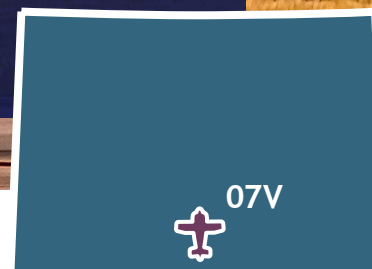
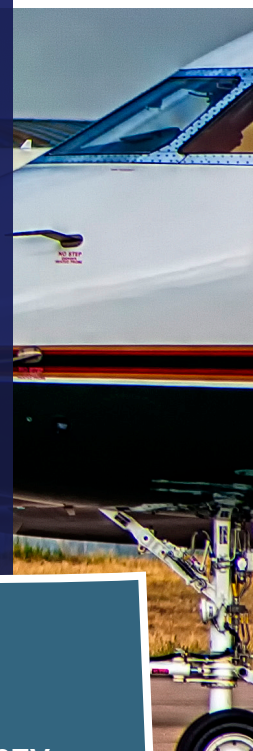


CUCHARA VALLEY

Cuchara Valley Airport at La Veta (07V) is a general aviation airport in southern Colorado, located approximately one mile north of La Veta. The airport is owned and operated by the Town of La Veta. 07V has a single asphalt runway (6/24) that is 5,798 feet long by 60 feet wide. The airport is primarily used for military training and aerial photography. Additionally, 07V is occasionally used as a staging area for aerial/wildland firefighting activities. 07V is a vital resource for the local community.



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.

Cuchara Valley 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.



Frequent Airport Activities



Aerial/Wildland
Firefighting



Military Activities



Aerial Photography/
Surveys

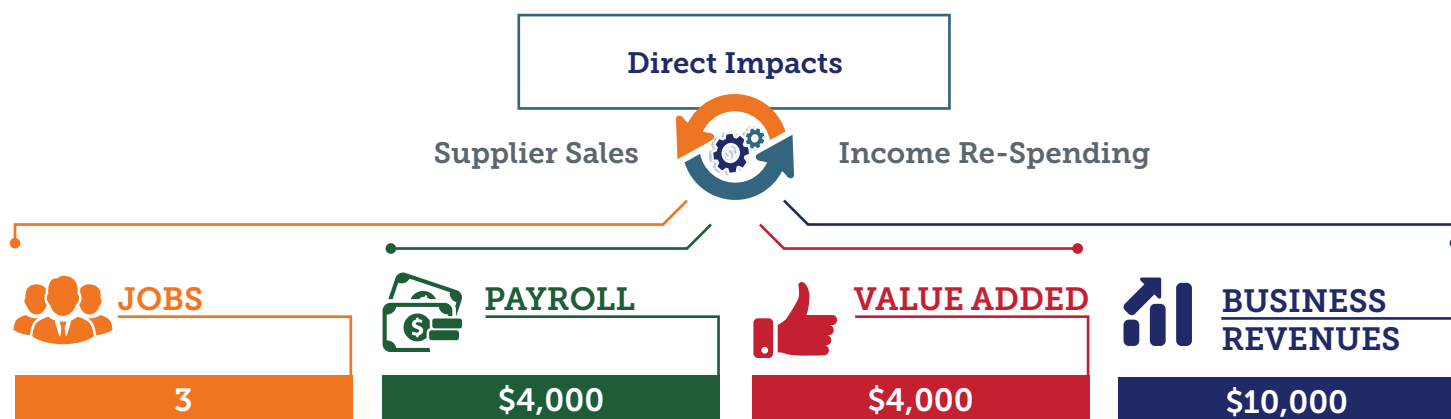
Cuchara Valley Features

	Associated City/County	La Veta/Huerfano
	Associated OEDIT Region	14 - Raton Basin Region
	FAA GA ASSET Classification	Non-NPIAS
	Annual Operations (2018)	50
	Number of Based Aircraft (2018)	2
	Runway(s)	1
	Air Traffic Control Tower	No

07V

Economic Impacts of 07V

The 2020 Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study (CEIS) measured the economic impacts of all airports in the state. Cuchara Valley is one of 56 general aviation airports contributing to the state's aviation economic impacts. The components that comprise the total economic impacts for 07V are summarized below. Visit the project website to learn more about the methodology used to determine the economic impacts of 07V 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.

