



2020 Annual Report

Colorado Division of Aeronautics | July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020





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COVER: A look above the Boulder Municipal Airport (BDU) with the Flatirons in the background. Photo by Shahn Sederberg.

Message from the Director



As I sit down to craft this message for our fiscal year 2020 annual report, I'm writing a very different note than what I would have expected at the beginning of this year. As we all know, 2020 has been one of the most challenging and unprecedented years on many fronts, with the COVID-19 pandemic creating profound impacts on all our personal and professional lives. With the resulting downturn in travel, both business and leisure, the pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on our entire aviation community, including our Colorado Division of Aeronautics.

Despite these challenges, our Division continued to build on the success of previous years' accomplishments and furthered our pioneering and innovative spirit. Ensuring that our aviation system and statewide network of 74 public use airports are a key part of our state's multi-modal transportation system is at the heart of our Division's mission and vision. As you'll read in this year's report, we have achieved some significant milestones this past year. From completing our new 2020 State Aviation System Plan and Aviation Economic Impact Study, to deploying the first network of aviation weather cameras outside of Alaska, our efforts this past year continue to position us well for future success, even in the face of current challenges.

As always, this year's progress would not be possible without the sustained leadership of the Colorado Aeronautical Board (CAB) and of course the engagement and support of our aviation system partners and stakeholders. But most notably, as the Division's Director, I am extremely privileged to work with a dedicated and passionate Aeronautics team, one which has a deep-rooted commitment to customer service, efficiency and innovation. Collectively our team continues to commit ourselves to supporting, improving and growing a robust statewide air and space system.

We have again this year made outstanding progress on our key initiatives, including the completion of our 2020 State Aviation System Plan, which was finalized and adopted by the CAB in August 2020 (just after this report period), following a nearly two-year effort. This comprehensive "fresh start" plan, our first since 2011, will provide the Division, the CAB, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and our stakeholders with actionable direction to develop and improve our statewide aviation system.

And notably, we have still moved forward with our pioneering remote air traffic control project at the Northern Colorado Regional Airport (FNL). In partnership with FNL, the FAA, and Searidge Technologies, we are developing the world's first remote air traffic control tower that will combine visual and radar/track-based data to provide the highest levels of air traffic service, safety, capacity and efficiency at the lowest possible cost. As you'll read in this report, our remote tower system has entered the first phase of testing and the implementation of controlled airspace at FNL.

In fiscal year 2020, we also finalized yet another pioneering collaboration with FAA, this time with an initiative to install aviation weather cameras at each of our Division's thirteen mountain AWOS sites. While these camera installations were completed just one month after the end of our fiscal year 2020 on June 30th, it's certainly worth noting that this incredible aviation safety initiative is now live and available to all aviators.

Our accomplishments during the year also included the development and implementation of a comprehensive new financial reporting and accountability tool using the OpenGov platform. As one of the first Colorado state government entities to use this tool, the Division, the CAB and our stakeholders now have online access to timely, transparent and detailed reporting on the Division's financial operations and programs.

While the COVID pandemic will have a chilling effect on air travel and aviation activity in the near term, the seasoned Division team is adapting and adjusting our programs as we continue to focus on the investments that will be crucial for our state's 74 public use airports when activity inevitably returns.

And with those investments, the Division supports airports that serve 6,772 registered aircraft and 26,345 active pilots who in 2018, flew over 689,000 hours in general aviation aircraft. Combined, Colorado's aviation system supports over 345,000 jobs with a payroll exceeding \$16 billion, generating nearly \$49 billion of economic impact. As the Division Director, I'm honored to work with this engaged and active aviation community, and a passionate and dedicated Aeronautical Board and Division team. Together, COVID-19 notwithstanding, we will continue Colorado's commitment to a vibrant and sustainable air and space system, while furthering the innovation that has made Colorado's Division of Aeronautics a recognized leader among our peers across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ulane".

David Ulane
Aeronautics Director

Our Mission

“The mission of the CDOT Division of Aeronautics is to support Colorado’s multi-modal transportation system by advancing a safe, efficient, and effective state-wide air and space system through collaboration, investment, and advocacy.”

Our Vision

“The vision of the CDOT Division of Aeronautics is to be the leading state aviation organization by enhancing the efficiency, economic benefit, and sustainability of Colorado’s air and space system through funding, innovation, education, and pioneering initiatives.”

Our Values

PASSION

We value the passion, enthusiasm, drive, and commitment each person contributes to fulfilling the Division’s Strategic Plan, engaging all interested stakeholders, and reaching their own personal goals. We celebrate victories and milestones!

