



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 9, 2026

Transportation Commission of Colorado
Colorado Department of Transportation
2829 W. Howard Place
Denver, CO 80204

Dear Members of the Transportation Commission of Colorado:

On behalf of the Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments regarding CDOT's planned Glenwood Canyon infrastructure improvements and the importance of regional coordination as Pitkin County prepares for the 2027 Aspen/Pitkin County Airport (ASE) runway closure. The ASE Modernization Project represents the largest infrastructure investment in Pitkin County's history and is the culmination of years of community engagement, planning, and coordination. The runway reconstruction, scheduled for April through November 2027, is a critical investment in the long-term safety, reliability, and resiliency of our regional transportation infrastructure.

During the closure, we anticipate significant changes in regional travel patterns, including increased traffic between Eagle County Regional Airport and the Roaring Fork Valley. With Glenwood Canyon serving as a critical transportation corridor for our residents, workforce, visitors, and regional economy, the timing and coordination of infrastructure projects will be particularly important. Pitkin County has been working closely with regional business and tourism partners to develop strategies to minimize economic impacts and maintain access to our world-class recreational destinations during the closure. As part of these efforts, the County and its partners are exploring a shuttle service between Eagle County Regional Airport and the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport to support visitor access and reduce additional vehicle traffic along this critical corridor during the closure.

We greatly appreciate the collaboration already underway between CDOT and Pitkin County staff as we prepare for the airport closure and CDOT's planned Glenwood Canyon improvements to minimize the impacts of our projects in 2027. We recognize and support the importance of continued infrastructure maintenance and improvements to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the traveling public. At the same time, we encourage the Transportation Commission to support continued coordination, flexibility in project scheduling, and creative approaches to mitigating traffic disruptions during this period. These efforts will be essential to balancing critical infrastructure needs with maintaining regional mobility and minimizing impacts on our communities and regional economy.

We recognize the importance of CDOT's infrastructure investments and share the commitment to improving the long-term safety and resiliency of our transportation network. Thank you for your continued partnership and consideration of the unique regional transportation challenges anticipated in 2027.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey H. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey H. Woodruff
Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners, Board Chair