

Master Plan Kick-Off & Visioning

Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)
August 19, 2014



PAC Welcome

→ Opening Comments

- ❖ Jill Van Deel, Airport Manager
- ❖ Brandy Reitter, Town Administrator

→ Introductions

- ❖ PAC Members
- ❖ Jviation Staff



Meeting Expectations

PAC members will leave with:

- ✓ An understanding of PAC goals, role and responsibilities, and communication
- ✓ An awareness of the airport systems & key relationships
- ✓ Familiarity of basic airport financing
- ✓ An understanding of federal and state grant assurances
- ✓ Insight into general perceptions and future needs regarding the Airport and its facilities
- ✓ An understanding of the Master Plan process and timeline
- ✓ An understanding of next steps

Meeting Ground Rules

- ✓ Start on time, end early
- ✓ One person speaks at a time
- ✓ Honor diversity of opinions
- ✓ Be hard on the issue, not the person
- ✓ Participate fully
- ✓ No sidebar conversations
- ✓ Stay focused and on point
- ✓ Disclose financial interests related to the airport
- ✓ Turn cells phones off/vibrate
- ✓ Use humor!

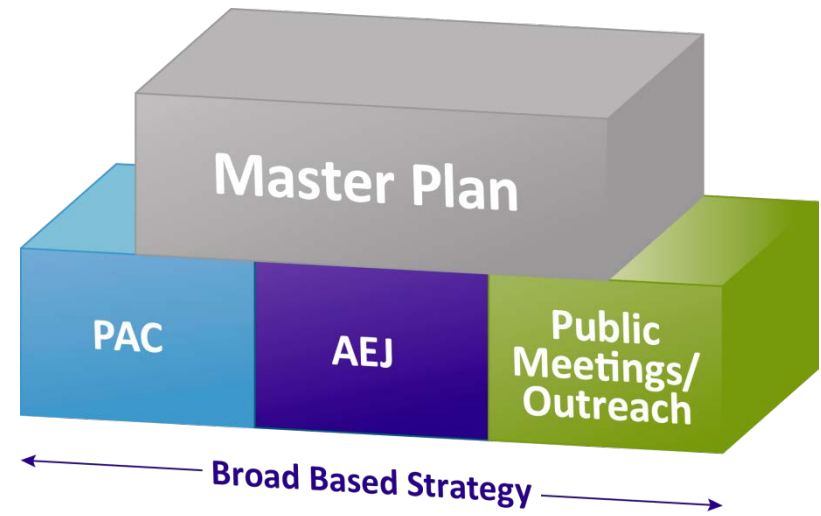
PAC – The Cornerstone

- The PAC is vital to the success of the Master Plan
- Crucial perspective on questions such as:

How can we assure that the airport is valued as an integral community asset?

Are we headed down the right runway?

What do the citizens and visitors think of their airport and its future?



PAC Goal and Composition

- Goal – Obtain varied perspectives on the future of the airport
- Composition...
 - ❖ Local residents
 - ❖ Tenants and Users
 - ❖ Local businesses
 - ❖ Colorado Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics
 - ❖ FAA – Airports District Office



PAC Role and Responsibilities

→ The PAC functions best when you:

- ❖ Are a conduit for citizens to access accurate and timely information
- ❖ Provide focused feedback on key elements of the Master Plan working papers and findings
- ❖ Think critically through the key issues
- ❖ Serve in an advisory capacity to the Airport Board and Town Trustees

PAC Membership

- 1) Brandy Reitter, Town Administrator
- 2) Linda Bruce, FAA
- 3) Bill Lockett, Airport Advisory Board/
Collegiate Peaks Realty
- 4) Charlie Abel, Airport Advisory Board/
Abel & Eggleston
- 5) Judy Hassell, Airport Advisory Board
- 6) Jerry Steinauer, Airport Advisory
Board (alternate)
- 7) Thomas Warren, Airport Advisory
Board/Mt. Princeton Hot Springs
- 8) Michiel Heynekamp, Airport
Advisory Board/Eddyline Brewery
- 9) Brian England, Eddyline Brewery
- 10) Mal Sillars, Century 21 Summit
Realty, Inc.
- 11) Dee Miller, Town of Buena Vista
- 12) Sue Boyd, Business Owner
- 13) Keith Baker, Town of Buena Vista
Trustee

