Funding Needs

2025

Yampa Valley
Grand Junction Regional
Eagle County Regional
San Luis Valley Regional/Bergman Field
Denver International
City of Colorado Springs Municipal
Aspen-Pitkin County/Sardy Field
Montrose Regional
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Thriving Airports Support a Thriving America

Airports have a footprint in every community in America and
are critical to our country’s economic success. Airports support
11.5 million jobs in the United States and produce an annual
economic output of $17 trillion. Continued infrastructure
investment and reduced regulatory burdens for America’s
airports will support good-paying jobs, stimulate the economy,
advance important environmental goals, and improve the
passenger experience for millions of travelers.

U.S. Airport Infrastructure Needs Increase to $151 Billion

Airport infrastructure in the United States needs have swollen
to $151 billion through 2027. The total cost of these critical
projects dwarfs the funding available through annual Airport
Improvement Program grants, Passenger Facility Charge user
fee collections, grant funding available through the Bipartisan
Infrastructure Law, and net income generated by airports.

Outdated Terminals Top U.S. Airport Needs

Airport infrastructure needs span the entire infrastructure
ecosystem, but terminal projects make up the bulk of airport
needs. For 2023 through 2027, terminal building projects
represent 43 percent of the total infrastructure development.
Terminal building projects are those necessary to accommodate
more airlines and more passengers, improve the efficiency of
passenger and cargo processing, increase levels of service, and
embark and/or continue on the decarbonization pathway.

Simple Policy Solutions to Fix U.S. Airport Infrastructure

Increasing AIP funding, expanding AIP eligibility, modernizing
the outdated PFC, and reducing regulatory burdens would allow
airports to use funds in a way that benefits them the best, which
in turn benefits the communities they serve.