ASE Vision Process
Airport Advisory Groups Meeting #6:
July 11, 2019 | 4pm – 7pm
City of Aspen Police Department and Pitkin County Offices

**Meeting Goals and Purpose**

- Introduce the genesis of the three foundational continua (Airport Capacity/Growth; Air Quality; Noise) based on the shared values developed at previous advisory group meetings, and identify a spectrum of complementary or competing priorities

- Present the continua review process and how the three foundational continua will inform future topics (such as commercial airline operations, general aviation and the user-experience of a new terminal)

- Establish common understanding of the process that will be used to develop concrete recommendations to the County Commissioners by the end of the year on the future of the Pitkin County-Aspen Airport

**Welcome and Introductions**

*Note: Audio recordings of the meeting can be found [here](#).*

Airport Vision Committee (AVC) chairman/pilot John Bennett opened the meeting to review the meeting agenda and purpose. County Manager Jon Peacock then introduced the continua development and review process with a description of the meetings breakout exercises.

**Breakout Group Exercises: Continua Review, Initial Vote, Discussion and Final Vote**

Breakout exercises were conducted with each Airport Advisory Group to review and gather input on three continua: Airport Capacity/Growth, Air Quality and Noise.

All breakout rooms had two boards for each continuum. Each facilitation team presented an overview of the three foundational continua that were developed based on workgroup values from previous meetings. The breakout exercises were not intended to be a deep debate over specific solutions, but rather a discussion about what kinds of values will guide us towards our desired community vision with specific targets explored in more detail during subsequent meetings.

**Continua Voting and Discussion**

For each continuum, Working Group members participated in a preliminary anonymous vote with green dots as a straw poll and then discussed the results, with an emphasis on where there was common ground and where tradeoffs exist. It was the intention with each group and continua that after the discussion, each member of the group would vote again with blue dots. However, as the groups discussed the topics, the discussions evolved organically and not all groups or all continua followed this format. The processes that unfolded within each group are detailed below.
**Airport Vision Committee**

The Airport Vision Committee (AVC) did not participate in the dot exercise – rather the AVC discussed the continua and will consider a recommended direction for the foundational continua process at a separate AVC meeting on July 22nd. The AVC will also map out next steps and additional topics on July 22nd for the continua used at the August meeting.

*For full context of the AVC continua discussion, the complete audio recording can be found [here](#).*

**Community Character Working Group**

Community Character Working Group – preliminary vote on Airport Capacity/Growth:
Community Character Working Group – final vote on Airport Capacity/Growth:

**QUALITY OF LIFE: DEFINING “JUST BIG ENOUGH” & “RIGHT-SIZED”**

**AIRPORT COMMERCIAL ENPLANEMENT TARGET**

**DECREASE CAPACITY**
- Enplanements decrease to approx. 2008 levels (approx. 21K/yr).
  - 50K-75K sf. terminal.
  - 3-5 gates (depending on aircraft type).

**ACCOMMODATE LIMITED GROWTH**
- Current enplanements plus approx. 0.8% annual growth (approx. 309K/yr. in 2028).
  - New 75K-90K sf. terminal.
  - 4-6 gates (depending on aircraft type).

**ACCOMMODATE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH**
- Current enplanements plus 3% annual growth (approx. 370K/yr. in 2028).
  - Environmental Assessment
    - Terminal Clearance is 150K sf.
    - Terminal with 10 gates.
  - 8-12 gates (depending on aircraft type).
  - New 120K-140K sf. terminal.

**MINIMIZE ENPLANEMENTS**
- Enplanements decrease approx. 40% to 163K.
  - Reduce to 2-3 gates.
  - Reconfigure existing space/terminal and fix safety and ADA issues.

**MAXIMIZE ENPLANEMENTS**
- Enplanements grow greater than 3%/yr. (170K+).
  - New 140K+ sf. terminal.
  - 10+ gates (depending on aircraft type).

**CURRENT CONDITIONS**
- 2018 Enplanements: 284K
- Current Number of Gates: 8 (plus two overnight parking positions)
- Terminal: 47K sf.
- Current Enplanements suggest an 60K-85K sf. terminal with 8 gates plus two overnight parking positions.
Community Character Working Group – final vote on Air Quality

Following discussion, the Community Character group opted to vote only once on the air quality continuum.
Community Character Working Group – final vote on Noise

Following discussion, the Community Character group opted to vote only once on the noise continuum.

For full context of the Community Character Working Group discussion, the complete audio recording can be found here.
Airport Experience Working Group

Airport Experience Working Group – preliminary vote on Airport Capacity/Growth:

**QUALITY OF LIFE: DEFINING “JUST BIG ENOUGH” & “RIGHT-SIZED” AIRPORT COMMERCIAL ENPLANEMENT TARGET**

**DECREASE CAPACITY**
- Enplanements decrease to approx. 2008 levels (approx. 213K/yr.).
  - 50K-75K sf terminal.
  - 3-5 gates (depending on aircraft type).

