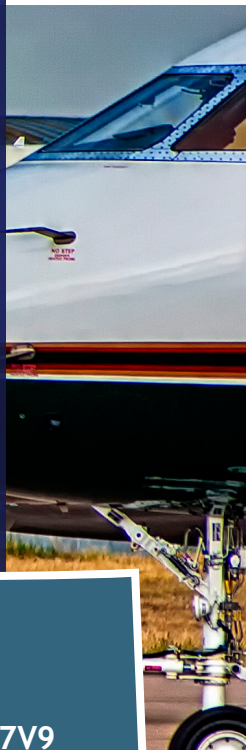


# LAS ANIMAS-BENT COUNTY

Las Animas-Bent County Airport (7V9) is a general aviation airport in southeastern Colorado, located one mile southwest of Las Animas. The airport is jointly owned and operated by the City of Las Animas and Bent County. 7V9 has a single asphalt runway (8/26) that is 3,870 feet long by 40 feet wide. 7V9 is primarily used for recreational flying, military training exercises, and law enforcement activities. 7V9 is also used by U.S. Air Force flight training aircraft flying from Pueblo and Colorado Springs. Additionally, the airport supports the local agricultural industry by hosting aerial crop application activities.



## Airport Classification

The 2020 Colorado Aviation System Plan (CASP) has identified six functional classifications for Colorado's 65 publicly-owned, public-use airports and one privately-owned, public-use airport. The six classifications were newly developed for the 2020 CASP and replace the roles previously developed in the 2011 study. These classifications follow the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) role categories as defined by the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) and the ASSET study. However, the CASP expands upon these roles to create more specific classifications for airports that are not included in the NPIAS. Airports that are included in the NPIAS are eligible for federal funding. As of the 2019 NPIAS publication, 48 publicly-owned airports and one privately-owned airport in the Colorado airport system are included in the NPIAS, while 17 publicly-owned airports are not.

Las Animas-Bent County Airport is one of 16 airports in Colorado classified as a GA-Community airport. GA-Community airports are defined as being publicly-owned and having at least 10 based aircraft or being located 30 miles from the nearest NPIAS airport. Additionally, these facilities can support Native American communities and/or are used by federal government agencies. GA-Community airports often support quality-of-life activities such as emergency services and medical transport and can provide economic benefits to surrounding areas.



