



NORTHERN COLORADO
REGIONAL AIRPORT



Airport Governance

Transitional Intergovernmental Agreement

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Ordinance Adopting a Transitional Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Loveland Regarding the Northern Colorado Regional Airport



Cities co-owners since 1963. Joint venture with 50/50 ownership and responsibility.

- 13 Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) enacted between 1981 and 2016.

Major Governance related actions:

- 1986 – City of Loveland annexes the Airport and conducts feasibility study into acquiring Fort Collins' interest in the Airport. Concludes Loveland should not assume full responsibility for the Airport.
- 1990 – Work session for the purpose of discussing governance of the Airport.
- 1990 – IGA adopted for the Joint Operation of the Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport.
- 1994 – IGA affirming original agreement. Also adds Airport Steering Committee.
- 2015 – IGA establishing the Northern Colorado Regional Airport Commission.

- 2023 effort to identify and evaluate alternatives to Airport Governance.
- Worked with special legal counsel, Dan Reimer, an expert in airport matters.
- Following release of summary memo on alternatives and trade-offs Cities created Joint Governance Committee.
- Committee charged with meeting to discuss and refine alternatives and, if practicable, provide recommendations about Airport governance.
- Committee recommended Airport Authority model. Both Councils adopted Resolutions of Support in January 2025.

Key Elements

- Financial sharing and responsibilities
- “Clean-up” of insurance protocols
- Shift decision-making to City Managers

Key Airport Activity

- Secure permanent tower
- Runway widening project
- Initiate dialog with airlines



Decision Making Roadmap

Necessary Approval	Status Quo	Transitional IGA	Authority
Daily Operation	D	D	D
Budget	AC, CC	CC	AA
Leases	D, AC, CC	D, CM or CC	D, AA
Capital Procurement	D, P, CM, AC, CC	D, P, CM or CC	D, AA
Land Acquisition & Disposal (including utility Easements)	AC, CC	CC	CC
IGA and Grant Agreements	AC, CM, CC	CM, CC	AA
D = Airport Director AC = Airport Commission CM = City Mangers CC = City Council P = Purchasing Body AA = Airport Authority	5 entities	4 entities	3 entities



Thank you!