**ACCOMMODATE LIMITED GROWTH**
- Current enplanements plus approx. 0.8% annual growth (approx. 305K/yr. in 2038).
  - New 75K-90K sf terminal.
  - 4-6 gates (depending on aircraft type).

**ACCOMMODATE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH**
- Current enplanements plus 3% annual growth (approx. 370K/yr. in 2028).
  - Environmental Assessment
  - Terminal Clearance is 140K sf terminal with 10 gates.
  - 8-12 gates (depending on aircraft type).
  - New 120K-140K sf terminal.

**MINIMIZE ENPLANMENTS**
- Enplanements decrease approx. 40% to 163K.
  - Reduce to 2-3 gates.
  - Reconfigure existing taxiway/terminal and fit safety and ADA issues.

**MAXIMIZE ENPLANMENTS**
- Enplanements grow greater than 3%/yr. (370K+).
  - New 140K+ sf terminal.
  - 10+ gates (depending on aircraft type).

**CURRENT CONDITIONS**
- 2018 Enplanements ............... 208K
- Current Number of Gates ........... 8 (plus two overnight parking positions)
- Terminal .............................. 42K sf
- Current 5-enplanements suggest an 60K-85K sf terminal with 8 gates plus two overnight parking positions.
Airport Experience Working Group – final vote on Airport Capacity/Growth:

**QUALITY OF LIFE: DEFINING “JUST BIG ENOUGH” & “RIGHT-SIZED” AIRPORT COMMERCIAL ENPLANMENT TARGET**

**DECREASE CAPACITY**
- Enplanements decrease to approx. 2000 levels (approx. 213K/yr.).
- 50K-75K sf terminal.
- 3-5 gates (depending on aircraft type).

**ACCOMMODATE LIMITED GROWTH**
- Current enplanements plus approx. 0.8% annual growth (approx. 30K/yr. in 2028).
- New 75K-90K sf terminal.
- 4-6 gates (depending on aircraft type).

**ACCOMMODATE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH**
- Current enplanements plus 3% annual growth (approx. 370K/yr. in 2028).
- Environmental Assessment.
- Terminal Clearance is 140K sf, terminal with 10 gates.
- 8-12 gates (depending on aircraft type).
- New 130K-140K sf terminal.

**MINIMIZE ENPLANMENTS**
- Enplanements decrease approx. 40% to 163K.
- Reduce to 2-3 gates.
- Reconfigure existing space/terminal and fix safety and ACO issues.

**MAXIMIZE ENPLANMENTS**
- Enplanements grow greater than 3%/yr. (170K+).
- New 140K+ sf terminal.
- 10+ gates (depending on aircraft type).

**CURRENT CONDITIONS**
- 2018 Enplanements: 284K
- Current Number of Gates: 8 (plus two overnight parking positions)
- Terminal: 47K sf
- Current Enplanements suggest an 60K-85K sf terminal with 8 gates plus two overnight parking positions
Airport Experience Working Group – final vote on Air Quality

Following discussion, the Airport Experience group opted to vote only once on the air quality continuum.
Airport Experience Working Group – final vote on Noise

Following discussion, the Airport Experience group opted to vote only once on the noise continuum.

For full context of the Airport Experience Working Group discussion, the complete audio recording can be found here.
Technical Working Group – final vote on Airport Capacity/Growth

Following discussion, the Technical group opted to vote only once on each continuum – green dots equivalent to blue dots of other groups.
Technical Working Group – final vote on Air Quality

Following discussion, the Technical group opted to vote only once on each continuum – green dots equivalent to blue dots of other groups.
Technical Working Group – final vote on Noise:

Following discussion, the Technical group opted to vote only once on each continuum – green dots equivalent to blue dots of other groups

For full context of the Technical Working Group discussion, the complete audio recording can be found here.
Focus Group

Focus Group – preliminary vote on Airport Capacity/Growth:
Focus Group – final vote on Airport Capacity/Growth:
Focus Group – final vote on Air Quality (no preliminary vote was taken)

- Blue dots represent aircraft
- Green dots represent terminal and ground facilities

Focus Group – did not vote on Noise continuum: Due to time constraints and desire for more data about current conditions, potential implications of choices and more information on how airport design would influence greenhouse gas emissions and noise.

For full context of the Focus Group discussion, the complete audio recording can be found [here](#).
Report Out: Continua Results, Common Ground and Tradeoffs

Results of the continua breakout exercises were reported-out by the Pitkin County representatives from the facilitation team for each group. *Audio recordings of the meeting can be found here.*

- Community Character: Cindy Houben
- Airport Experience: Brian Pettet
- Technical: GR Fielding
- Focus: Rich Englehart

Next Steps: Developing and Refining a Vision for the Future Airport

As additional continua are developed for subsequent meetings, an increasingly detailed vision for the future airport will be created based on iterative feedback from meeting-to-meeting.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for:

- Airport Vision Committee: July 22nd Special Meeting
- Joint Meeting: August 12th
- Joint Meeting: September 18th