

United States Senate

February 16, 2018

Daniel K. Elwell
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Acting Administrator Elwell:

I write to request the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) immediately host a public meeting to meet directly with local communities to receive public input regarding the implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) for the Denver Metroplex.

I understand FAA is in the process of developing its Draft Environmental Assessment for the Denver Metroplex project and that twelve public workshop meetings were held across the Denver Metroplex area in the Spring of 2017. According to a September 2017 FAA Denver Metroplex Update document, while FAA received and documented public comments at these workshops, it will not respond to individual comments. Further, I understand the FAA has not participated in any additional public meetings and in November 2017 cancelled its participation in a widely advertised public meeting the night before it was held, leaving the 100+ members of the public in attendance quite upset.

I have heard concerns from my constituents and local elected officials in the area surrounding Centennial Airport (APA) regarding the significant impacts updated flight paths will have on their communities. They have also shared that the FAA is negotiating changes to the Metroplex proposals in Phoenix, AZ and Laguna Beach, CA and desire an opportunity to work collaboratively with the FAA toward the best possible outcomes for all. I respectfully request FAA meet directly with these local communities to hear and address their concerns before any Environmental Assessment is finalized.

I appreciate the Administration's work to improve the safety of our nation's airspace. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Cory Gardner
United States Senator