PAC Communications

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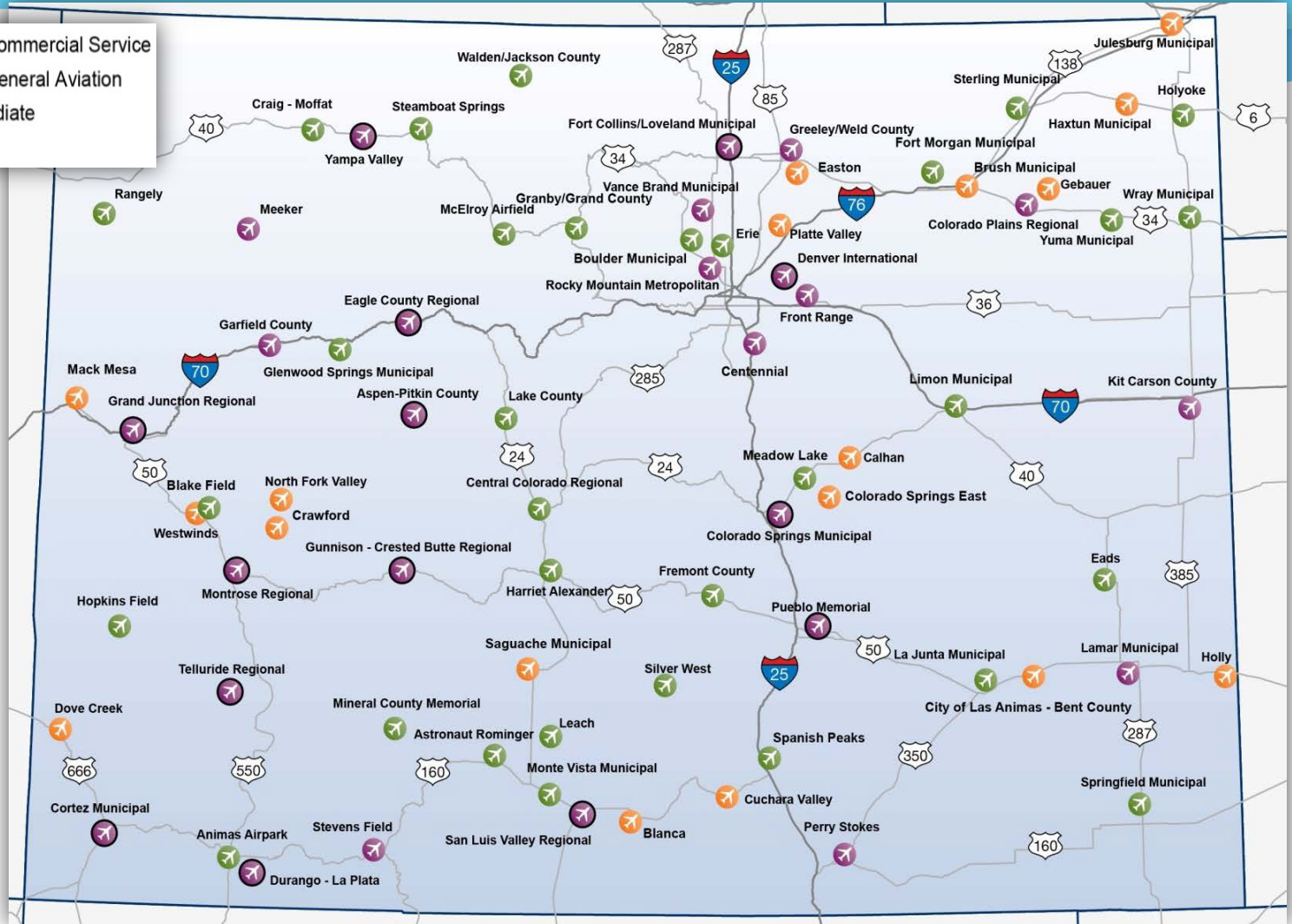