INTEGRITY

We value doing the right thing - each and every time. We are transparent, honest, open, ethical, and genuine in all of our interactions.

INNOVATION

We value thoughtful and imaginative entrepreneurial spirit that anticipates change and strategically develops and implements pioneering ideas, systems, and programs.

RELATIONSHIPS

We value, build, and respect relationships with our colleagues, stakeholders, and families through collaboration, kindness, and empathy.

COMMITMENT

We are dedicated to the success of Colorado’s multi-modal transportation system, Air and Space System, the Division, the Colorado Aeronautical Board, and our colleagues and stakeholders through an unwavering commitment to these values.



Runway 2 at the San Luis Valley Regional Airport (ALS) in Alamosa, Colorado. | Photo by Shahn Sederberg

Colorado Airport System

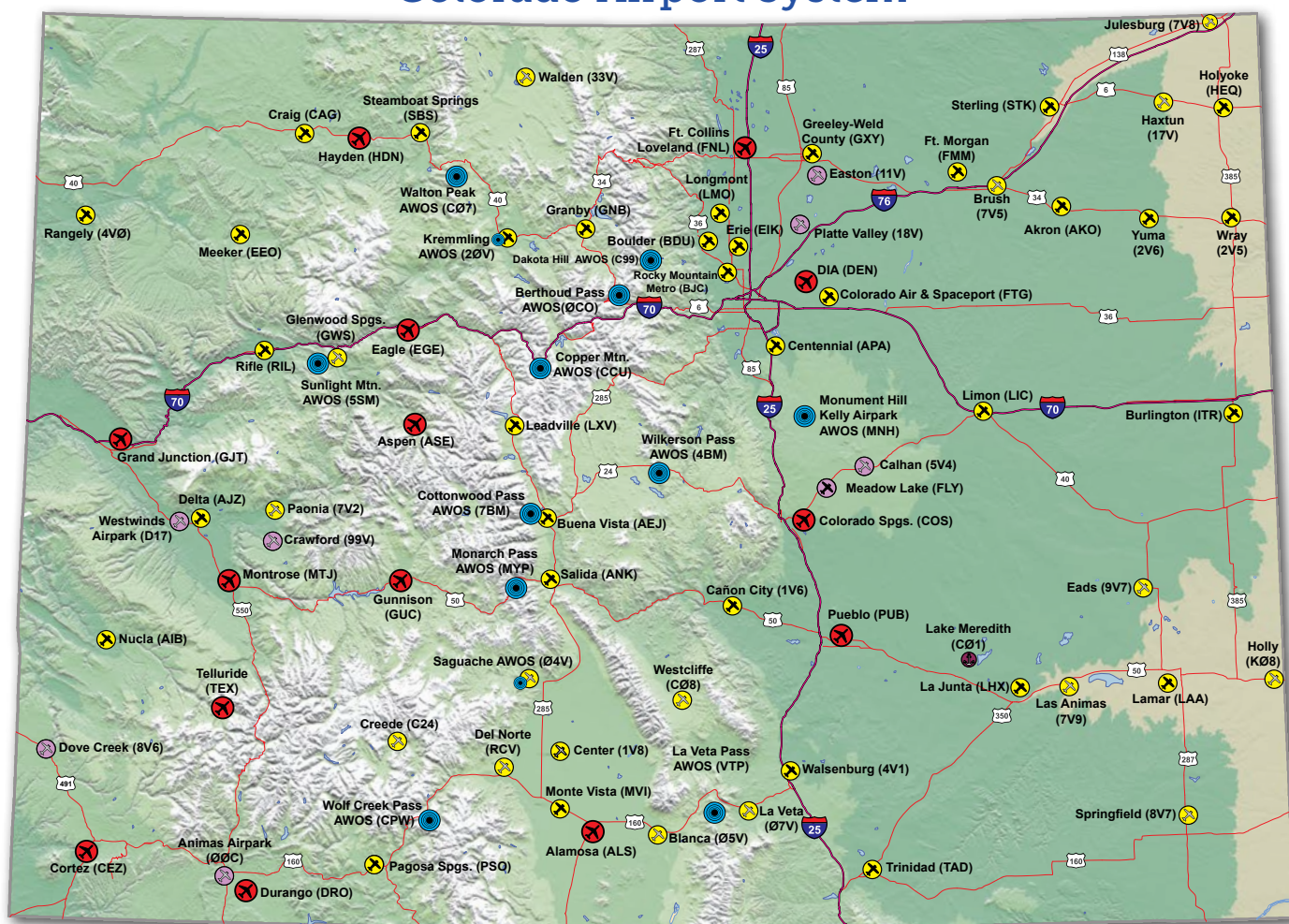
Colorado's system of 74 public-use airports, including one seaplane base, serve our state's local communities with a variety of services ranging from commercial air transportation, emergency medical evacuation, aerial firefighting, flight training, and high-altitude flight testing.

