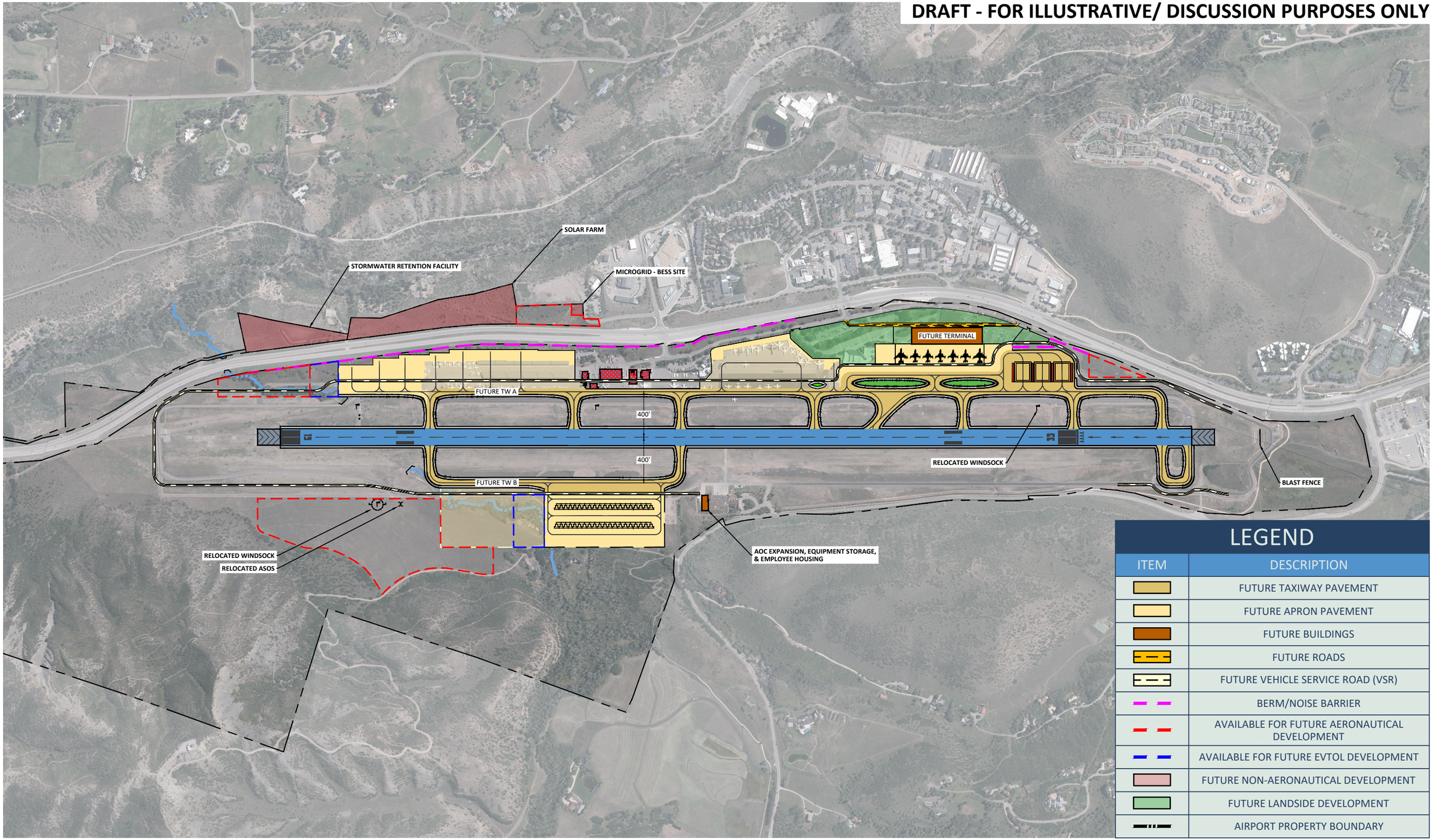

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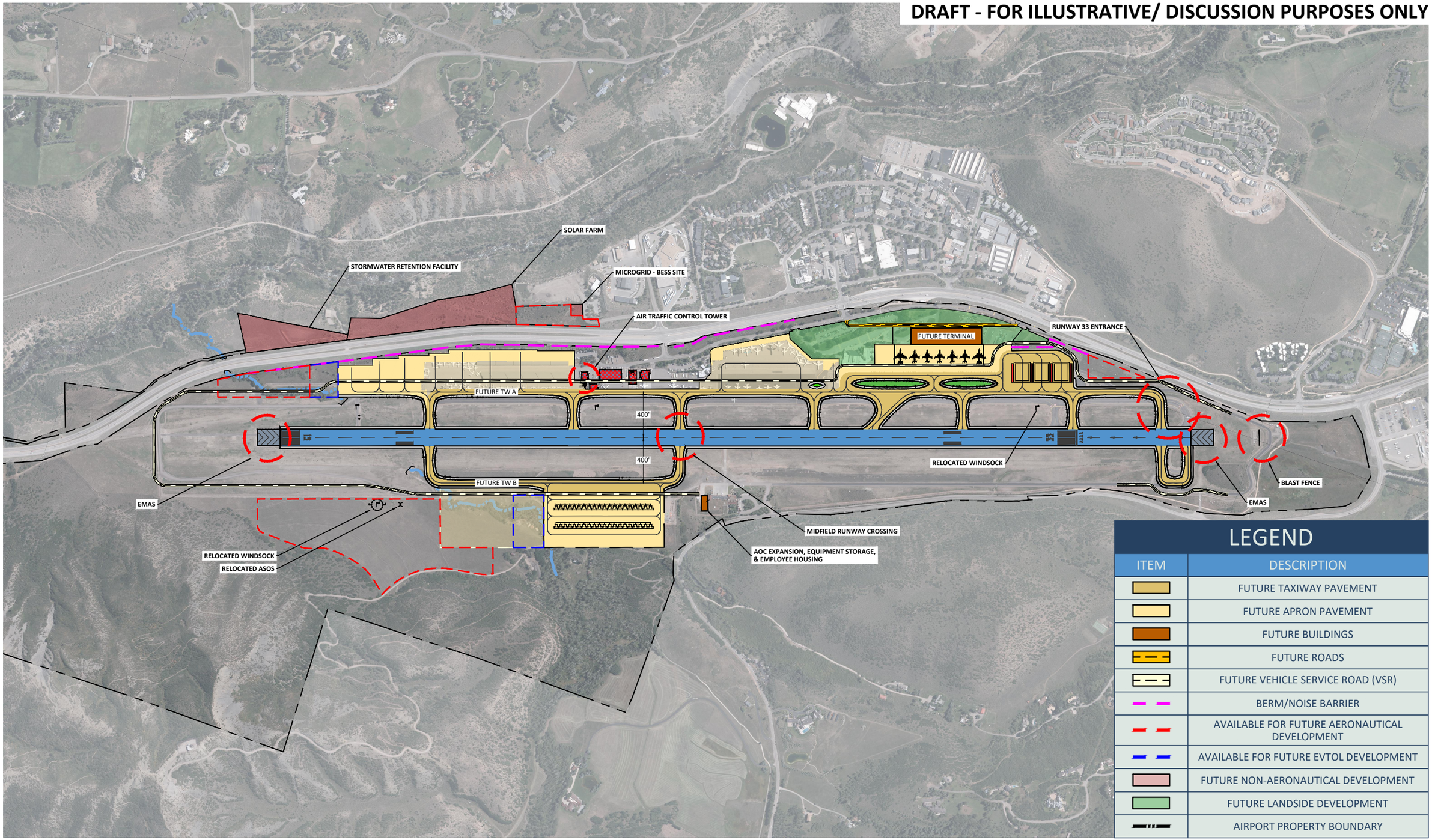

