BLANCA

Blanca Airport (05V) is a general aviation airport located three miles southwest of the Town of Blanca in the San Luis Valley. The airport is owned and operated by the Town of Blanca. There is one runway at the airport that is 6,160 feet long by 52 feet wide (3/21). The airport is used for aerial crop application activities for farms in the San Luis Valley. 05V provides emergency access for the town and offers an emergency landing site for aircraft flying through the valley.



Airport Classification

The 2020 Colorado Aviation System Plan (CASP) has identified six functional classifications for Colorado's 65 publicly-owned, public-use airports and one privately-owned, public-use airport. The six classifications were newly developed for the 2020 CASP and replace the roles previously developed in the 2011 study. These classifications follow the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) role categories as defined by the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) and the ASSET study. However, the CASP expands upon these roles to create more specific classifications for airports that are not included in the NPIAS. Airports that are included in the NPIAS are eligible for federal funding. As of the 2019 NPIAS publication, 48 publicly-owned airports and one privately-owned airport in the Colorado airport system are included in the NPIAS, while 17 publicly-owned airports are not.

Blanca Airport is one of 10 airports in Colorado classified as a GA-Rural airport. GA-Rural airports usually include a basic landing site and do not meet the requirements of the other airport classifications. These airports serve as critical access points for many rural communities in the state and accommodate activities such as emergency medical services and search and rescue operations.













Commercial Service

GA-National

GA-Regional

GA-Local

GA-Community

GA-Rural



Frequent Airport Activities



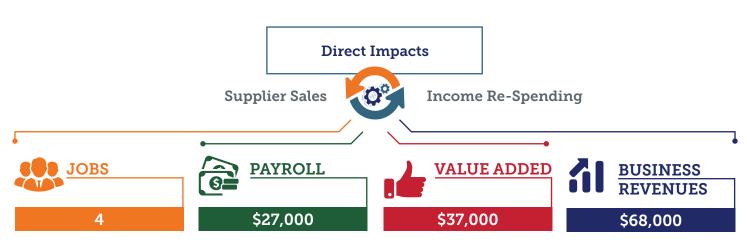
Blanca Features

睭	Associated City/County	Blanca/Costilla	
	Associated OEDIT Region	8 - San Luis Valley Region	
	FAA GA ASSET Classification	Non-NPIAS	
**	Annual Operations (2018)	1,000	
×	Number of Based Aircraft (2018)	0	
	Runway(s)	1	
#	Air Traffic Control Tower	No	

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Economic Impacts of 05V

The 2020 Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study (CEIS) measured the economic impacts of all airports in the state. Blanca is one of 56 general aviation airports contributing to the state's aviation economic impacts. The components that comprise the total economic impacts for 05V are summarized below. Visit the project website to learn more about the methodology used to determine the economic impacts of 05V and all other Colorado airports.



Airport Needs and Recommendations

The 2020 CASP identified several performance measures (PMs) and facility and service objectives (FSOs) to provide a baseline for the infrastructure, facilities, and service capabilities required to best support the type and volume of aviation activity typified by each classification. The CASP identified gaps between the airport's existing condition and the needs to satisfy PMs, FSOs, and/or future facility needs driven by aviation demand forecasts. It is important to note that the PMs and FSOs are not requirements or mandates for airports to meet, rather, they serve as guidelines for airports and CDOT Division of Aeronautics to use during the airport planning process. Airports considered to be deficient in meeting the PMs and/or FSOs were reviewed to determine the recommended projects needed to satisfy those components.

Planning level costs were developed for recommended projects and were associated with the appropriate goal category, PM, or FSO. These costs were developed based on 2019 Colorado material costs and industry knowledge and were adjusted to reflect cost differentials between types, sizes, and locations of airports. Projects and associated costs from available airport master plans and the CDOT 20-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) were also incorporated into the CASP to provide an estimate of the airport's needs based on meeting PMs and FSOs as well as forecasted future demand. The project cost estimates for Blanca to meet appropriate goals, PMs, and FSOs, and projects identified by the airport from other planning efforts, are categorized by project type in the following chart.



Airport Project Costs by Type





Airport Report Card

Facility and service objectives (FSOs) were developed for each of the six airport classifications in the 2020 CASP. The following table details the FSOs and corresponding performance of Blanca. These objectives were analyzed in conjunction with the other performance measures (PMs) to determine the airport's project needs and associated costs.

Objective Category	GA-Rural Objective	Curre	nt Co	ndition	Meets 2020 Objecti	ve?
	ļ	Airfield				
ARC	B-I		A-I		No	
Runway Length	Maintain existing	6,160 feet (6,100 feet)		Yes		
Runway Width	60 feet	52 feet		No		
Runway Strength	12,500 pounds	NA (Dirt)		N/A		
Taxiway	Maintain existing	None		Yes		
Runway Markings	Basic	N/A		N/A		
	Lightir	ng/NAVAIDS				
Approach	Maintain existing	Visual		Yes		
Visual Aids	Wind cone	Rotating beacon, wind cone		Yes		
Runway Lighting	Reflectors	None		No		
Weather Reporting	Non-certified weather	None		No		
	Airpo	rt Facilities				
Terminal (CS and/or GA)	Based on community need	No		Based on community	need	
Apron Tie-Downs	Tie-downs for 100% of based aircraft fleet	100% of Based Aircraft Fleet:	0	Total Tie-Down Spaces:) Yes	
Hangars	Based on community need	0		Based on community	need	
Dedicated Maintenance/SRE Storage Building	Based on community need	N/P		Based on community	need	
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Based on community need	N/P		Based on community	need	
Perimeter Security	AOA 3-wire fencing with appropriate signage	None		No		
	Serv	ices/Other				
Jet A Fuel	Based on community need	Not available		Based on community	need	
AvGas Fuel	Based on community need	Not available		Based on community	need	
Aircraft De-icing	Based on community need	None		Based on community	need	
Courtesy Car	Based on community need	No		Based on community	need	
Sustainability Plan	Based on community need	N/P		Based on community	need	
	Minimum	for All Airports				
Restroom (24-hr accessible) ✓	4-hr accessible) Cell Phone Service Airport Layout Plan (ALP)		Wi-Fi Service	X		

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