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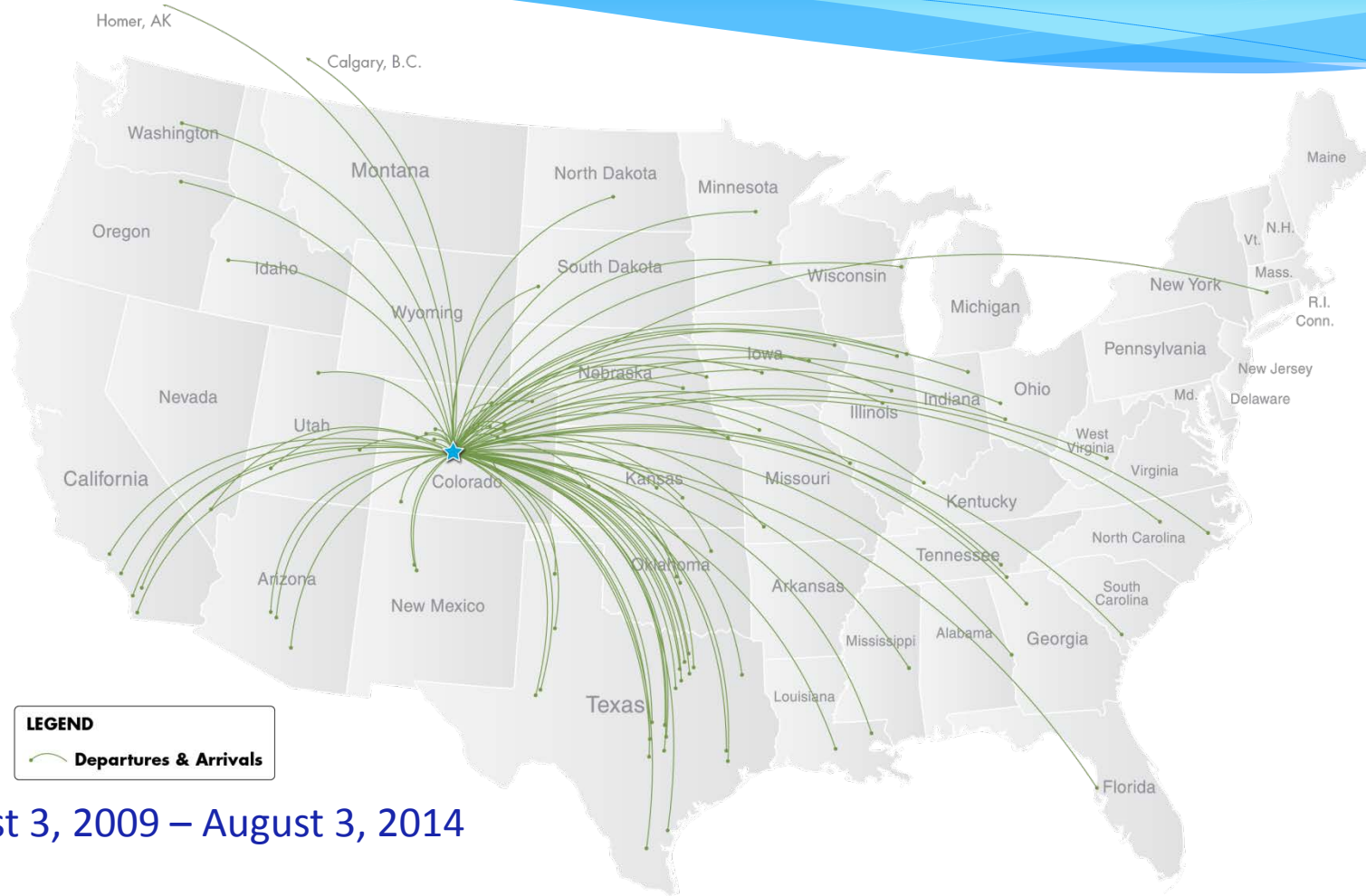
The Airport Systems