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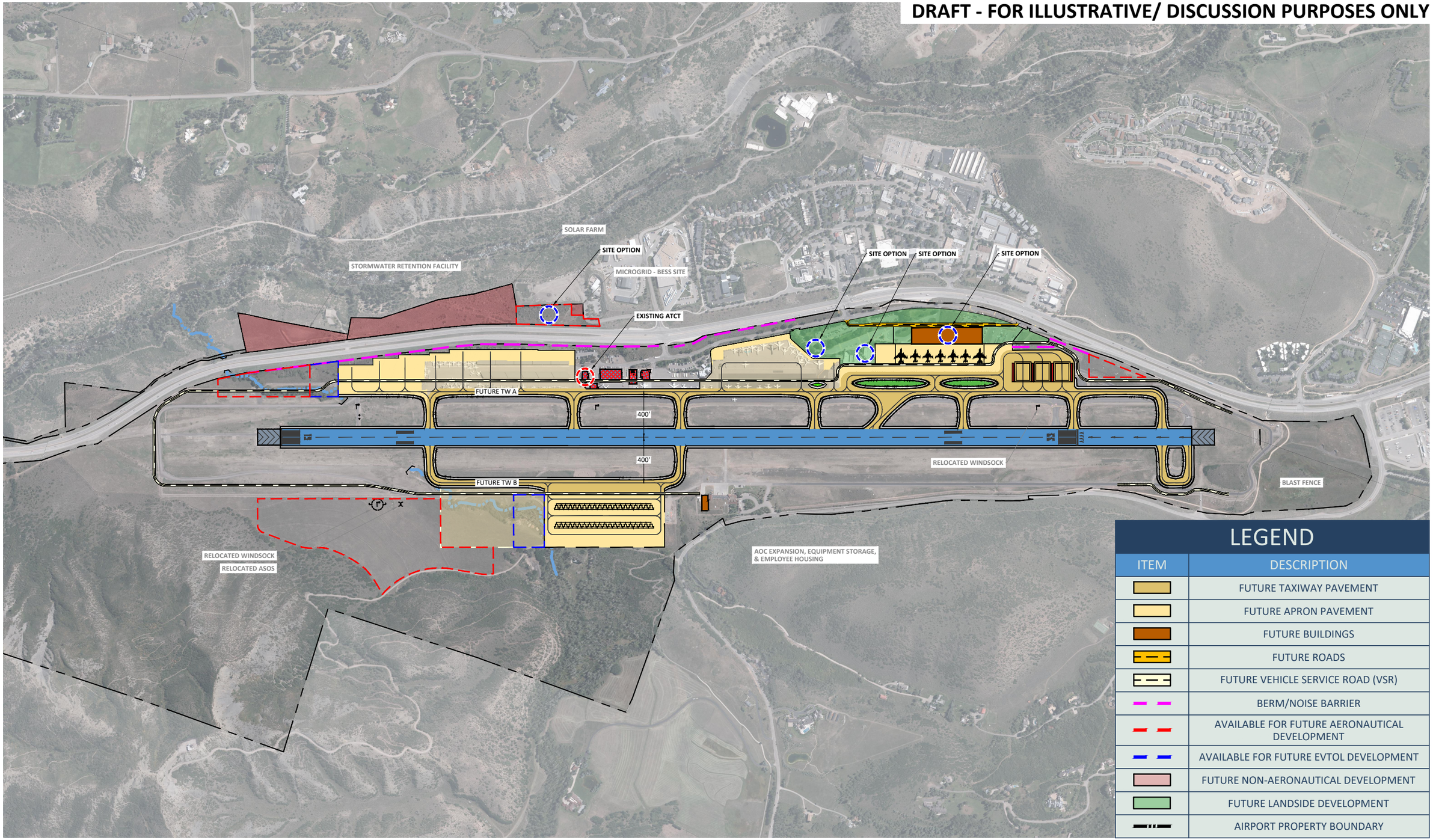

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