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**10 Reasons to  
VOTE YES  
for a  
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### THE RUNWAY IS FAILING

and currently requires millions of dollars in stop-gap repairs each year. It needs to be completely replaced, as does the dysfunctional, 40-year-old terminal that our community has clearly outgrown.

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### WE WANT THE BEST AIRPLANES OF THE FUTURE

The community's airport thinking should be based on a several-decade time horizon. While the soon-to-arrive Embraer E175 is a workable replacement for the outgoing CRJ700, there are far better planes—cleaner, quieter, more efficient—in the coming decades. This also applies to future private jets.

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### FEDERAL MONEY WILL PAY FOR IT

Replacing the runway will cost over \$100M; a new terminal could run \$150M. The county can't afford that, and, worse, our FAA funding is currently suspended. To unfreeze it and access millions of additional grant dollars that will expire in 2026, we must move forward with an FAA-approved plan.

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### REDUCE VEHICLE TRAFFIC

Right now, fewer than 5% of air passengers use public transportation to get to and from the airport. Dramatically increasing this number through a new transit system that's integrated into the net-zero terminal will mean fewer cars on the road. **Everybody wants that.**

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### REDUCE POLLUTION

The county is on a path to build an airport with a net-zero terminal that sets the global standard for sustainability and emissions reduction while accommodating the cleanest, quietest aircraft that use less fuel. That's how a community walks the talk.

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### WE CAN IMPROVE SAFETY

The FAA has strict standards for safety, its number one priority. Currently, the airport does not meet those standards, which include adequate distance between planes on the runway.

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### THE GROWTH QUESTION

Even airport opponents agree that airplanes' passenger volume does not determine visitor volume; that's governed by the number of hotels and lodges in our community. Trying to control growth by choking off commercial air volume will only result in visitors flying to other nearby airports and adding rental cars to our community.

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### THE UPSIDES OF MORE DIRECT FLIGHTS

With airport improvements, airlines will likely offer a handful of direct, non-stop flights. This will benefit the environment by removing one carbon-intensive leg from two-legged flights and will be more convenient for travelers without triggering growth (see no. 7).

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### NO LEGITIMATE THREAT OF OVERSIZED COMMERCIAL PLANES –

and surely not 737s. ASE's near- to medium-term future is the Embraer E175 (70 passengers). When "small mainline" planes like the Airbus A220-100 (106 passengers) eventually come here, we'll have a much quieter plane with significantly lower emissions.

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### FINISH THE COMMUNITY'S HARD WORK

In 2019, 123 citizens volunteered for 15 months to help create a community vision for the airport. Voting yes on 1C will make this values-driven hard work become a reality.