

PREFACE

The purpose of this preface is to provide insight to the reader as to preparation of a forecast update for Colorado Springs Airport (COS) in June 2013 after the planning was completed prior to the publication of this Technical Report. The original forecast was prepared in the summer of 2010 and approved by FAA on September 23, 2010. In the fall of 2012, the FAA requested that airport management prepare a forecast update given the forecast approval was more than two years past. Airport management agreed that a forecast update was warranted given significant changes in air service at the Airport since the original forecast was prepared. The forecast update was approved by FAA in August 2013.

Notably, the master plan recommendations, which primarily involve airfield improvements for safety, efficiency, and/or operational reasons, are justified regardless of present or future activity levels. In other words, the recommendations are not demand-driven projects. Moreover, the master planning process employed planning activity levels (PAL) that tie future improvements to realized activity levels rather than arbitrary years in the future. Accordingly, the planning recommendations from this master plan remain valid and were unchanged based upon the forecast update.

Chapter 3 of this document includes the original forecast, as well as a brief summary of the forecast update, with Appendix B to this report including a more complete explanation of the assumptions and projections from the forecast update. The remainder of the report references the planning activity levels which were based upon the original forecast.

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