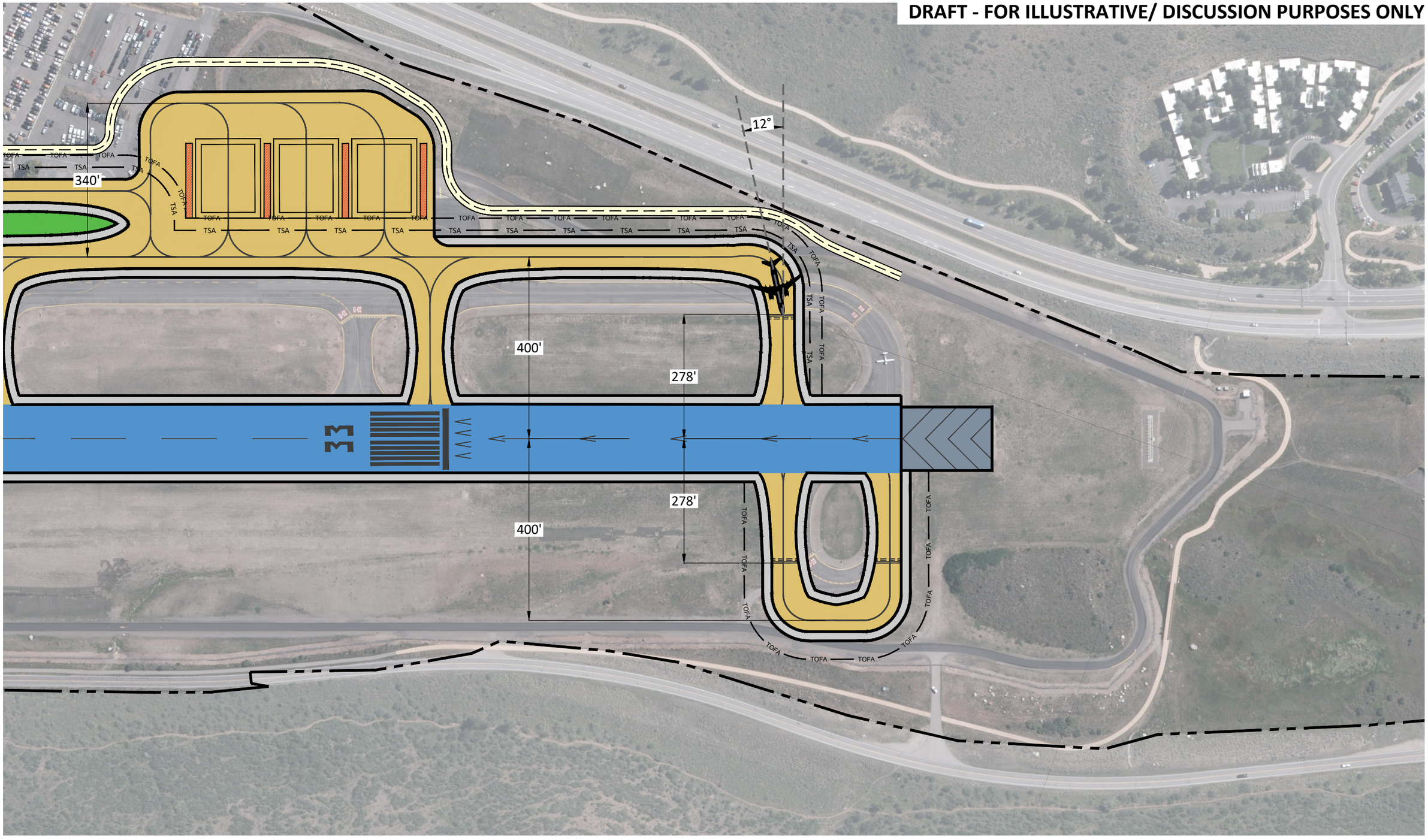

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