

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION

IN REPLY ADDRESS
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION

September 12, 1949

His Honor, J. F. Doveton
Mayor of Salida
Salida, Colorado

Subject: Proposed Municipal Airport

Dear Mayor Doveton:

This will confirm our conversation of September 5, 1949 at which time we examined several potential airport sites in the vicinity of Salida and discussed possible development.

Site "A", which lies in the south half of Section 31, Township 50N, Range 92, in our opinion is the best area available in the vicinity for airport development. This site can be approved for Class 2 development upon request. This development need not encroach upon the Golf Course. This item was discussed with Mr. Porter Whitcomb of your Aviation Committee, and he understands the situation.

Site "B", which lies on the bench west of the cemetery and includes the southwest 1/4 of Section 36 and the southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 50N, Range 8E, would be our number 2 choice, and would have some advantages over Site "A". The cost of expansion would be less, and it has better approaches. This site also can be approved for Class 2 development.

Site "C", which is the present Municipal Airport, is not recommended for development. Excessive grades and proximity to hills, both north and south, make this site undesirable. Even with the addition of the southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Township 49N, Range 8E to the present airport, the situation is not desirable except as a last resort.

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Yours very truly,

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District Airport Engineer
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Denver 7, Colorado

cc: Dr. Rex Fuller, Pres.
Flyers & Civic Club, Salida

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May 23, 1949

His Honor, F. J. Doveton
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Subject: Airport Site Inspection
Salida, Colorado

Dear Mayor Doveton:

Reference is made to Mr. Byg's visit with you last Tuesday, when you inspected sites west of Salida. Your proposal of acquiring the 160 acres east of the present airport has been considered before and is not considered practical because it does not solve the faults of the present airport, the primary one being the steep grades to the west and rising terrain beyond the field.

We earnestly believe the most practical and logical solution to Salida's airport problem lies in the acquisition and development of the site approved several years ago, lying just west of the Municipal Golf Course. This area will provide as large and as little restricted area as there is in the Salida area short of Buena Vista.

We hope you will give this area your most considered attention. Our approval will be renewed upon this area upon your request.

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cc: Dr. Rex Fuller, President
Salida Flying Club

To be put with notes for Fliers Club

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In reply address
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