

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 6, 2019

Dan Elwell
Acting Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Acting Administrator Elwell,

I write in support of the City of Longmont, Colorado's Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Runway Extension and Infrastructure Assistance grant application to provide necessary improvements to Vance Brand Municipal Airport. This project will greatly improve airport infrastructure, including expanding the airport's sole runway and facilitating additional necessary infrastructure developments.

Vance Brand Municipal Airport is the home base for 294 aircraft, maintains 273 hangars, and supports 75,000 take-offs and landings per year. However, the airport is considered a high-altitude airport and the single runway does not meet standard requirements within the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Advisory Circulars (ACs). Many aircraft that frequent Vance Brand Municipal Airport contain turbo-prop and jet engines, which the current runway cannot support when these aircraft have full fuel tanks, forcing pilots to refuel at secondary stops. Aircraft are also restricted from operating during periods of high temperature.

The AIP Supplemental Appropriation grant application also includes plans to develop the southwest portion of the airport's physical campus. The plan calls for adding additional access taxiways to planned aeronautical facilities, an aircraft apron, airfield lighting and signage, utilities, drainage, access roads with perimeter fencing, parking lots, and a service terminal facility. The southwest infrastructure projects address unmet aeronautical demand in the City of Longmont.

As such, I urge you to provide full and fair consideration of the City of Longmont's AIP Runway Extension and Infrastructure Assistance request to make much-needed improvements at Vance Brand Municipal Airport. If you should require further information, please contact my Legislative Director, James Hampson, at James.Hampson@mail.house.gov or 202-225-4676. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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