In addition to providing the citizens and visitors of Colorado with critical air transportation services, Colorado's airport system is also essential to supporting a diverse business base. Airports in Colorado support the employment of over 345,000 people and are responsible for providing the state with a total of \$48.6 billion* in Business Revenues.




[*2020 Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study and System Plan](#)

Colorado Airport System




 Commercial Service Airport (14)

 Publicly-Owned & Operated Airport (51)

 Privately-Owned Airport Open to the Public (8)

 Seaplane Base (1)

 Non-NPIAS Airport (Not Federally Funded) (25)

 Mountain Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) (13)

Tax Revenue Disbursements

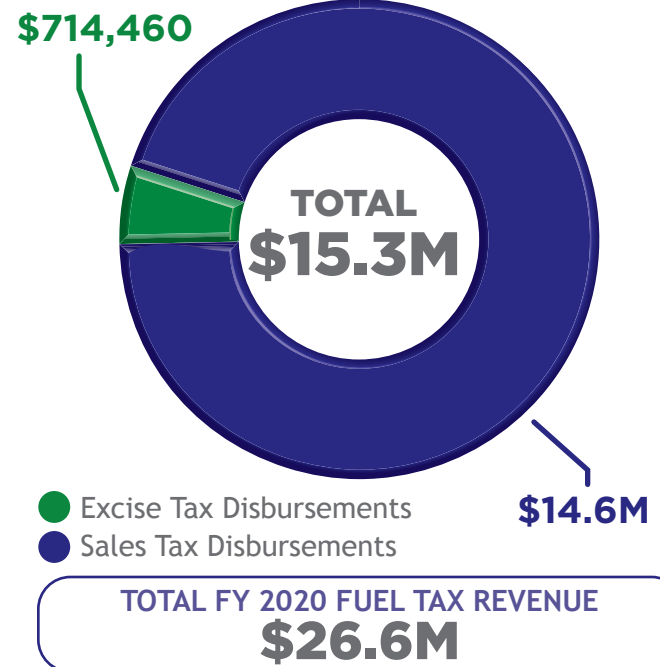
Eligible Colorado public-use airports are recipients of aviation fuel excise and sales tax disbursements for fuel sold at their airport. These disbursements equal \$.04 per gallon of the excise tax on general aviation fuel (AvGas), \$.04 per gallon on non-commercial jet fuel, and 65% of the 2.9% sales tax collected on the retail price of jet fuel. These monthly revenue disbursements must be used by airports solely for aviation purposes.

The remaining 35% of the sales tax and \$.02 per gallon excise tax on AvGas revenues are used to fund the Division's operations, the Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant Program (CDAG), and numerous statewide aviation initiatives.

FY 2020 Tax Revenue Disbursements

Excise Tax & Sales Tax on Aviation Fuel

*Preliminary unaudited results.