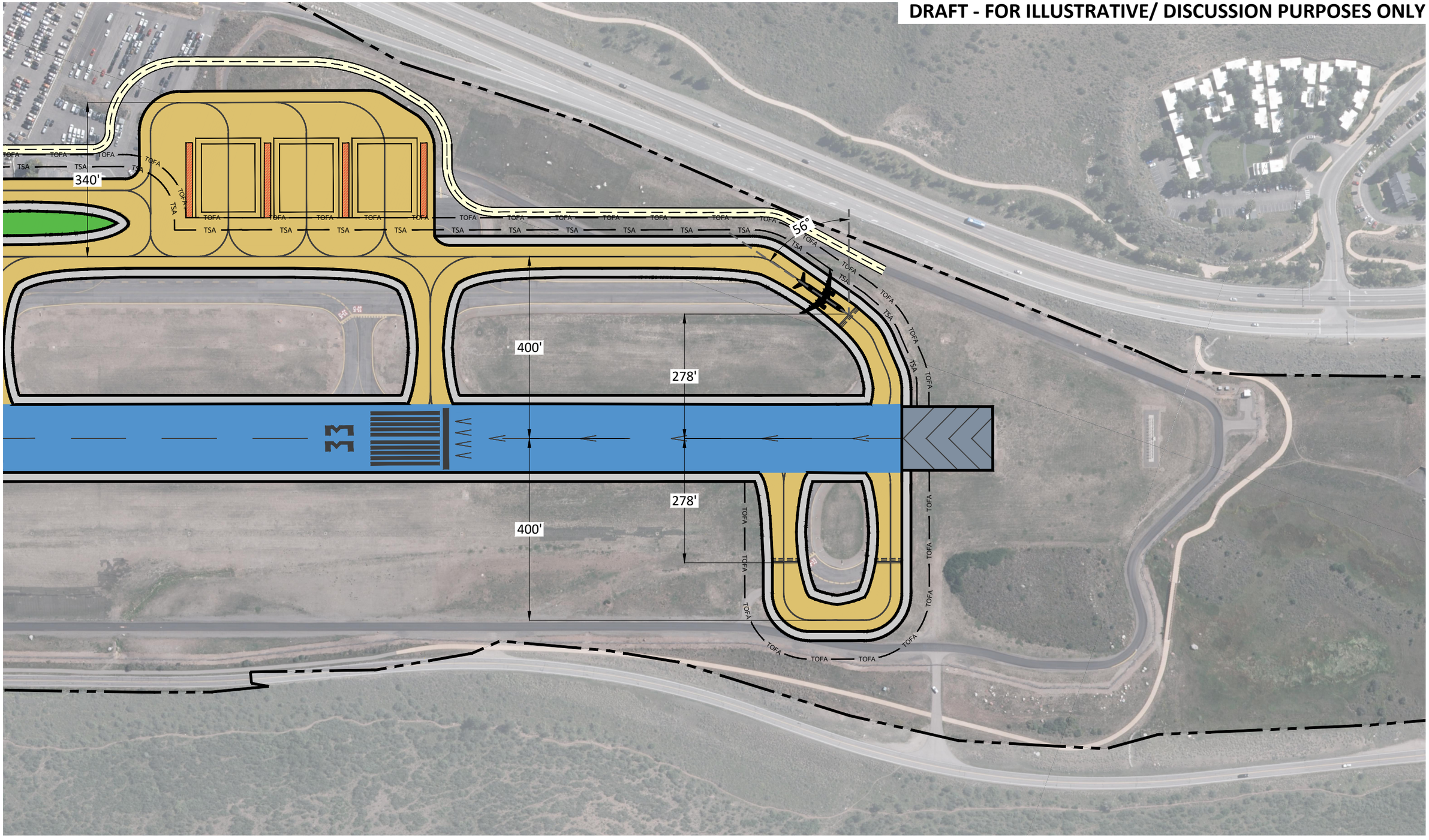

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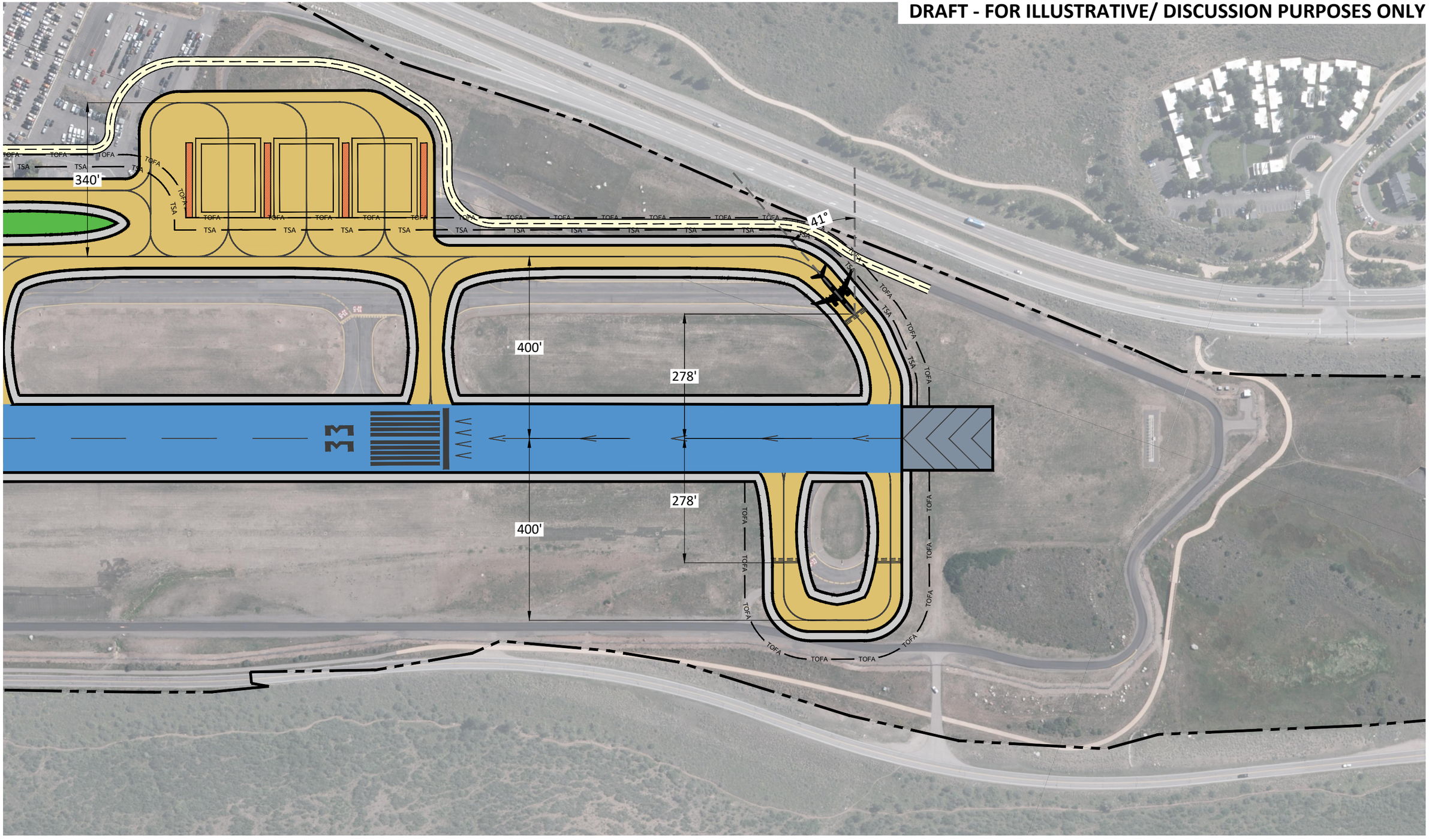