The Colorado Airport System Role

- ✈ Major Commercial Service
- ✈ Major General Aviation
- ✈ Intermediate
- ✈ Minor



IFR Flight Map



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Departures & Arrivals

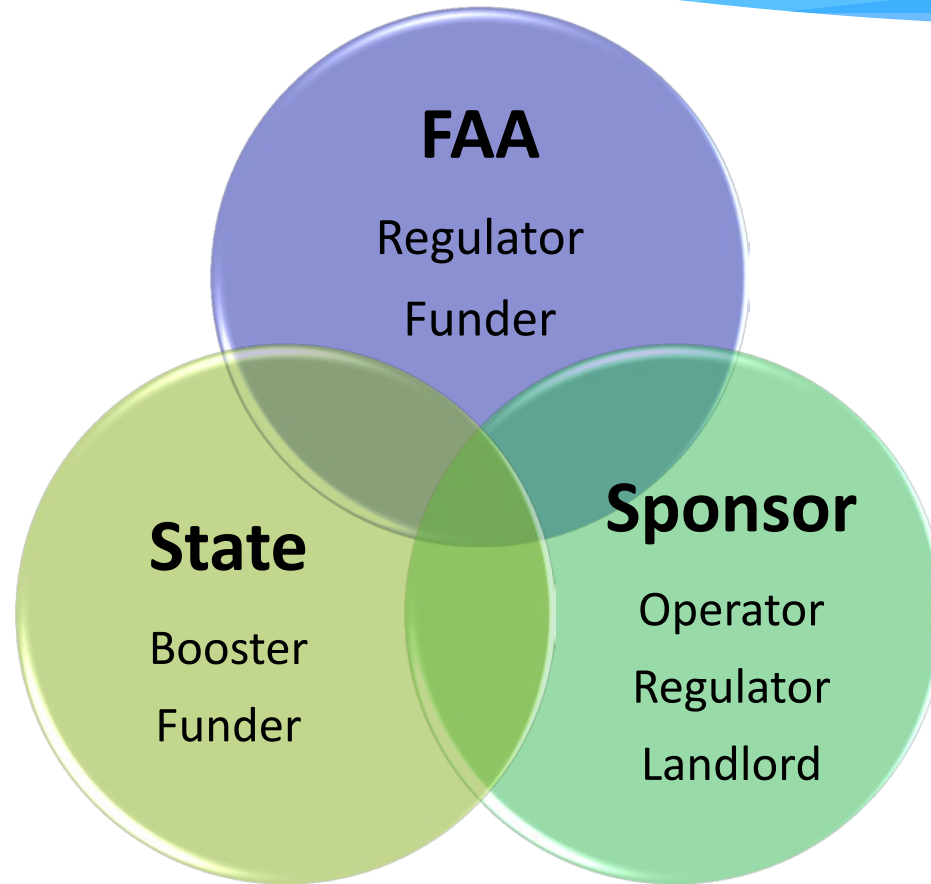
August 3, 2009 – August 3, 2014





Key Relationships & Roles

Relationship Among Key Players



FAA and State Roles

FAA

- Preemptive authority on safety
- Regulates
 - ❖ Airspace
 - ❖ Aircraft operations
 - ❖ Aircraft noise
- Prescribes airport design standards
- Administers the Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

State of Colorado

- Promotes aviation safety, education, and development
- Provides guidance to Sponsors
- Leads other initiatives that benefit Colorado aviation
- Partners with the FAA for programming AIP funds
- Funds projects through a discretionary grant program

Central Colorado Regional Airport Responsibilities

- ➔ As the Airport Sponsor, the Town of Buena Vista has final decision-making responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the airport and the responsibility for sound stewardship of the airport
 - ❖ Safe and efficient – highest priority (based on standard of care)
 - ❖ Maintenance of all assets – infrastructure and equipment
 - ❖ Sound fiscal management in compliance with federal and/or state grant assurances

Airport Advisory Board

- Board appointed by the Board of Trustees (5 members)
- Responsibilities include:
 - ❖ Review policy matters relevant to airport operations and development of facilities at the airport and to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees
 - ❖ Serve as an ambassador for the airport with particular attention to promoting its role as an integral part of economic development activities in the community
 - ❖ Perform other functions and duties as assigned by the Board of Trustees



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Airport Financing

Airport Financing 101 – Federal

Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

- Funded from user fees, ticket tax, and fuel tax
- Roughly \$3 billion per year BUT may be less in coming years
- Two parts:
 - ❖ Entitlement Fund – formula based (AEJ receives \$150k/year)
 - ❖ Discretionary Fund – limited, prioritized
- Use of funds
 - ❖ Planning
 - ❖ Capital projects

Airport Financing 101 - State

Grants

- Source is aviation fuel tax
- Primary generator – Denver International Airport
- Eligible for state discretionary funding
 - ❖ Tier 1 - \$400,000 (under review)
 - ❖ Tier 2 – up to \$1,000,000 additional funding
 - ❖ 2013 CDOT grants totaled just over \$20,000,000 state-wide

Airport Financing 101 – Local

- Airport Revenue
- Local Municipalities
- Donations
- Economic Development Programs
- Third Party Funds
- Public Debt