FY 2020 Disbursements by Airport

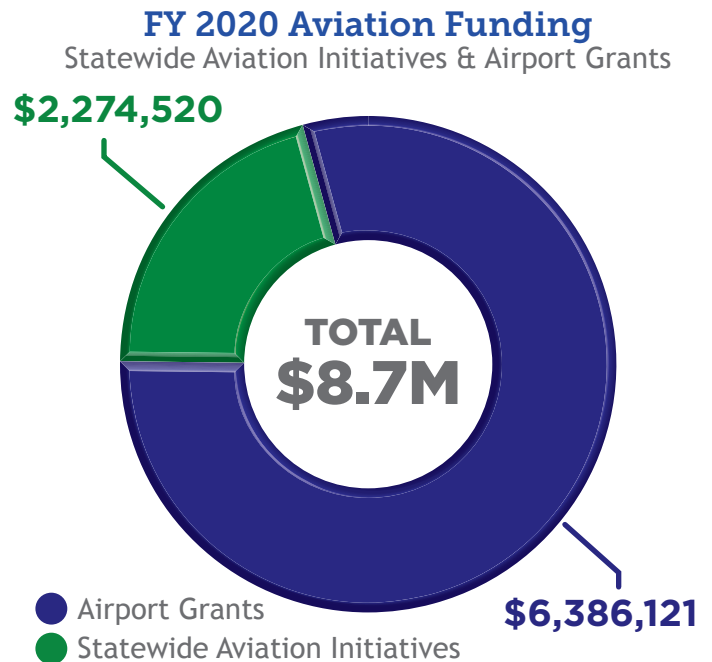
Combined Excise & Sales Tax Disbursements July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Akron-Colorado Plains Regional Airport	\$3,533.01	Hayden-Yampa Valley Regional Airport	\$118,923.96
Alamosa-San Luis Valley Regional Airport	\$11,050.00	Kremmling-McElroy Field	\$3,364.39
Aspen-Pitkin County Airport	\$493,682.93	La Junta Municipal Airport	\$3,189.08
Boulder Municipal Airport	\$6,101.96	Lamar Municipal Airport	\$8,662.41
Brush Municipal Airport	\$337.39	Leadville-Lake County Airport	\$3,470.97
Buena Vista-Central Colorado Regional Airport	\$6,866.50	Limon Municipal Airport	\$454.39
Burlington-Kit Carson County Airport	\$5,781.33	Longmont-Vance Brand Airport	\$7,466.92
Canon City-Fremont County Airport	\$4,745.18	Loveland - Northern Colorado Regional Airport	\$72,181.09
Colorado Springs Municipal Airport	\$427,739.54	Meadow Lake Airport	\$944.75
Cortez-Montezuma County Airport	\$17,198.98	Meeker Airport - Coulter Field	\$7,057.02
Craig-Moffat County Airport	\$2,869.39	Montrose Regional Airport	\$142,413.36
Creede - Mineral County Airport	\$878.37	Monte Vista Municipal Airport	\$3,328.79
Del Norte - Astronaut Kent Rominger Airport	\$1,454.08	Nucla-Hopkins Field	\$3,695.74
Delta - Blake Field	\$3,246.81	Pagosa Springs-Steven's Field	\$14,229.49
Denver International Airport	\$11,808,014.05	Paonia - North Fork Valley Airport	\$609.78
Denver-Centennial Airport	\$867,154.88	Pueblo Memorial Airport	\$66,329.75
Denver-Colorado Air & Spaceport	\$8,946.15	Rangely Airport	\$546.25
Denver-Rocky Mountain Metro Airport	\$255,732.67	Rifle-Garfield County Airport	\$100,966.40
Durango-La Plata County Airport	\$90,706.10	Salida-Harriet Alexander Field	\$8,241.39
Eagle County Regional Airport	\$380,664.99	Springfield Municipal Airport	\$493.78
Eads Municipal Airport	\$590.95	Steamboat Springs Municipal Airport	\$2,206.53
Erie Municipal Airport	\$3,542.89	Sterling Municipal Airport	\$3,084.55
Fort Morgan Municipal Airport	\$1,808.30	Telluride Regional Airport	\$104,064.44
Glenwood Springs Municipal Airport	\$771.34	Trinidad-Perry Stokes Airport	\$2,016.32
Granby-Grand County Airport	\$1,606.45	Walsenburg-Spanish Peaks Field	\$919.21
Grand Junction Regional Airport	\$159,720.01	Westcliffe - Silver West Airport	\$155.98
Greeley-Weld County Airport	\$25,899.65	Wray Municipal Airport	\$3,144.87
Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport	\$50,431.92	Yuma Municipal Airport	\$1,394.54
Holyoke Municipal Airport	\$2,769.51		
		TOTAL	\$15,327,401

Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant Program

Each year, the Colorado Aeronautical Board (CAB) administers the distribution of the Colorado Aviation Fund through individual airport grants and statewide aviation system initiatives. A total of \$6.4 million in CDAG airport grants were awarded in FY 2020, which leveraged \$11.6 million in federal funds.

The Division originally planned for an \$8.6M CDAG program, however, HR748 (CARES Act) provided additional funding that eliminated the need for state and local matching funds. In total, the FAA granted \$66.7 million to support \$83.3 million in AIP projects. The Division provided matching funds in FY 2020 for Hayden, Pueblo, and Durango as these were for AIP grants awarded during FY 2019 that were not eligible for CARES Act funding.



FY 2020 Statewide Aviation Initiative Expenditures

Aviation System Plan & Economic Impact Study	\$885,380
Automated Weather Observing System Development and Maintenance	\$439,300
Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Mitigation	\$174,831
Remote Tower Project*	\$130,836
Surplus Airport Equipment Program	\$127,400
Airfield Maintenance & Crack Seal Program	\$115,244
USDA Wildlife Hazard Mitigation	\$107,981
Communications/Outreach/Safety	\$102,189
Airport Inspections (PCI & 5010)	\$101,057
Internship Program	\$90,302
TOTAL	\$2,274,520

*Funding for these Statewide Aviation Initiatives was approved by the Colorado Aeronautical Board (CAB) in a previous fiscal year.

