



## ASE Vision Process

Airport Advisory Groups Meeting #3

April 29, 2019 | 4pm – 7pm

Pitkin County Library and Pitkin County Offices

### Meeting Goals and Purpose

- Define community values and to be incorporated into airport planning
- Listen and begin to understand the collective vision for the airport’s future

### Welcome and Opening Remarks

John Bennett, Airport Vision Committee Pilot, welcomed attendees and reviewed the meeting agenda. He emphasized that the Airport Advisory Groups are working together on shared values and priorities. As groups head into breakout sessions, he encouraged them to think about what they want the airport to be and what aspects can be dialed up or dialed down.

### Breakout Group Discussion: Values and Vision

Breakout discussions were conducted with each Airport Advisory Group to gather input on the values that should inform the vision for the airport’s future.

## ASE Vision: The future of Aspen/Pitkin County Airport

*Consider the following as you think about the future of the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport:*

- In addition to Safety – which is paramount for us all – please **identify three core community values** that are deeply important to guide the future of the airport in our valley?
- Describe your vision for our airport 30 years from now.
  - *What should it look like?*
  - *How should it feel?*
  - *What kind of experience should it offer?*
  - *What else you believe is important?*





## **Summary of Shared Values**

The following reflect the key values and considerations identified across all advisory groups:

### **Safety in the Air and on the Ground**

#### **Adaptable, Flexible, Future-Proof**

- Ability to serve aircraft of the future
- Ability to adapt to future uses. Preserve space for future.

#### **Environmental Responsibility. Address:**

- Noise Pollution
- Air Pollution
- Carbon emissions – aspire to net carbon neutrality
- Light Pollution
- Sustainability – energy efficiency
- Respect wildlife habitat, open space and natural surroundings

#### **Community Character – Reflect local culture and values**

- Connection to place: It should feel like Aspen and Pitkin County
- Unique mountain airport feeling – unpretentious
- Tell Aspen story: reflect culture, mining heritage, skiing, ranching, etc.
- Retain rural and small-town feel
- “Small is important” “Don’t build it too big” “One story above ground”
- “Reasonable growth” “Modest expansion”
- Control growth through number of gates, etc.
- “Just Big Enough” “Right-Sized”

#### **Economic Vitality**

- Adaptable to the economic sustainability of our resort
- Convenience: More direct flights
- More carriers and competition
- Take valley growth into consideration

#### **Warm and Welcoming**

- Friendly and personable for both residents and visitors
- Comfortable with excellent food & drink amenities
- Guest-friendly for stranded passengers and peak crowds.
- Stress free
- Improved, but not so different from today. Still welcoming.
- Views of mountains
- A practical airport: Better waiting rooms and employee areas
- Convenient access to/from airport



### **Design Excellence**

- Unique – Distinctive – Great architecture
- Should look like Aspen – Small is important – Small but beautiful
- Incorporate mountain surroundings
- No jet bridges
- Awe-inspiring views
- It should be surprising!

### **Efficiency – an airport that works well**

- Well planned. Better functionality than today
- Incorporate new technology
- Efficient in service, time, operations
- In design, give commercial passengers priority over private planes
- Reliable gateway for visitors

### **Preserve High Quality of Life**

- Neighbor Friendly
- Mitigate noise.
- Maintain curfew

### **Convenient and Easy Ground Transportation**

- Multi-modal transit options
- Seamless connectivity to transit

*An audio recording of the Airport Vision Committee values discussion can be found [here](#).*

*An audio recording of the Community Character Workgroup values discussion can be found [here](#).*

*An audio recording of the Airport Experience Workgroup values discussion can be found [here](#).*

*An audio recording of the Technical Workgroup values discussion can be found [here](#).*

*An audio recording of the Focus Group values discussion can be found [here](#).*

### **Next Steps**

The next meeting will be held on May 7th to discuss safety, as well as trends in airspace and the air service industry.