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Airport Commission approves repairs to T-hangar building C

Eviction notices to be rescinded immediately

LOVELAND, Colo. – June 16, 2023 – After learning the results of a forensic engineering analysis and cost estimates conducted for three existing T-hangar buildings, the Northern Colorado Regional Airport Commission committed to repairs on T-Hangar building C, estimated at \$89,212, and voted to immediately withdraw any eviction notices for C building T-Hangars (C hangar or C hangar).

The C hangar repairs will add three to five years of life to the building with regular safety monitoring, allowing 40 general aviation tenants to continue month-to-month leases with the airport to store their planes as long as no further structural issues arise.

The engineering analysis, conducted by Loveland-based civil engineering aviation consultant Civil Innovations and sub-contractor Knott Laboratory, also confirmed that T-Hangar building A is not safe enough to warrant repairs. With estimated structural repair costs starting at \$115,315 to achieve a maximum five-year lifespan, staff do not recommend repairs for the T-Hangar Building B.

The Commission asked staff to provide recommendations for reuse options and associated cost information to potentially salvage that building for the July 20 meeting.

“Safety, liability, and financial stability have been important considerations for us as we’ve uncovered the structural reality of these aging hangars. Due diligence has led us down this path and staff is eager to get to work,” said David Ruppel, interim airport director.

[Read the complete T-hangar engineering report and cost estimates beginning on page 135.](#)

General aviation T-hangers at FNL

Since 2007, the Airport Master Plan has identified the current T-Hangar area for redevelopment. [Read the airport’s 2020 master plan.](#) The airport’s goal has been to find a path that allows for the extended use of airport-owned hangars if that can be achieved safely, while also supporting future T-Hanger development on airport property that would better serve these demands into the future.

“The general aviation community has and will continue to be important to us and we look forward to increasing the lifespan of hangar C and continuing to support private-hangar development in other areas of the airport,” said Ruppel.

The airport intends to develop and implement an infrastructure plan to create shovel-ready property in the northeast area of the Airport to support the private-sector development of new general aviation hangars. A 23-unit hangar project is currently being constructed at the airport, with completion anticipated in late 2023 or early 2024. Other projects are also planned to lessen the shortage of hangar space.

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