FY 2020 State Aviation Grants to Airports

Haxtun Municipal	\$33,192
Yuma Municipal	\$405,000
Paonia - North Fork Valley	\$90,000
Springfield Municipal	\$200,000
Buena Vista - Central CO Regional	\$350,000
Akron - Colorado Plains Regional	\$300,000
Alamosa - San Luis Valley Regional	\$150,000
Aspen - Pitkin County	\$550,000
Westcliffe - Silver West	\$250,000
Cortez - Montezuma County	\$297,000
Denver - CO Air & Space Port	\$315,000
Durango - La Plata County	\$461,021
Erie Municipal	\$234,000
Gunnison - Crested Butte Regional	\$550,000
Glenwood Springs Municipal	\$9,000
Hayden - Yampa Valley Regional	\$83,333
Limon Municipal	\$400,000
Montrose Regional	\$600,000
Pueblo Memorial	\$598,575
Del Norte - Astronaut Kent Rominger	\$170,000
Steamboat Springs - Bob Adams Field	\$40,000
Sterling Municipal	\$300,000
TOTAL	\$6,386,121

Statewide Aviation Initiatives

In FY 2020, there was a total of \$2.3 million in expenditures that funded a number of statewide aviation initiatives administered directly by the Division of Aeronautics. These initiatives directly support specific aviation-related programs that benefit airport safety, airport pavement maintenance and communication outreach to the general aviation flying public.

System Plan & Economic Impact Study - \$885,380

This year the Division completed and adopted our [2020 Colorado Aviation System Plan \(CASP\)](#) and the [2020 Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study \(CEIS\)](#). Both had been in development since the fall of 2018 and were developed through significant outreach and coordination with Colorado airports and Colorado aviation stakeholders.

The CASP focuses on four overarching system goals, which were modeled in relation to broader CDOT goals: Safety and Efficiency, Access and Mobility, Economic Sustainability, and System Viability. Performance measures and system indicators

were developed that relate to each goal. Those measures directly relate to assessing the system's performance in meeting the goals while system indicators provide informational analyses that inform and indirectly relate to the system's performance. The Division will also be integrating the newly developed system performance measures into its Web-based Information Management System (WIMS), allowing the Division to easily track and report the progress of system performance relative to its investments.

Facility and service objectives were also developed for airports which provide the minimum recommended guidelines by airport classification and offer specific guidance on how airports can improve their abilities to serve constituents and enhance the statewide aviation system. The performance measures, facility and service objectives, and airport Capital Improvement Plans help to determine the total system needs over a 20-year planning horizon (2018-2038). When considering all of these factors, the total system needs are \$9.1B in airport projects, including



Safety and Efficiency

Advance Colorado's airport system by promoting and preserving safe and efficient facilities, on and off airports.

Access and Mobility

Provide Colorado's airports with infrastructure and sufficient capacity enabling the public adequate access and mobility utilizing the aviation system.

Economic Sustainability

Support sustainable economic growth and development and continue Colorado's existing status as a leader in technology, testing, and the aerospace industry.

System Viability

Preserve airport system assets to promote fiscal responsibility and sustainable, cost-effective investments to ensure the system's long-term viability.

CIP costs of Denver International Airport (DEN). Excluding DEN's CIP costs resulted in an estimated 20-year system need of \$1.75B.

The CEIS assesses the on-airport, off-airport, and other multiplier economic impacts of 70 public-use Colorado airports. The CEIS analyzes the individual and statewide impacts with an emphasis on the qualitative contributions that aviation provides to Colorado residents, businesses, and the economy.

Based on 2018 data, the combined statewide economic impact of these 70 airports is 345,661 jobs, \$16.2B in payroll, \$27B in value-added and \$48.6B in business revenues. These figures account for an approximate 30% increase in impact since the previous 2013 CEIS. Airport specific impacts are available for each airport and can be found in the CEIS Technical Report and individual airport brochures which are available through the link provided on page 8 of this report.

As these studies were being finalized the COVID-19 pandemic caused a significant negative impact to airports and their economic impacts. To ensure that this was addressed, the CASP includes a postscript that includes an analyses of the initial impacts of the pandemic to airports as of July 2020.