Funding Priorities

FAA Funding Eligibility

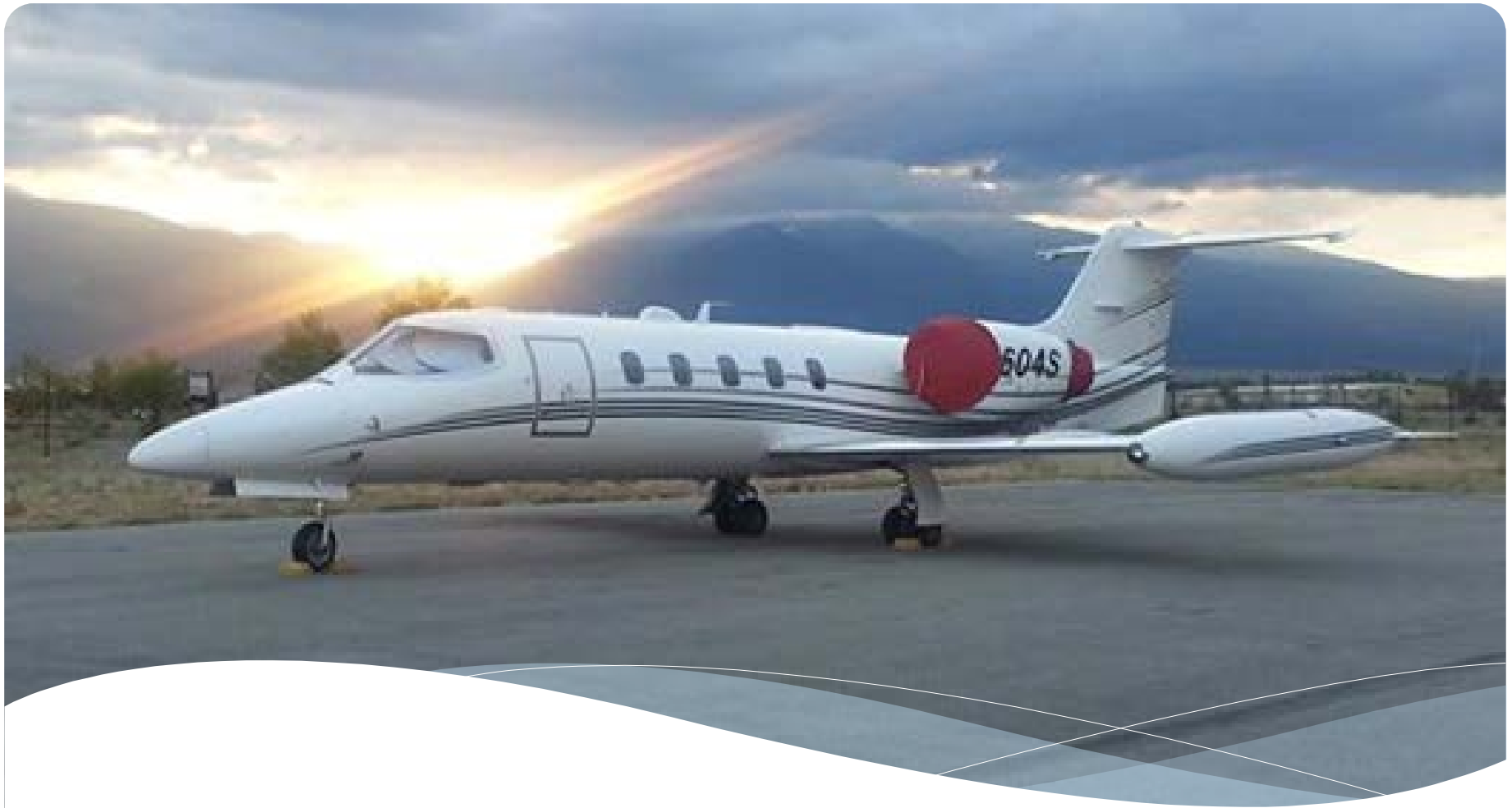
- Safety / Security
- Standards
- Reconstruction / Rehabilitation
- Environmental
- Equipment
- Other

State Funding Eligibility

- Matching FAA funding
- Pavement maintenance
- Safety / Security
- Equipment

Airport Financing 101 – Key Conditions & Limits

- Only certain types of projects can be funded through AIP
- Both AIP and CDOT require local match
- Airport revenue can only be used for airport purposes, not for other town purposes
- Town must charge a reasonable rate to aeronautical users of airport
- Town has latitude in charging for non-aeronautical use and can charge fee for the privilege to conduct business on the airport.



Federal & State Grant Assurances

Understanding Grant Assurances

- FAA allocates over \$3 billion annually for airport planning and development.
- Federal law requires that airport sponsors agree to certain conditions in exchange for financial assistance.
 - ❖ 39 grant assurances
 - ❖ Many focused on specific project receiving funding; others apply generally to operation of airport
 - ❖ Typically expire after 20 years, except when grant used for land acquisition

Key Grant Assurances

- Assurance 4 (Good Title)
- Assurance 5 (Preserving Rights and Powers)
- Assurance 19 (Operation and Maintenance)
- Assurance 22 (Economic Nondiscrimination)
- Assurance 23 (Exclusive Rights)
- Assurance 24 (Fee and Rental Structure)
- Assurance 25 (Airport Revenues)
- Assurance 29 (Airport Layout Plan)

Implications of Grant Assurances

- Obligations are not scaled based on size of airport or volume of traffic
- No obligation to grow; obligation to maintain
- Airports can be subsidized, but cannot divert revenue
- Difficult for airports to allocate traffic, outside of a formal airport system
- Difficult for airports to share revenue, outside of a formal airport system

Future Air Service at Central Colorado Regional Airport?

