



March 7, 2022

Ms. Brooke Chapman
Associate Director, Small Community Air Service Development Program
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of Aviation Analysis, 8th Floor, Room W86-307
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: DOT-OST-2022-0003

Dear Ms. Chapman:

On behalf of Denver International Airport (DEN), I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP) application submitted by the Corpus Christi International Airport (CRP).

DEN ranks as CRP's largest unserved destination based on U.S. Department of Transportation data, and Corpus Christi is the country's third-largest Combined Statistical Area within 1,000 miles of DEN without nonstop service to DEN. The Denver area is the number one inbound air market for Corpus Christi, in part due to the popularity of the area's Gulf Coast beaches among Coloradoans. Similarly, residents of the Coastal Bend region enjoy Colorado's skiing and the variety of outdoor activities offered in the Rocky Mountains. In addition, there are significant affinities between the two regions in the energy and military sectors. In fact, we have seen an increase in travel between DEN and CRP for the period of Q3 2021 vs. Q3 2019 when the local market grew by 30 percent, clearly demonstrating the potential for future travel demand.

Furthermore, nonstop service between Denver and Corpus Christi would leverage DEN's large domestic network and growing international network to provide new travel opportunities for the Corpus Christi area. DEN boasts the second-largest domestic network in the U.S. with service to over 180 destinations in 45 U.S. states, including dozens of unique destinations not served through the current hub airports with service to Corpus Christi. Service between DEN and other Gulf Coast airports in similarly sized or smaller metropolitan areas has been successful in recent years, and we are confident the same would be true of service to Corpus Christi if given the opportunity.

Thank you for your continued work and effort to improve air service access to small communities. DEN has a long history of anchoring successful SCASDP applications, and we are ready to support the addition of Corpus Christi to our network.

Sincerely,

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Phillip A. Washington
CEO
Denver International Airport