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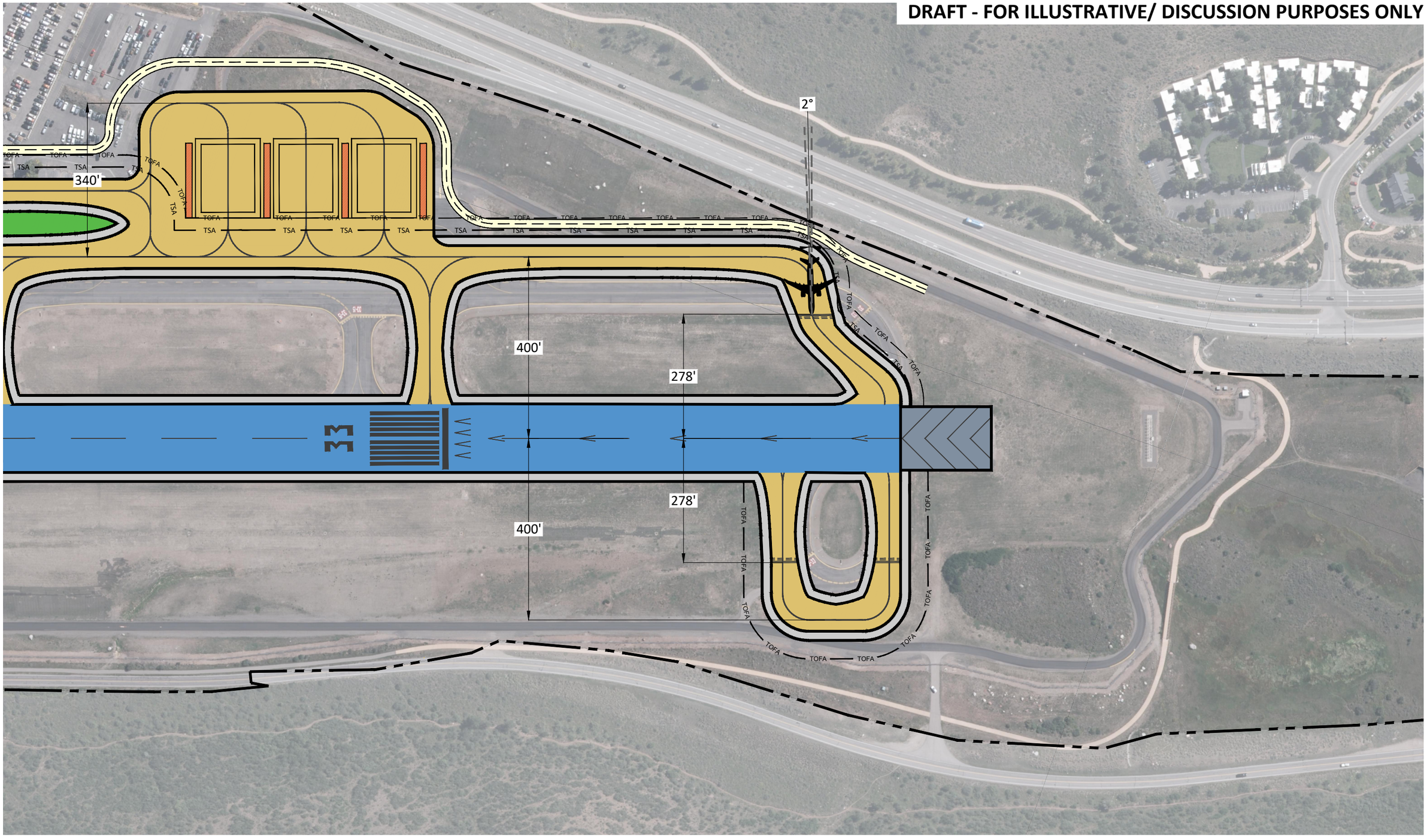

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