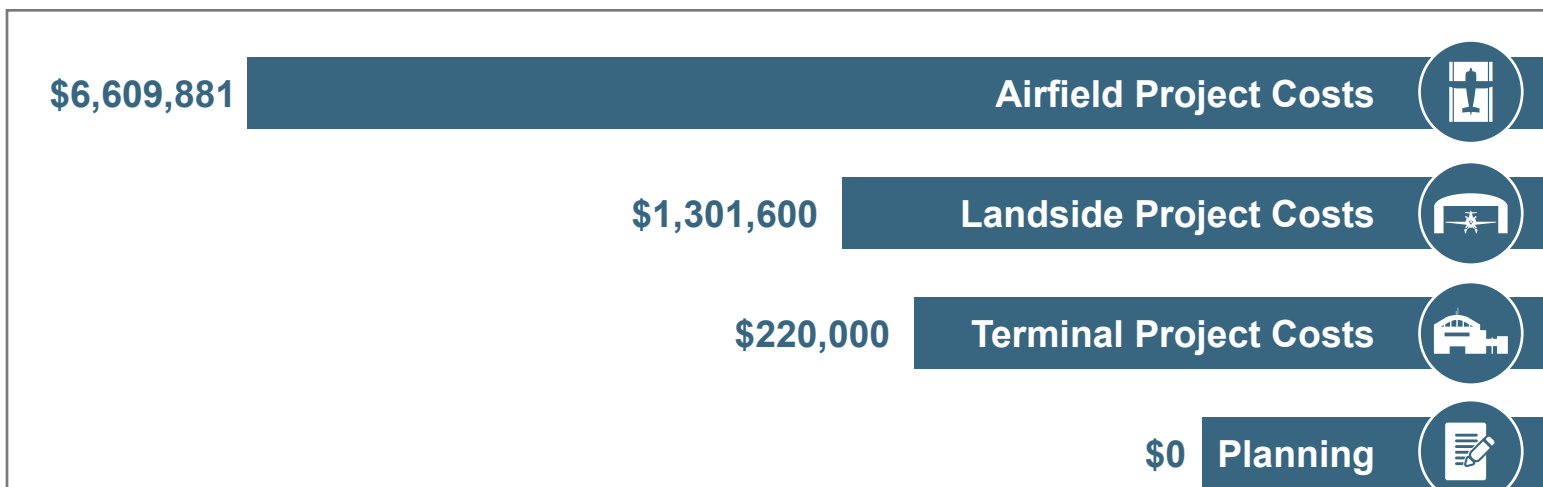
Planning level costs were developed for recommended projects and were associated with the appropriate goal category, PM, or FSO. These costs were developed based on 2019 Colorado material costs and industry knowledge and were adjusted to reflect cost differentials between types, sizes, and locations 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 Cuchara Valley 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.



Did You Know?

07V has served as a critical asset for the communities and firefighters in southern Colorado. During the 2013 East Peak fire and the 2018 Spring Fire on La Veta Pass, 07V was used as a staging area for firefighting helicopters. The proximity of the airport to the fires enabled firefighting commanders to quickly deploy helicopters to hotspots, preventing greater damage to property and wilderness areas.

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 Cuchara Valley. 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	Current Condition				Meets 2020 Objective?
Airfield						
ARC	B-I	A-I				No
Runway Length	Maintain existing	5,798 feet (5,798 feet)				Yes
Runway Width	60 feet	60 feet				Yes
Runway Strength	12,500 pounds	N/P				N/A
Taxiway	Maintain existing	Connector				Yes
Runway Markings	Basic	Visual				Yes
Lighting/NAVAIDS						
Approach	Maintain existing	Visual				Yes
Visual Aids	Wind cone	Rotating, beacon, wind cone				Yes
Runway Lighting	Reflectors	MIRL				Yes
Weather Reporting	Non-certified weather	None				No
Airport 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:	2	Total Tie-Down Spaces:	4	Yes
Hangars	Based on community need	2				Based on community need
Dedicated Maintenance/SRE Storage Building	Based on community need	No				Based on community need
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Based on community need	No				Based on community need
Perimeter Security	AOA 3-wire fencing with appropriate signage	Terminal apron area 3-wire fencing				No
Services/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	Yes				Based on community need
Sustainability Plan	Based on community need	No				Based on community need
Minimums for All Airports						
Restroom (24-hr accessible) ✗	Cell Phone Service ✓	Airport Layout Plan (ALP) ✓				Wi-Fi Service ✗