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Standard Policies for Airport Development

All development at Denton Enterprise Airport follows the same standards used throughout the City. The Denton Development Code and Criteria Manuals allow for director-approved flexibility on certain requirements when specific criteria are met. This flexibility has been applied for Airport developments; however, these airport-specific standards have not been formally documented, creating inefficiencies during development review.

The Airport is working with Development Services to establish clear, consistent policies that define these standards. The goal is to improve efficiency, provide predictable expectations for developers, and reduce staff time spent processing flexibility requests.

Airport-specific standards being developed include:

- Vehicular parking
- Site design
- Transportation planning (walkways, bicycle circulation, traffic impact analyses)
- Solid waste
- Drainage
- Landscaping
- Fire prevention

This effort is expected to conclude in late spring and a copy of the standards will be provided to the board at that time. The finalized standards will be provided to developers during pre-development meetings.

Airport Stormwater Detention Standards

At the request of Denton Enterprise Airport, City of Denton Engineering staff evaluated how future development at the Airport might increase downstream flood risk and identify potential strategies to address impacts. Currently, any increase in downstream flood elevations due to development requires on-site detention.

The resulting downstream assessment indicates that full buildout of the Airport without detention would result in very minor increases in modeled flood elevations (0.01–0.07 feet), with no impacts to existing structures. Given the results and the requirement that the airport maximize aeronautical use, the City approved a deviation from the existing requirements due to the minimal impacts of development. As a result, future Airport development projects may proceed without drainage infrastructure obligations that are inconsistent with their impact.

Master Plan Update

On January 13, 2026, the City Council approved a resolution to accept the Airport Master Plan Update. The Airport's planning consultants, Coffman Associates, have submitted the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) to the Aviation Division of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). After its review, TxDOT will then authorize the submittal of the ALP to the Federal Aviation Administration for final approval and acceptance. This final step is expected to take a number of months, and staff will report back to the Board with any updates.

Updates to Performance Scorecard

The City of Denton tracks and publicizes performance metrics, in the form of a performance scorecard, for many of its departments, including the Denton Enterprise Airport. These scorecards are regularly provided to the City Council in the form of quarterly or annual reports.

The Airport recently updated its performance scorecard to better reflect airport operations and to include security and financial-related data.

[View the Airport Performance Scorecard online.](#)