14 CFR Part 139 requires the FAA to issue airport operating certificates to airports that -

- Serve scheduled and unscheduled air carrier aircraft with more than 30 seats;
- Serve scheduled air carrier operations in aircraft with more than 9 seats but less than 31 seats; and
- The FAA Administrator requires to have a certificate.

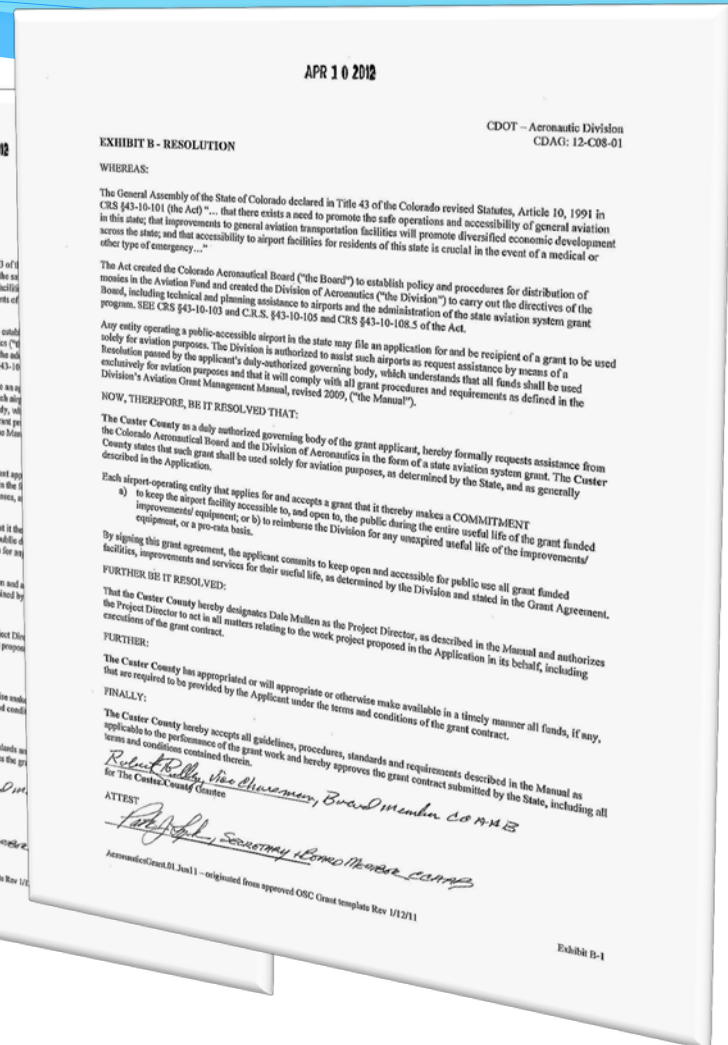
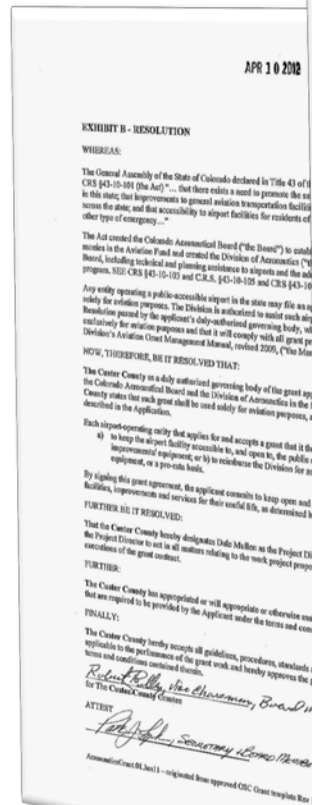
- Essential Air Service (ESA) program established following the Airline Deregulation Act in 1978
- Eligibility requires that the community had received commercial air service prior to or on October 24, 1978

Colorado Airports - Authority

- Colorado law authorizes counties, cities and public airport authorities to own and operate public use airports
- The Division of Aeronautics is authorized to provide grant assistance to public use airports
- Currently there are:
 - ❖ 76 public use airports in Colorado
 - ❖ Counties most common owner/operator
 - ❖ No formal airport systems in Colorado
 - ❖ No state-owned airports in Colorado

State Grant Assurances

- “...the grant shall be used solely for aviation purposes...”
- “...to keep the airport facility accessible to, and open to, the public during the entire useful life of the grant funded improvement/equipment; or
- “to reimburse the Division for any unexpired useful life of the improvements/equipment, or on a pro-rata basis.”