DEN Surplus Airport Equipment Program - \$127,400

In FY 2020, the Division partnered with Denver International Airport (DEN), Colorado Springs Municipal Airport (COS), and Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (BJC) to coordinate and administer an annual sale of used airport equipment including loaders, mowers, operations vehicles,

dump trucks and more. The Division provides up to 80% grants to Colorado airports for the purchase of this equipment. This program allows airports to purchase equipment they otherwise may not be able to afford. Managers and sponsors from 11 Colorado public-use airports attended the annual event, on August 22, 2019, to get a shot at purchasing quality surplus airport equipment offered for sale by DEN, COS and BJC. In total, there were \$181,000 in sales. Of this, \$127,400 was funded by the Division and matched with \$53,600 by Colorado airport sponsors.

USDA Wildlife Hazard Mitigation Program - \$107,981

This program funds efforts of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to assist Colorado airports with effective and approved wildlife mitigation programs. This successful program has helped significantly to reduce wildlife aircraft strikes and damage to airport infrastructure at Colorado's Airports.

Remote Air Traffic Control Tower Program - \$130,836

In fiscal year 2020, the Division's innovative Remote Air Traffic Control Tower (RATCT) initiative at the Northern Colorado Regional Airport (FNL) continued to move forward. The Division of Aeronautics is collaborating closely with FNL, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Searidge Technologies and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association to implement a RATCT solution at FNL. This pioneering project will be the first in the world to integrate both ground-based video and aircraft track-based/radar components to provide necessary air traffic data to air traffic controllers working in a remote

facility. This new air traffic concept will ultimately provide an enhanced level of efficiency and aviation safety at capital and operational costs dramatically lower than that needed to construct and staff a traditional air traffic control tower.

In March 2020, a significant milestone was reached with the commissioning of a mobile tower at the airport, and the implementation of controlled class E airspace at the airport during tower operations. The mobile tower is the key component of the phase 1 testing protocols, where evaluation personnel and controllers would “follow along” in the remote tower as traffic at FNL is controlled from the mobile facility.

Unfortunately, with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic that began in mid-March, the program’s testing paused, as FAA and other program personnel were precluded from traveling. As of June 30, 2020, that pause is still in effect, however operation of the temporary mobile tower has continued, providing the program with valuable operational information that will still be of significant benefit when testing resumes.

This CDOT Aeronautics Division-led initiative to test RATCT technology in Colorado has further solidified CDOT and the Colorado Division of Aeronautics as a national leader in airspace technology innovation, enhancing aviation safety, capacity and efficiency, while significantly reducing the overall capital and operating costs associated with a traditional air traffic control tower. The \$8.8 million in funding for the test phase of this monumental project has been provided by the Colorado Aviation Fund as unanimously approved by the Colorado Aeronautical Board (CAB).

The Division has created a project website at www.coloradoremotetower.com, where frequent project updates, photos and videos are posted.

Airport Inspections (5010 & PCI) - \$101,057

This funding is allocated to conduct regular safety and Pavement Condition Index (PCI) inspections at Colorado airports. 5010 Safety Inspections are performed to update the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Master Record Form (5010) and Chart Supplement, giving pilots accurate airport data and safety information.

The Division of Aeronautics is tasked with conducting PCI inspections once every three years as a requirement of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for airports that receive federal funding. The final results of these inspections are utilized by the Division and the FAA to determine the priority of distribution of federal and state funds for pavement maintenance, capital improvement projects, and the development of airport pavement maintenance plans.

Airfield Maintenance & Crack Sealant Program - \$115,244

Funding for the crack sealant program directly benefits Colorado airports with a 90% reimbursement up to \$10,000 for crack sealant materials purchased through approved statewide price agreements. This program is designed to encourage Colorado airports to use preventative pavement maintenance practices proven to extend the lifespan of asphalt runways, taxiways and apron surfaces.

Communications, Pilot Outreach & Safety - \$102,189

This aviation program funds the production of the [Colorado Airport Directory](#) and Aeronautical Chart as well as safety information outreach to pilots who fly in Colorado. These publications give pilots the most current information in order to safely navigate through the skies of Colorado.

Automated Weather Observing System Development and Maintenance - \$439,300

This program funds the maintenance and repair of Colorado's network of 13 Division-owned mountain automated weather observing systems (AWOS). The Mountain AWOS Program significantly increases safety for pilots flying above Colorado's Rocky Mountains.

During this fiscal year, the Division entered into a \$226,000 Reimbursable Agreement with FAA for the installation of aviation weather cameras on each of the Division's AWOS units. This innovative and pioneering program will make Colorado the first state outside of Alaska to have this important aviation safety tool, using Division funds provided to FAA, who will complete the work. Information from these cameras can be found at [weathercams.faa.gov](#). (Camera installation and deployment was completed in August, 2020, after the period covered in this report.)

