Columbia Regional Airport (COU)

Challenges of Smaller Regional Airports

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- 1928 – Columbia Airport – Cosmo Park
- 1962 – National Airport Plan Recommends 6,500 runway – Convair Cv340
- 1963 – City feasibility study expand or new airport
- 1968 - Columbia Regional Airport
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Passenger Statistics

1977 – 116,000 annually
2002 – 46,000 annually
2007 – 17,000 annually
2012 – 76,000 annually

12% of customer base uses CRA
Goal 40% by 2020 240,000
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1978 – Airline Deregulation
8 airlines have served Columbia since 1975 – Ozark, 1975-1983, Eastern, and Middle Illinois
2006 – 2008 – Mesa/Air Midwest (EAS)
2008 – 2010 – Northwest/Delta (EAS)
2010 – Delta
2012 – Frontier
2013 – American begins, Delta leaves, Frontier leaves
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SOUTH DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVE – PHASE 1
LANDSIDE IMAGE
NORTH DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVE – OVERALL IMAGE
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The Preferred Development Plan provides a strategic approach for continued maintenance, upgrade, and expansion of facilities; as consistent with the long-term vision of the Airport. Overall, the development plan is structured to respond to key capital improvement needs, project-by-project, and as necessary to meet Airport demand levels. These improvements, as sequenced over the Airport’s pavement condition map, are documented as part of the full Airport Layout Plan (ALP) drawing set generated as part of this master plan.
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Figure 2.2.1-2
NORTH DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVE – PHASE 1
AIRSIDE IMAGE

New Holdroom

Existing ARFF
How can a small regional airport draw customers and make a difference?
Provide Excellent Customer Service
Priorities of Growth
Concrete Batch Plant On Site
Extended Filets
Energy Efficiency
Overall View of Phase 2
Update wiring and duct banks
Work in Progress!
QUESTIONS?