



\*Areas in green represent expansion

**Supports Economic Growth:** Commercial air service contributes \$188M in annual economic impact for Pennington County.

**Enhanced Passenger Experience:** A larger terminal will provide more amenities, including seating, dining options, retail stores, and improved accessibility.

**Attracting New Airlines and Routes:** Expansion resolves gate and ticket counter limits, enabling new airline entry and expanded route options.



## Unprecedented Enplanement Growth

Rapid City Regional Airport is currently served by five airlines. Considered a non-hub primary airport, 427,325 passengers boarded a commercial service aircraft in 2024.

In the last 10 years, enplanements increased over 57%.



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**2:1 Return on Investment:** During Project 1, for every \$1 invested at the local level, \$2 is received from federal programs, including competitive grants.

**Safety and Security Compliance:** Expansion will help the airport meet evolving safety and security standards. The existing baggage screening structure has not been updated since 1989 - before the creation of TSA.

**Future-Proofing Infrastructure:** Originally constructed for regional aircraft, this expansion ensures the airport can accommodate increasing passenger numbers and adapt to the arrival of mainline aircraft.

**Supports Employment:** Construction and operation of an expanded terminal will create careers. In 2023 alone, the airport supported 2,877 jobs.

\*Statistics: 2023 Economic Impact Study completed by Grand Valley St. University

## Rapid City Regional Airport Terminal Expansion Project

Expanding the Rapid City Regional Airport terminal is a pivotal project for the future of our community. This investment ensures that the airport will continue to benefit generations to come in Western South Dakota.



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# PROJECT 1

Phase 1 of Project 1 broke ground October 23, 2023 and addresses several essential operational areas.

*Estimated Project Total: \$82.8M*



## Luggage Screening

Enhances employee safety and efficiency by updating back-of-house screening, ensuring bags reach the aircraft on time. *No similar airports use such a manual/outdated system.*



## TSA Checkpoint

Adds additional screening and exit lanes. An existing slope is corrected to accommodate modern equipment.



## Ticket Counters

Straightens ticketing counters for efficiency, better wayfinding, and space for flexible stations and new airlines.

# PROJECT 2

Project 2 adds five new gates to accommodate mainline jets and additional air carriers.

*Estimated Project Total: \$104.2M*



## Additional Project Improvements



Scheduling projections indicate that over 750 passengers per hour will be departing by 2030.

The airport is experiencing a shortage of passenger holdroom space, with a deficit exceeding 9,000 square feet.

# PROJECT 3

Project 3 adds space for car rental counters, and an additional baggage return belt.

*Estimated Project Total: \$33M*



**Our mission is to provide a safe, environmentally responsible and fiscally self-sustainable operation ensuring high-quality services and facilities.**

Additional concessionary revenue ensures the airport remains operationally self-sufficient.

Rapid City experiences a highly seasonal travel market, with the majority of passengers flying between May and October. During this period, over 70% of our annual enplanements occur.