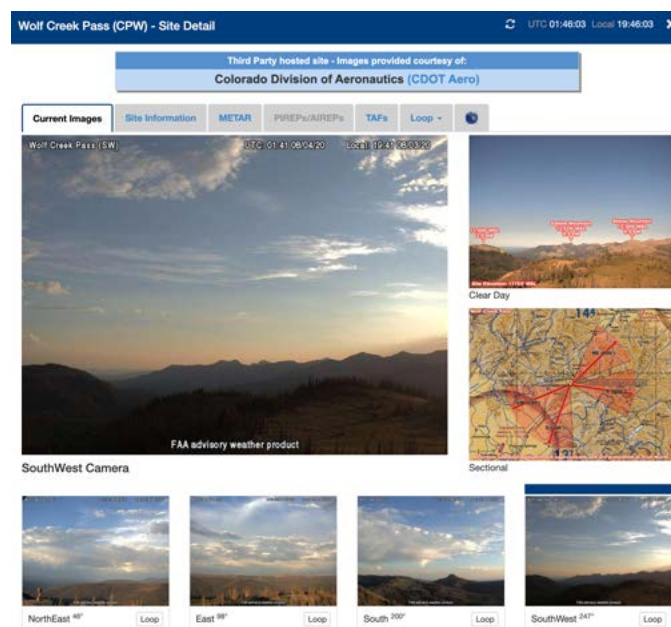
Airport Internship Program - \$90,302

The Division of Aeronautics currently partners with eight Colorado airports to support internship education programs. Grants provided to participating airports cover up to 50% of a \$20 per hour internship salary. Airport management internships support aviation education as prescribed by the Division's enabling legislation C.R.S. 43-10.

Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Mitigation - \$174,831

In September 2019, the Colorado Aeronautical Board approved \$400,000 in state aviation funding to assist Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) eligible airports in Colorado with the acquisition of equipment to minimize the environmental impact of firefighting foam (AFFF) containing toxic chemicals, known as polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

This innovative new statewide initiative, only the second such program in the nation, was developed in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and comes amid an increasing environmental focus on PFAS chemicals, which have been found to pose pervasive challenges to drinking water supplies. Airports certified under Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 139 are currently required by federal regulations to use PFAS-based foam, and to annually test and certify aircraft rescue firefighting



With the integration of FAA weather cameras on Colorado's 13 mountain AWOS sites, pilots traversing the Colorado high country can now get real-time visual weather information at [weathercams.faa.gov](#).

equipment by discharging foam from a firefighting vehicle into a container. During this process, firefighting foam often comes in direct contact with the ground. Under the provisions of this new statewide aviation initiative, the Colorado Division of Aeronautics will provide funding of specialized testing and containment equipment designed to allow FAA-compliant firefighting foam testing to take place without the need for regular foam discharges.

Under this initiative, the Division will fund 100% of the acquisition cost of such equipment, including training, up to \$25,000 per airport. During this reporting period, ten of the sixteen eligible airports had either purchased and deployed the equipment or were in some phase of procurement. It is expected that all eligible airports will have their PFAS testing equipment acquired and in use by June 30, 2021. (Some originally eligible general aviation airports are expected to cease the use of PFAS AFFF and not need the equipment under this program.)



A C-130 operated by the 302nd Airlift Wing of the U.S.A.F Reserve Command based at Peterson Air Force Base on short final at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (BJC). Photo by Shahn Sederberg.

State Infrastructure Bank

The Colorado Transportation Commission supports local operators of transportation facilities with funds available through a low-interest revolving loan program. This unique program was enacted by the Colorado Legislature in 1998 and adopted by CDOT in 1999. The Aviation Element of the Colorado State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) currently administers loans benefiting six Colorado communities, with \$19.3 million in outstanding loan balances as of June 30, 2020.

Loans awarded to airports from the SIB have been used for projects such as capital airport improvements; air traffic control towers, snow removal equipment, and pavement reconstruction. Loans have also been utilized for land acquisitions protecting airports from incompatible adjacent land uses. As of June 30, 2020, the total value of the SIB revolving loan fund was approximately \$25.3 million.

Airports with SIB Loan Balances

- Centennial Airport
- Colorado Springs Airport
- Rocky Mountain Metro Airport

Commercial Air Service

Commercial air service plays a critical role in the economic well-being of our State. The efficient movement of people and goods depends on improving aviation facilities that provide safe, timely, and economical delivery throughout Colorado.

Airline hub services through airports such as Denver International Airport serve several international markets. National and Regional carriers bring passengers and goods into statewide markets. Colorado's tourism industry relies heavily on Commercial air service to introduce new visitors and bring return visitors to Colorado's mountain destinations with point to point direct service from many of the nation's major cities.