## Frequent Airport Activities



**Aerial Agricultural Application**










**Law Enforcement**



**Military Activities**

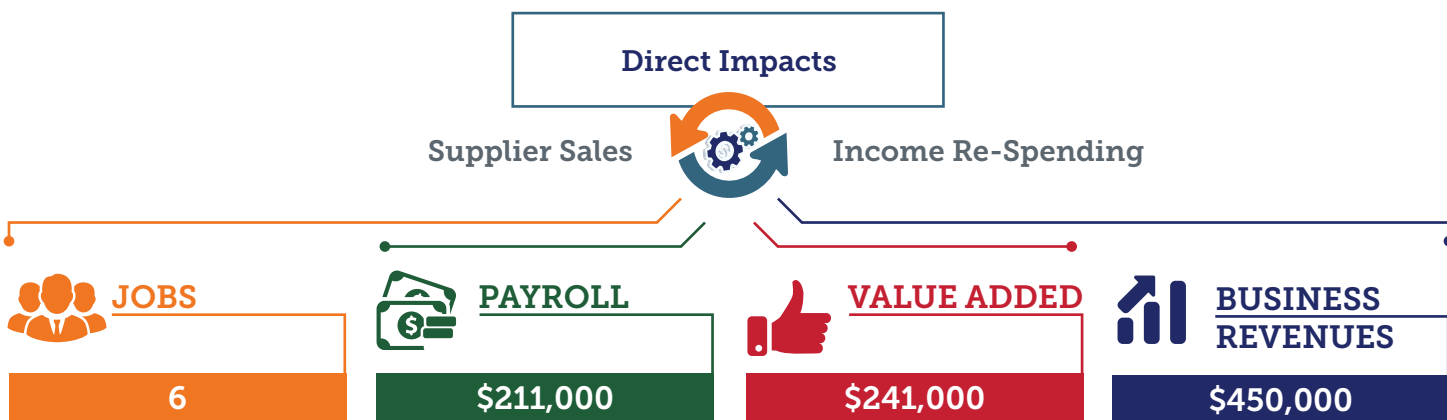
## Las Animas-Bent County Features

	Associated City/County	Las Animas/Bent
	Associated OEDIT Region	6 - Southeast Colorado Region
	FAA GA ASSET Classification	Non-NPIAS
	Annual Operations (2018)	856
	Number of Based Aircraft (2018)	11
	Runway(s)	1
	Air Traffic Control Tower	No



## Economic Impacts of 7V9

The 2020 Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study (CEIS) measured the economic impacts of all airports in the state. Las Animas-Bent County is one of 56 general aviation airports contributing to the state's aviation economic impacts. The components that comprise the total economic impacts for 7V9 are summarized below. Visit the project website to learn more about the methodology used to determine the economic impacts of 7V9 and all other Colorado airports.



## Airport Needs and Recommendations

The 2020 CASP identified several performance measures (PMs) and facility and service objectives (FSOs) to provide a baseline for the infrastructure, facilities, and service capabilities required to best support the type and volume of aviation activity typified by each classification. The CASP identified gaps between the airport’s existing condition and the needs to satisfy PMs, FSOs, and/or future facility needs driven by aviation demand forecasts. It is important to note that the PMs and FSOs are not requirements or mandates for airports to meet, rather, they serve as guidelines for airports and CDOT Division of Aeronautics to use during the airport planning process. Airports considered to be deficient in meeting the PMs and/or FSOs were reviewed to determine the recommended projects needed to satisfy those components.

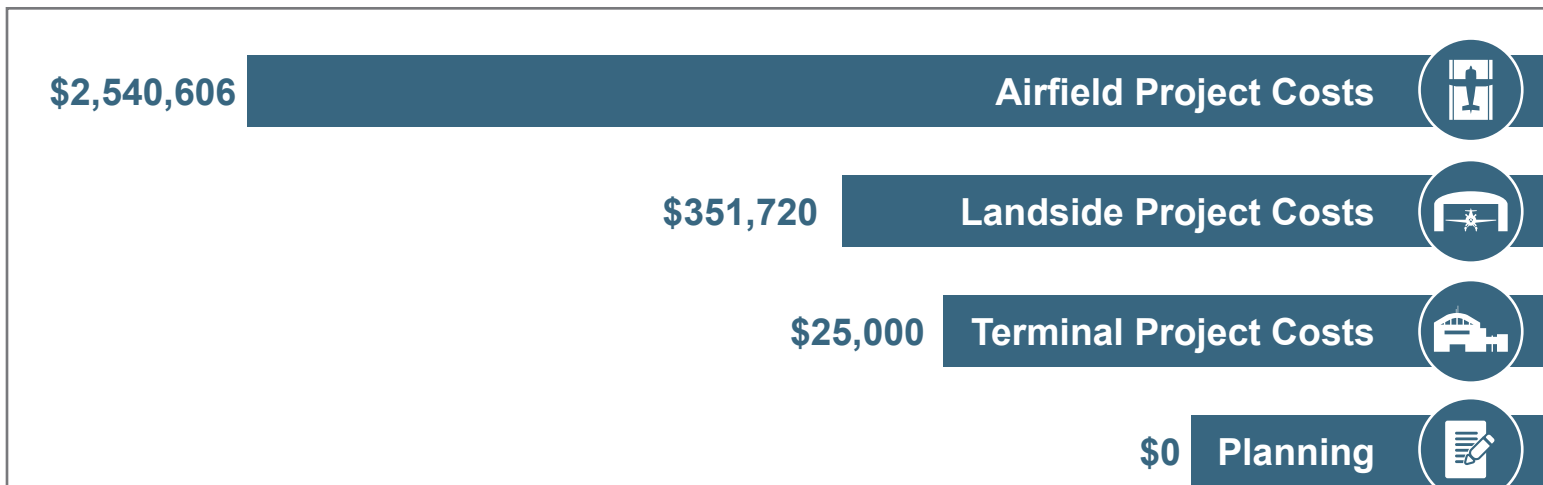
Planning level costs were developed for recommended projects and were associated with the appropriate goal category, PM, or FSO. These costs were developed based on 2019 Colorado material costs and industry knowledge and were adjusted to reflect cost differentials between types, sizes, and locations of airports. Projects and associated costs from available airport master plans and the CDOT 20-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) were also incorporated into the CASP to provide an estimate of the airport’s needs based on meeting PMs and FSOs as well as forecasted future demand. The project cost estimates for Las Animas-Bent County to meet appropriate goals, PMs, and FSOs, and projects identified by the airport from other planning efforts, are categorized by project type in the following chart.



