



## NORTHERN COLORADO REGIONAL AIRPORT

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### **Northern Colorado Regional Airport Cities of Fort Collins & Loveland, Colorado MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Airport to Decommission Hangar Buildings**

*Phase-out plan expedited as four aging hangars reach end of useful life*

**LOVELAND, Colo. – March 2, 2023** – At the March 2<sup>nd</sup> special meeting of the Northern Colorado Regional Airport Commission, a decision was made that directed airport staff to begin the process of decommissioning four hangar buildings. The hangars were transferred to the Cities ownership after their long-term land leases had expired, with 1/3 of the units reverting to the Cities' ownership in early 2020. Since this time these hangars have been rented to private aircraft owners on a month-to-month basis. Originally constructed between 1965 and 1977, the four buildings contain 47 individual hangar tenants that utilize them for small aircraft storage. The Airport has been able to extend the usage of these buildings to maximize their available lifespans but can no longer be supported by the cities due to multiple factors that are due to age and deterioration.

The area has been identified as a location for redevelopment, first introduced in the 2007 Airport Master Plan and reiterated in the 2020 Airport Master Plan, both of which involved significant public outreach and adoption by both City Councils. A gradual phase-out of these units was originally intended to ease the impact on tenants and allow for new hangar development to take place; however, a structural analysis of the buildings identified structural concerns, limiting their time for use.

To assist with relocation efforts, the airport will provide temporary relief for outdoor tiedown spaces for affected aircraft, supply trash and recycling support, and assist tenants in finding new aircraft storage arrangements. Further the Airport Commission have requested that tenants provide alternatives to this decision to be provided to them at their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday April 20. New hangar facilities are currently under construction at the airport, with completion anticipated later this year.

“As the Northern Colorado Regional Airport continues to serve our region, we have done all that we can to extend the lifespan of these facilities to maximize the value for those using them. The timing for this action is unfortunate but necessary and we are committed to making this process as smooth as possible for displaced tenants. We recognize that aviation hangar space is in short supply along the Front Range and are seeking solutions with our users to provide ideas that will help support the general aviation needs of the region.” said Airport Director Jason Licon.



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The airport has published information on this decision on their website at [www.flynoco.com/airporhangars](http://www.flynoco.com/airporhangars). A Town Hall will be held on March 9 at 3:30pm at jetCenter located at 4824 Earhart Road, Loveland, CO 80538 to discuss this decision for those unable to make it to the meeting held on March 2.

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