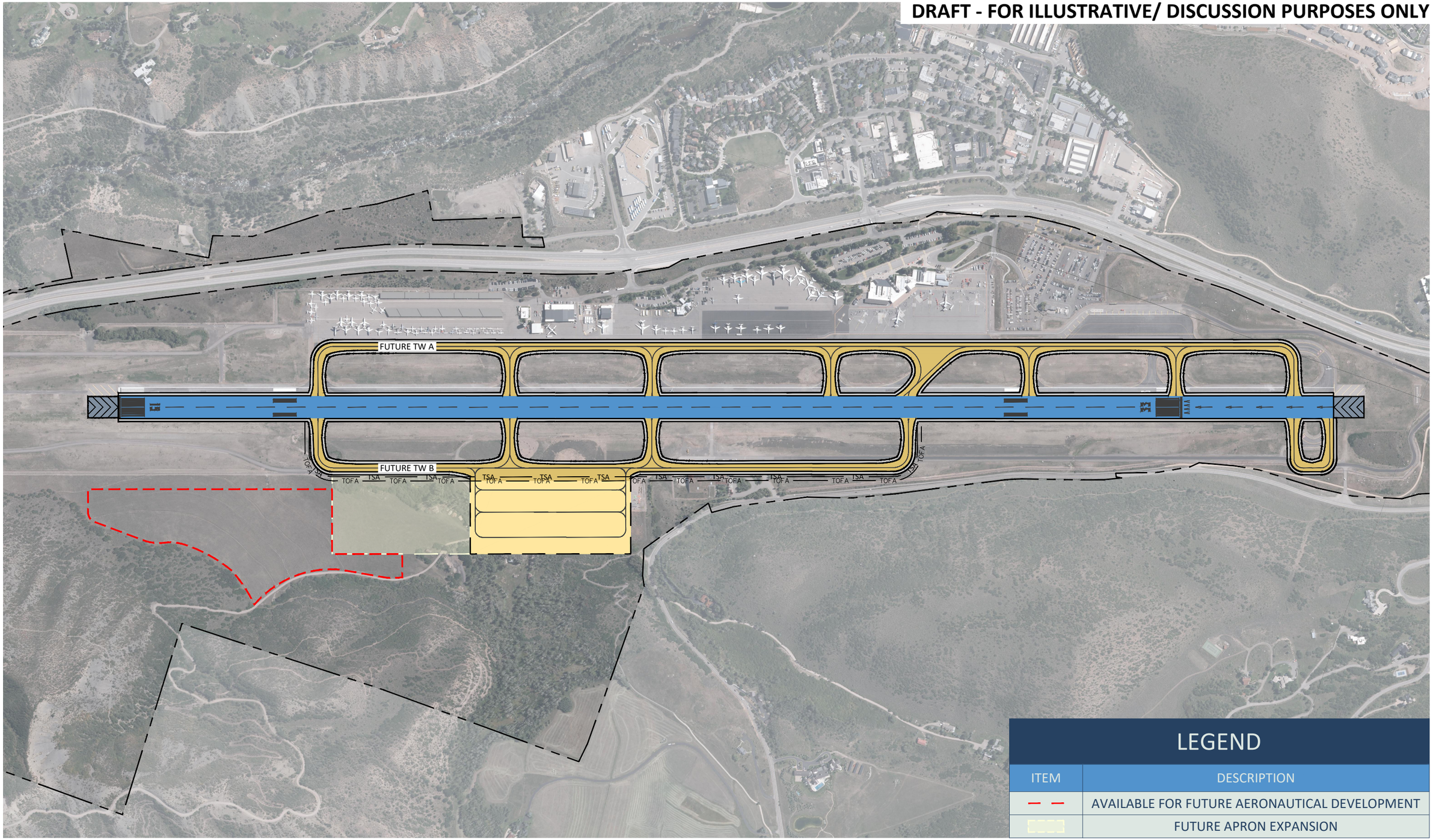

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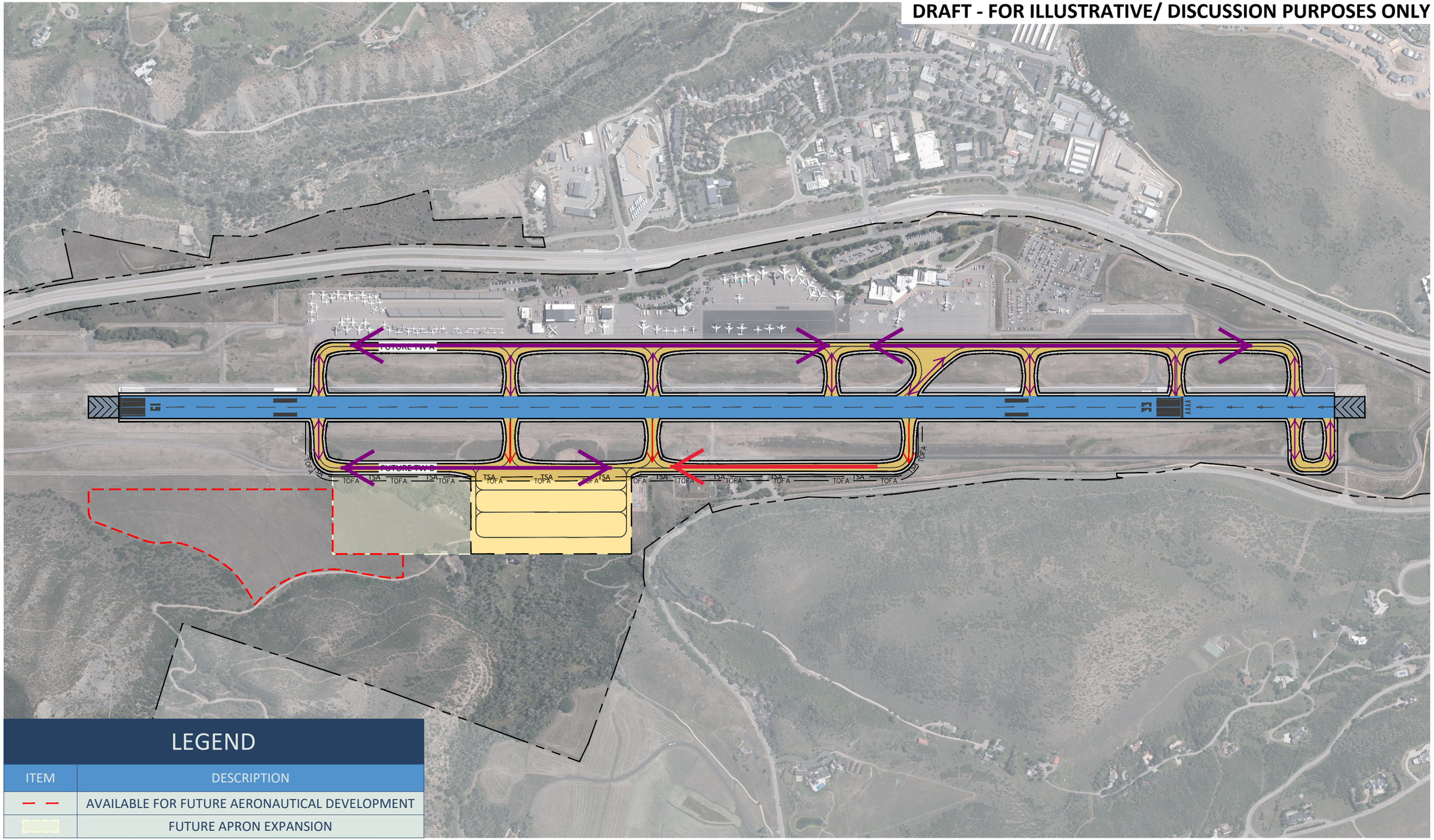