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Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) & Perception Check



Master Plan Process



Master Plan - Overview

→ Master Plan

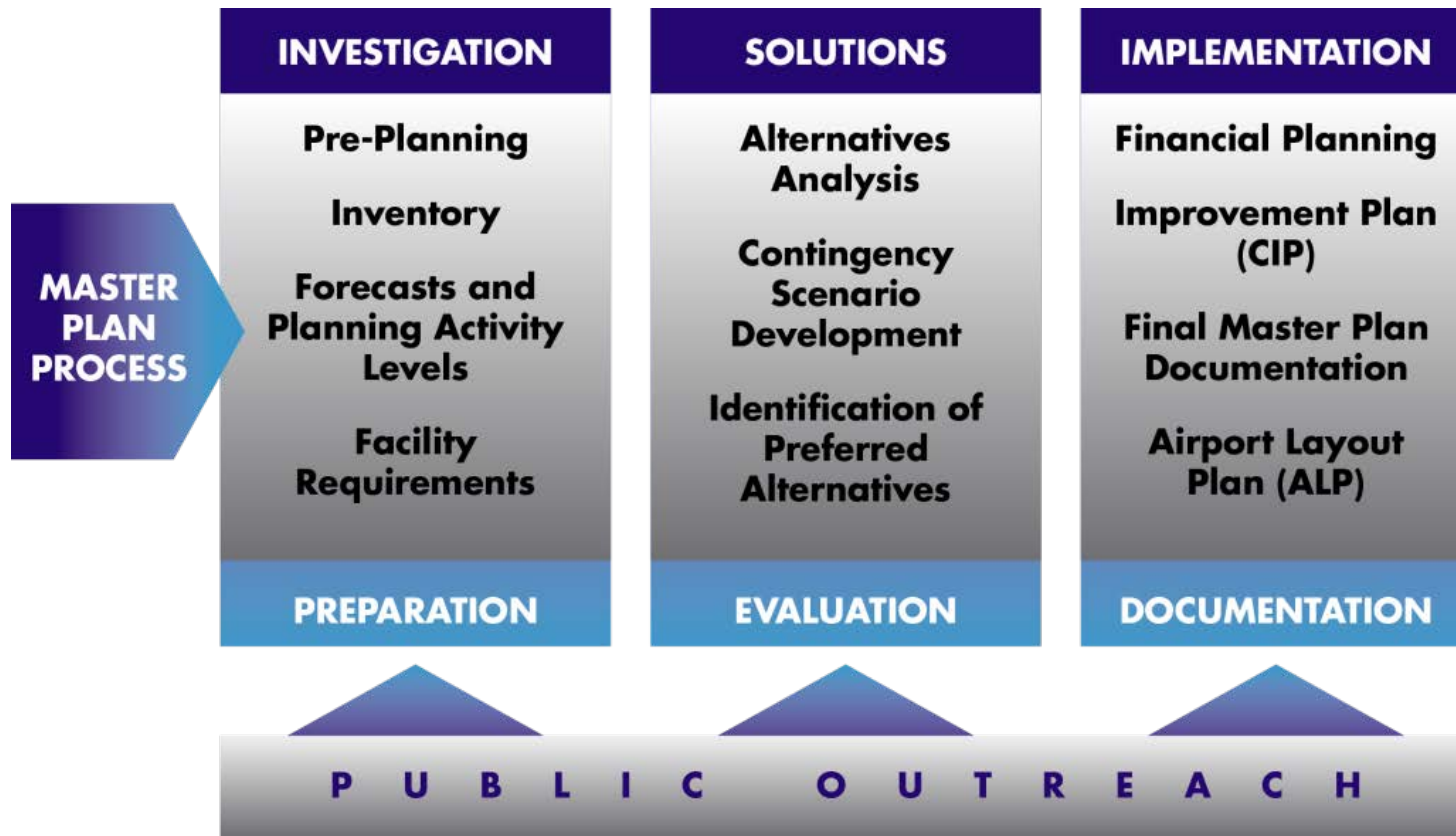
- ❖ Recommended by FAA and CDOT
- ❖ FAA does **not** approve Master Plan
- ❖ FAA approves forecast and ALP update
- ❖ Projects may be added to CIP
- ❖ FAA approval for projects comes later

→ Airport Layout Plan (ALP)

- Must be kept current
- Airport development must be consistent with ALP

→ ***Town of Buena Vista decides whether and what to build***

Master Plan Process



Master Plan – Key Features

➔ Planning is **not prejudicial**

- ❖ FAA mandates against predetermined outcomes
- ❖ The plan must be based on current conditions, community input, and forecasts

