Regular Meeting of the Airport Advisory Board
October 8, 2026 at 4:00 PM
Santa Fe Regional Airport Administrative Building
121 Aviation Drive, Santa Fe
MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Airport Advisory Board was called to order by Councilor Lee Garcia at 4:03 PM, on Thursday, October 8, 2026.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT
Jyl DeHaven
John Florez
Randal Limbacher
Len Rand
Rosemary Thompson
Lutz Arnold
Councilor Lee Garcia

MEMBERS EXCUSED
NONE

3. Approval of Agenda

    a. Approval of 10/8/2026 Airport Advisory Board Agenda.

MOTION A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Arnold, to Approve Agenda as Amended.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

Amendment is to add two sections under item 6: Presentations to include presentation from Dan Reimer and Jonah from Molzen Corbin

4. Approval of Minutes

    a. Approval of Minutes from 09/10/2026 Airport Advisory Board Meeting.

MOTION A motion was made by Rand, seconded by Thompson, to Approve the

Minutes as Presented.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

5. Communications From the Public

6. Presentations

a. New Counsel: Dan Reimer, an experienced airport attorney based in Denver, was introduced. He has been retained to assist the City Attorney and airport staff with contracts, compliance (FAA/TSA), policies, and revenue optimization.

- Dan is currently assisting with drafting agreements to collect revenue from Turo, Uber, Lfty & Taxi companies and has a list of other items he will be assisting with.

b. Infrastructure & Access (Route 599 Corridor Study)

- Study Status: Jonah Ruybalid presented the draft recommendation (Alternative F) for the access road extension.
- The Proposal: A two-lane road (one lane each direction) with bike lanes, designed with the capacity to be restriped for four lanes in the future if development (hotels/R&D) occurs to the south.
- The Debate: Board members debated the immediate need for four lanes versus the cost-efficiency of phasing. Concerns were raised about safety, speed control (roundabouts vs. stop signs), and connectivity to the nearby train station to reduce parking demand.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Matters from Staff

   a. Terminal Upgrades Update

Approved projects include replacing carpet with tile, expanding restrooms (increasing stalls from 3 to 9 per bathroom), installing proper HVAC (removing window units), and installing carved wood wayfinding signs.

- Parking System Crisis: The current parking vendor/system is failing (gates broken, no receipts, poor support). Staff are seeking a new vendor to manage the entire system and potentially the shuttle service to improve reliability and customer experience.
- Operational Bottlenecks: Significant issues were noted regarding TSA screening

lines (frequent break closures) and baggage handling space constraints. Airlines are understaffed (regional model), leading to poor customer service during outages or peak times.
- Safety: The wheelchair ramp material is too slippery when wet/snowy; a durable, non-slip solution is being sought.

b. Runway 2/20 Repair

Airfield Maintenance

- Runway 2/20: Scheduled for nighttime closure (Oct 19–24) for crack sealing, coating, and painting to preserve the runway through winter. A major preservation project is planned for next year.

10. Matters from the Committee

- Board Member Lutz Arnhold addressed overall customer experience when flying out of Santa Fe. The main concern being lack of staff at the airlines to check in passengers AND the lack of notifications of when check-in will be started if a front desk agent is unavailable.
- Board Member Rosemary Thompson made mention that is the 85th anniversary of the first plane landing at the Santa Fe Airport in 1941.

11. Matters from the Chair

Opened discussion to create bylaws for the Airport Advisory Board members to ensure the purpose of the committee is made clear.

12. Next Meeting: November 12, 2026

13. Adjourn

Meeting was Adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Kelly Bynon

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Liaison Chair