

DOES ASPEN NEED BIGGER AIRPLANES?



Private aircraft parked at Aspen Airport

NO... BUT IT COULD HAPPEN SOONER THAN YOU THINK

The Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners is considering the Airport Demand Forecast and Fleet Mix Study on June 27 and 28.

Their approval would lay the groundwork for a bigger airport designed for 91,673 more airline passengers in 2042 than in 2022, and rearranged to let in bigger planes, including dirtier and noisier ones like old private 737s.

Aspen would be required to keep up with Federal forecasts for a half-million airline passengers in 2050—two-thirds more than we strain to serve now. Prudently deferring that choice could lose some potential Federal grants (perhaps including 20% for a new terminal), mainly for things the community doesn't want or need. But keeping Fixed Base Operation revenues—a sensible choice the Commissioners are now weighing in secret—could replace those grants and keep the Airport thriving under local policy direction.

SAY YES TO CONTROLLING OUR OWN DESTINY, NO TO BIGGER PLANES

Public comment will be allowed on June 28th—but not at the 1:00 PM June 27 Work Session, where Amory Lovins will discuss the Forecast with its authors in a public roundtable for the Commissioners.

STOP THE RUNAWAY RUNWAY

Please tell the Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners what you think of airside plans to accommodate bigger planes, by commenting at the **June 28 Regular Session** (530 E. Main St., 12:00 noon), or by writing to the Commissioners at:

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