➔ Master Plan **Inclusions:**

- ❖ Establish future facility needs
- ❖ Measure aviation demand
- ❖ Create the Airport Layout Plan set for FAA approval
- ❖ Identify funding opportunities and strategies
- ❖ Identify compliance issues/recommendations

➔ Master Plan **Exclusions:**

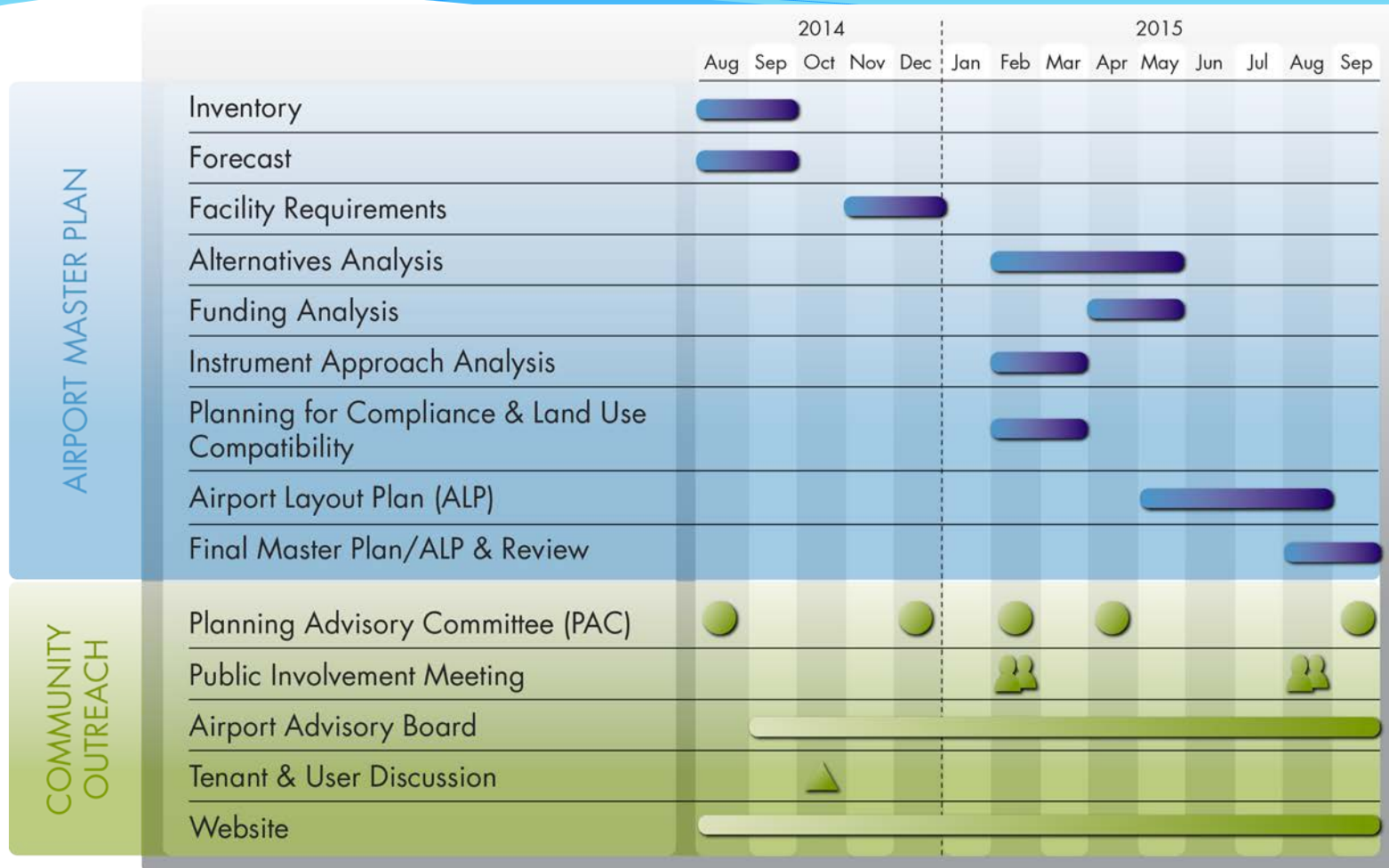
- ❖ Marketing strategies or management of the airport
- ❖ Formal business planning

Additional Master Plan Emphasis

Meetings, Engagement, Communication, & Education

- Working Papers (PAC)
- Open Houses (General public)
- Stakeholder Meetings (Targeted Audience)
- Airport Advisory Board briefings
- Airport Master Plan Website

Master Plan Timeline



Next Steps

→ Phase I Deliverables

- ❖ Inventory
- ❖ Forecast

→ Tenant / User Surveys

→ PAC Meeting (December)



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