### Did You Know?

Las Animas is considered one of the hottest cities in Colorado. 7V9, located less than a mile from Las Animas, recorded a high temperature of 114° Fahrenheit in July 2012, setting a new state record that stood until 2019.

## Airport Project Costs by Type



# Airport Report Card

Facility and service objectives (FSOs) were developed for each of the six airport classifications in the 2020 CASP. The following table details the FSOs and corresponding performance of Las Animas-Bent County. These objectives were analyzed in conjunction with the other performance measures (PMs) to determine the airport’s project needs and associated costs.

Objective Category	GA-Community Objective	Current Condition		Meets 2020 Objective?	
<b>Airfield</b>					
ARC	B-I	B-I		Yes	
Runway Length	Accommodate 95% small aircraft adjusted for elevation and mean maximum daily temp during hottest month	3,870 feet (5,200 feet)		No	
Runway Width	60 feet	40 feet		No	
Runway Strength	12,500 pounds	5,000 lbs SW		No	
Taxiway	Turn-arounds	Turn-arounds		Yes	
Runway Markings	Non-precision	Visual		No	
<b>Lighting/NAVAIDS</b>					
Approach	Non-precision	Visual		No	
Visual Aids	Rotating beacon, lighted wind cone, REILs, VGSIs	Lighted wind cone, REILs		No	
Runway Lighting	MIRL	HIRL		Yes	
Weather Reporting	On-site ASOS, AWOS, or Automated Unicom	None		No	
<b>Airport Facilities</b>					
Terminal (CS and/or GA)	Facility with restrooms, pilot-lounge, and Wi-Fi	None		No	
Apron Tie-Downs	Tie-downs for 60% of based aircraft fleet plus 25% of weekly average overnight transient storage during peak season	60% of based aircraft fleet plus 25% transient aircraft fleet:	7	Total tie-down spaces: 6	No
Hangars	Hangars for 40% of based aircraft fleet	40% of based aircraft fleet:	5	Number of based aircraft hangar spaces: 8	Yes
Dedicated Maintenance/SRE Storage Building	Based on community need	N/P		Based on community need	
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Based on community need	No		Based on community need	
Perimeter Security	AOA 3-wire fencing with appropriate signage	AOA 3-wire fencing with appropriate signage		Yes	
<b>Services/Other</b>					
Jet A Fuel	Based on community need	Not available		Based on community need	
AvGas Fuel	24/7 (Self-Serve or Call-Out)	Not available		No	
Aircraft De-icing	Based on community need	None		Based on community need	
Courtesy Car	Yes	No		No	
Sustainability Plan	Based on community need	No		Based on community need	
<b>Minimums for All Airports</b>					
Restroom (24-hr accessible) ✘	Cell Phone Service ✔	Airport Layout Plan (ALP) ✔	Wi-Fi Service ✘		

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