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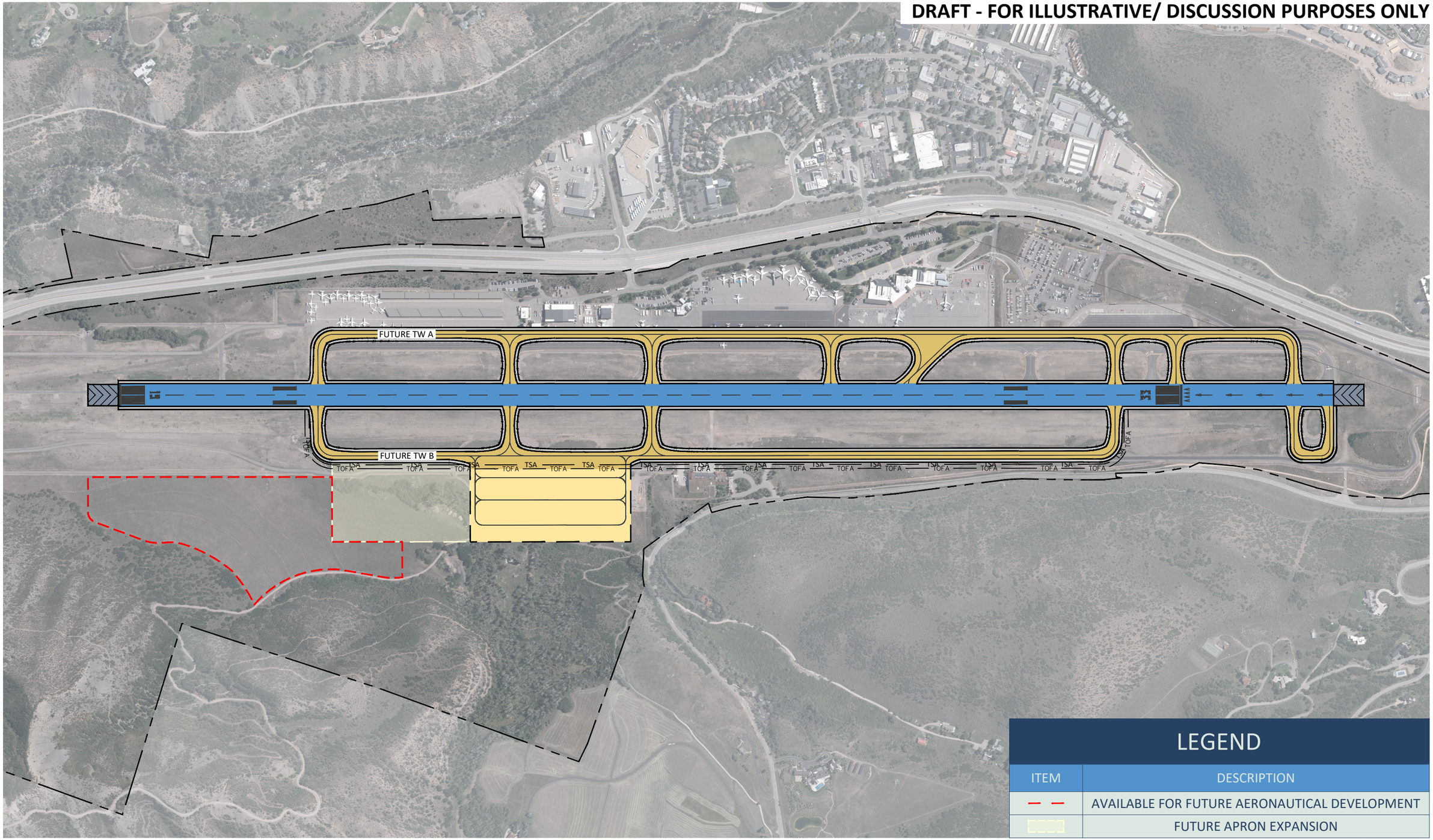