Commercial Airline Passenger Activity CY 2019

Denver International	33,592,945	▲7.11%
Colorado Springs Municipal	828,429	▼2.05%
Aspen-Pitkin County	308,143	▲7.95%
Grand Junction Regional	250,016	▲12.63%
Durango-La Plata County	195,220	▲3.17%
Eagle County Regional	191,377	▲10.07%
Montrose Regional	158,198	▲18.13%
Yampa Valley	106,007	▲5.92%
Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional	36,183	▼0.15%
Pueblo Memorial	12,230	▲16.93%
San Luis Valley Regional	10,044	▲40.97%
Cortez Municipal	8,719	▲8.38%
Telluride Regional	5,519	▲188.95%
Northern Colorado Regional	3,023	▲19.11%
TOTAL PASSENGERS	35,706,053	▲6.97%

Data Provided by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Airport Capital Improvement Program

The Division develops and maintains a five-year Capital Improvement Plan for 48 of the 49 federally eligible (DEN manages their own CIP) and 18 non-federally eligible (but state-eligible) public-use airports throughout Colorado. Performing the capital improvement planning for these 66 public-use airports in Colorado enables the Division to create a plan that shows a statewide view of airport needs over the next five years.

The Division and the FAA work in concert with each of the airports and airport sponsors to select the highest priority projects that enhance the safety, security, capacity, and efficiency of the Colorado Airport System. Along with prioritizing the projects, costs must be continually compared to projected Federal, State, and local funding.

The current Capital Improvement Plan (2021-2030) includes nearly \$835 million in planned projects statewide and it is not likely that funds will be available to support all of the projects; this expected shortfall makes prioritizing projects extremely important.

**Excludes privately-owned public-use airports, except for Meadow Lake Airport (KFLY).*



In FY 2020, The Montrose Regional Airport (MTJ) was awarded a \$600K Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant (CDAG) to perform taxiway and runway pavement maintenance. Photo courtesy MTJ.

Aviation Community Outreach & Engagement

The Division of Aeronautics strives to be actively engaged in the aviation community by promoting the importance of general aviation in Colorado's local communities, as well as aviation education and career development, and flying safety.

In FY 2020, the Division of Aeronautics participated in several local aviation community events including the Glenwood Springs Airport Expo, Spartan College Aviation Day at Denver International Airport (DEN), Meet the Planes & Pilots of the Colorado Airport Directory, and Aerospace Day at the Colorado Capitol. During these events, the Division of Aeronautics directly interacted with the aviation community and stakeholders by distributing Colorado Airport Directories, Colorado Aeronautical Charts, Colorado Airport Economic Impact Studies, Colorado Aviation System Plans, and promoted the Colorado Airport Internship Program. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many summer aviation events were either postponed or cancelled.

Additionally, the Division takes a proactive approach in distributing pertinent aviation information to its public and private stakeholders through a coordinated use of social media including [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [Twitter](#) the [Division of Aeronautics web page](#), mass e-mail communication, and the Mountain Wave News Bulletin.



An aspiring aviator shows off his autographed copy of the 2020 Colorado Airport Directory at the 2020 Meet the Planes and Pilots event that took place at the Wings Museum Exploration of Flight. Walt Barbo (right) and his aircraft were featured on the cover of the 2020 Colorado Airport Directory. Photo by David Ulane.



2019 Glenwood Springs Airport Expo. Photo by Shahn Sederberg



COLORADO

Aeronautical Board

The Colorado Aeronautical Board (CAB) is the policy-making body that oversees the operation of the Colorado Division of Aeronautics. The CAB is a seven-member Type 1 Board appointed by the Governor to serve three year terms as representative of defined constituencies in the aviation community.

FY 2020 CAB Meetings & Updates

August 28, 2019

Joseph H. Thibodeau Room - Watkins, CO

[Video](#) | [Agenda/Packet](#)

October 9, 2019

Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT)

[Video](#) | [Agenda/Packet](#)

December 11, 2019

Joseph H. Thibodeau Room - Watkins, CO

[Video](#) | [Agenda/Packet](#)

January 27, 2020

Brown Palace Hotel - CAO Winter Conference

[Video](#) | [Agenda/Packet](#)

April 15, 2020

Video Conference Meeting - Watkins, CO

[Video](#) | [Agenda/Packet](#)

June 10, 2020

Video Conference Meeting - Watkins, CO

[Video](#) | [Agenda/Packet](#)

August 26, 2020

Video Conference Meeting - Watkins, CO

[Video](#) | [Agenda/Packet](#)



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