# COLORADO AIR AND SPACE PORT

Colorado Air and Space Port (CFO) is a general aviation airport in the Denver area, located eight miles southeast of Denver International Airport. The airport changed its name from Front Range Airport (FTG) in 2019 to reflect the airport's new status as the only licensed spaceport in Colorado. The airport is owned and operated by Adams County. CFO has two asphalt runways that both measure 8,000 in length by 100 feet in width and are equipped with precision instrument approaches. The airport is used for flight training, recreational flying, aerospace manufacturing, and business/corporate activity. CFO is home to a rocket engine testing facility, an Army National Guard armory, and the Colorado Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics' office.



## **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.

Colorado Air And Space Port is one of five airports in Colorado classified as a GA-Regional airport. The airport regularly receives interstate and IFR operations and supports based jets or 100 based piston aircraft. GA-Regional airports can be located in micropolitan or metropolitan areas or can be designated as a Reliever airport by the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). These types of airports consistently serve personal or business piston-powered aircraft and occasional jet operations.













Commercial Service

**GA-National** 

**GA-Regional** 

GA-Local

**GA-Community** 

GA-Rural



# **Frequent Airport Activities**









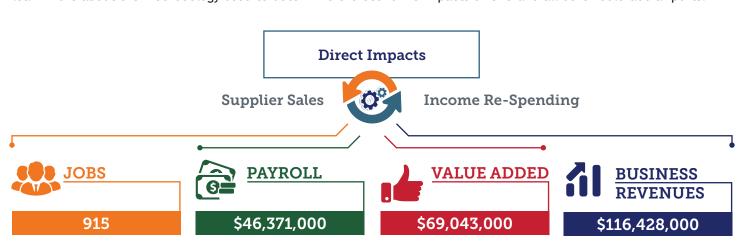


## **Colorado Air and Space Port Features**

| 鯛  | Associated City/County          | Denver/Adams      |
|----|---------------------------------|-------------------|
|    | Associated OEDIT Region         | 3 - Denver Region |
|    | FAA GA ASSET Classification     | Regional          |
| ** | Annual Operations (2018)        | 79,704            |
| ×  | Number of Based Aircraft (2018) | 353               |
|    | Runway(s)                       | 2                 |
| #  | Air Traffic Control Tower       | Yes               |
|    |                                 |                   |

# **Economic Impacts of CFO**

The 2020 Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study (CEIS) measured the economic impacts of all airports in the state. Colorado Air and Space Port is one of 56 general aviation airports contributing to the state's aviation economic impacts. The components that comprise the total economic impacts for CFO are summarized below. Visit the project website to learn more about the methodology used to determine the economic impacts of CFO 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 Colorado Air and Space Port 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 Colorado Air and Space Port. These objectives were analyzed in conjunction with the other performance measures (PMs) to determine the airport's project needs and associated costs.

|                                    | GA-Regional Objective  | Carre  | iii cc | ondition                                    |     | Objective? |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--------|---|-----|------------|
|                                    | Airfie   | eld  |        |   |     |            |
| RC                                 | B-II   |  | C-II   |   |     | Yes        |
| unway Length                       | Align with Master Plan   | 8,000 feet (8,000 feet)  |        |   | Yes |            |
| lunway Width                       | 75 feet  | 100 feet   |        |   | Yes |            |
| Runway Strength                    | 30,000 pounds  | 28,000 lbs SW; 40,000 lbs DW                                   |        |   | Yes |            |
| axiway                             | Full parallel  | Full parallel  |        |   | Yes |            |
| Runway Markings                    | Non-precision  | Precision  |        |   | Yes |            |
|                                    | Lighting/N   | AVAIDS   |        |   |     |            |
| Approach                           | Non-precision with vertical guidance   | Precision  |        |   | Yes |            |
| /isual Aids                        | Rotating beacon, lighted wind cone,<br>REILs, VGSIs  | Rotating beacon, lighted wind cone, REILs, VGSIs               |        |   | Yes |            |
| Runway Lighting                    | MIRL   | HIRL   |        |   |     | Yes        |
| Weather Reporting                  | On-site ASOS or AWOS   | AWOS-3   |        |   |     | Yes        |
|                                    | Airport Fa   | acilities  |        |   |     |            |
| Ferminal (CS and/or GA)            | Facility with restrooms, pilot-lounge, and Wi-Fi   | Facility with restrooms and pilot lounge                       |        |   |     | No         |
| Apron Tie-Downs                    | Tie-downs for 40% of based aircraft<br>fleet plus 50% of weekly average<br>overnight transient storage during<br>peak season | 40% of based aircraft fleet plus 50% transient aircraft fleet: | 184    | Total tie-down spaces:                      | 260 | Yes        |
|                                    | Hangars for 60% of based aircraft  | 60% of based aircraft fleet:                                   | 261    | Number of based aircraft hangar spaces:     | 291 |            |
| Hangars                            | fleet and 50% of weekly average overnight transient storage  | 50% of transient aircraft fleet:                               | 10     | Number of transient aircraft hangar spaces: | 2   | No         |
| dicated Maintenance/SRE Yes Yes    |  |  |        |   | Yes |            |
| Electric Vehicle Charging Stations | Yes  | No   |        |   | No  |            |
| erimeter Security                  | Full perimeter fencing with security gates and appropriate signage   | Partial perimeter 3-wire fencing                               |        |   | No  |            |
|                                    | Services/  | Other  |        |   |     |            |
| et A Fuel                          | Full service Full service  |  |        |   | Yes |            |
| vGas Fuel Full service             |  | Full service   |        |   |     | Yes        |
| Aircraft De-icing                  | Dedicated de-icing area  | Dedicated de-icing area  |        | Yes   |     |            |
| Courtesy Car                       | Yes  | Yes  |        |   | Yes |            |
| Sustainability Plan                | Yes  | No   |        |   | Yes |            |
|                                    |  |  |        |   |     |            |



