

**REPORT/ RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
ARAPAHOE COUNTY PUBLIC AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND
RECORD OF ACTION**

February 10, 2022

FROM: Mike Fronapfel, Executive Director/CEO

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

RECOMMENDATION: Advisory Only

BACKGROUND: With the passage of the Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA) Centennial Airport will be eligible to receive \$763,000 per year for the next 5 years.

On Wednesday, January 26th Senator Bennet took a brief tour of the airport that included life flight and firefighting helicopters and the Air Methods manufacturing facility. Commissioner Sharpe, Holen and I expressed our appreciation to the Senator for his support of the IIJA and the airport. We discussed areas we anticipated using the IIJA grant funds which include, new multi-function snow removal equipment, upgrades to the airport's perimeter fence, and rehabilitation of TWY-D.

The FAA advised that there are also additional funds set aside for air traffic control tower (ATCT) improvements and/or construction. We discussed with Senator Bennet our need for either significant improvements to Centennial Airports ATCT to bring it up to current FAA standards or have a new tower constructed.

There has been significant concern in the aviation community over the mobile phone companies deploying their new 5G C-Band networks. The FAA is concerned about possible adverse effects on aircraft navigation equipment that operate in a similar bandwidth to the new cellular networks. The FAA has approved some aircraft models to conduct low-visibility approaches to 87 airports that are impacted by the 5G C-band towers. As of this writing, Centennial Airport has not been identified as being impacted by the deployment of the 5G C-Band networks.

FINANCIAL DATA: N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS: L. Hinton

PRESENTERS: Mike Fronapfel

Action of the Board of Commissioners

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