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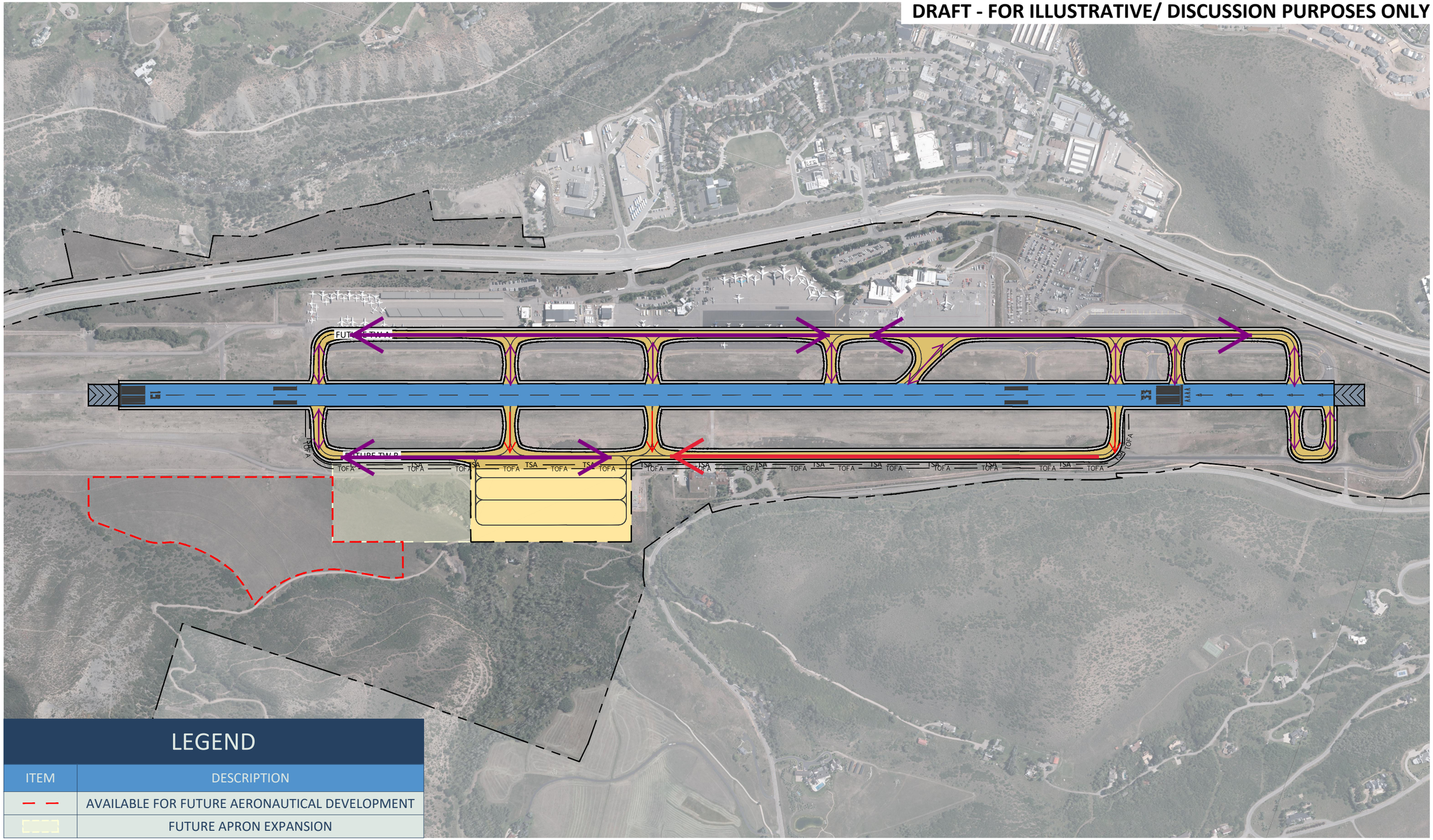

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