

BZN

Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport

**Montana Legislature
Transportation Committee
May 11, 2026**



Key History Dates

BZN – Land Acquired - 1940
First Aircraft Landing - 1942
First Airline Service – 1947
First Airline Jet Service – 1967
Airport Authority - 1972

1967

60 Years of Growth in the Jet Age

2026



Gallatin Airport Authority Board

An airport authority is an independent government entity charged with the operation and oversight of an airport.



Carl Lehrkind, IV
Board Chairman



Kendall Switzer
Board Vice-Chair



Karen Stelmak
Board Secretary



Ted Barkley
Board Member



Ted Mathis
Board Member

Our Board Members are appointed to five-year terms by the Gallatin County Commission

Monthly board meeting – second Thursday of every month

Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport Economic Impact

\$2.2 Billion Annually

the largest impact of any Montana Airport

2026 Economic Impact Study conducted by the Montana Department of Transportation

BZN is on track to serve **2.9 million** passengers in 2026 and has experienced the fastest growing demand among the top 100 airports in the U.S. for 25 years.

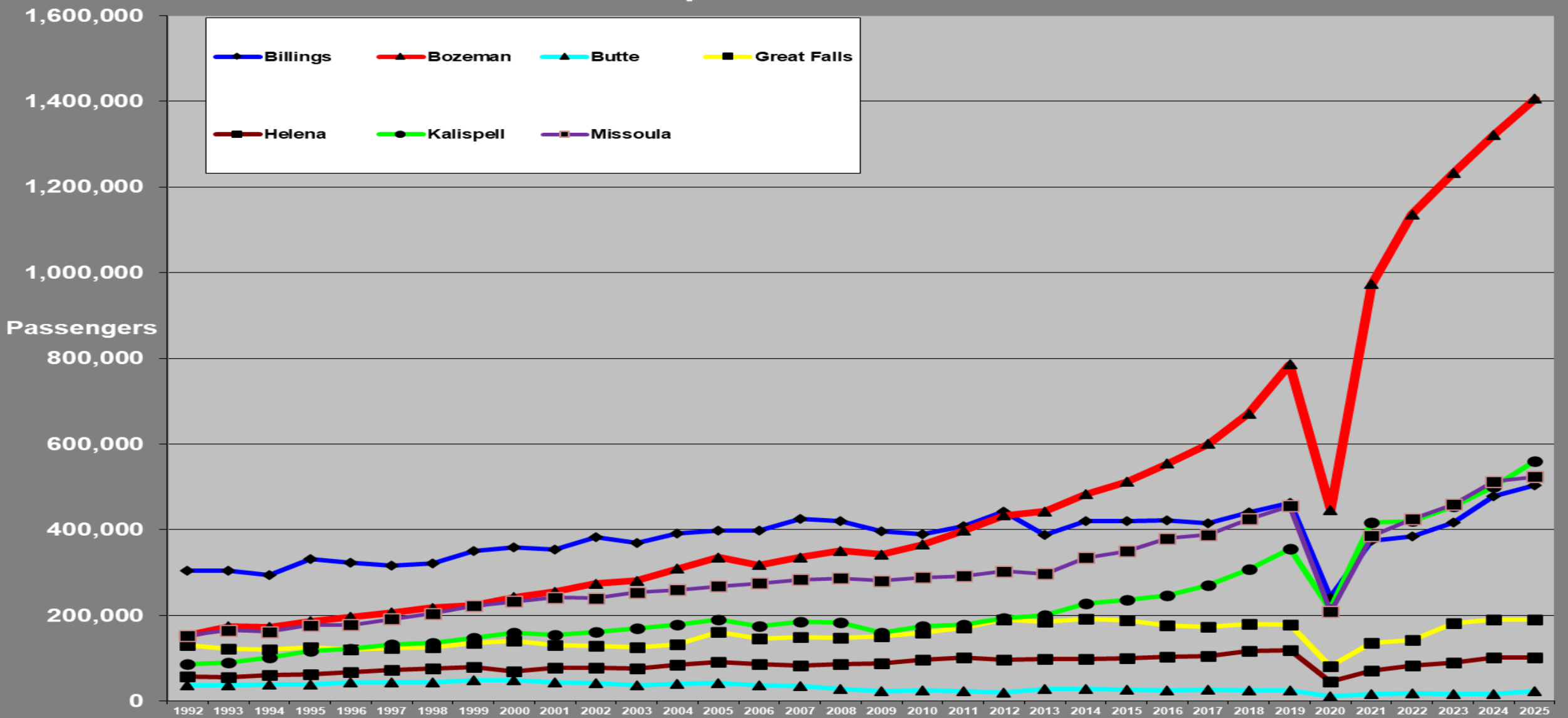
Local aviation sector represents **one in five** of our local workforce by supporting **2,000 direct** airport jobs and **11,000 indirect** jobs across the valley.

BZN accounts for approximately **one-third** of total statewide aviation jobs, output, and payroll and **40.8%** of total visitor (by air) spending impacts statewide.

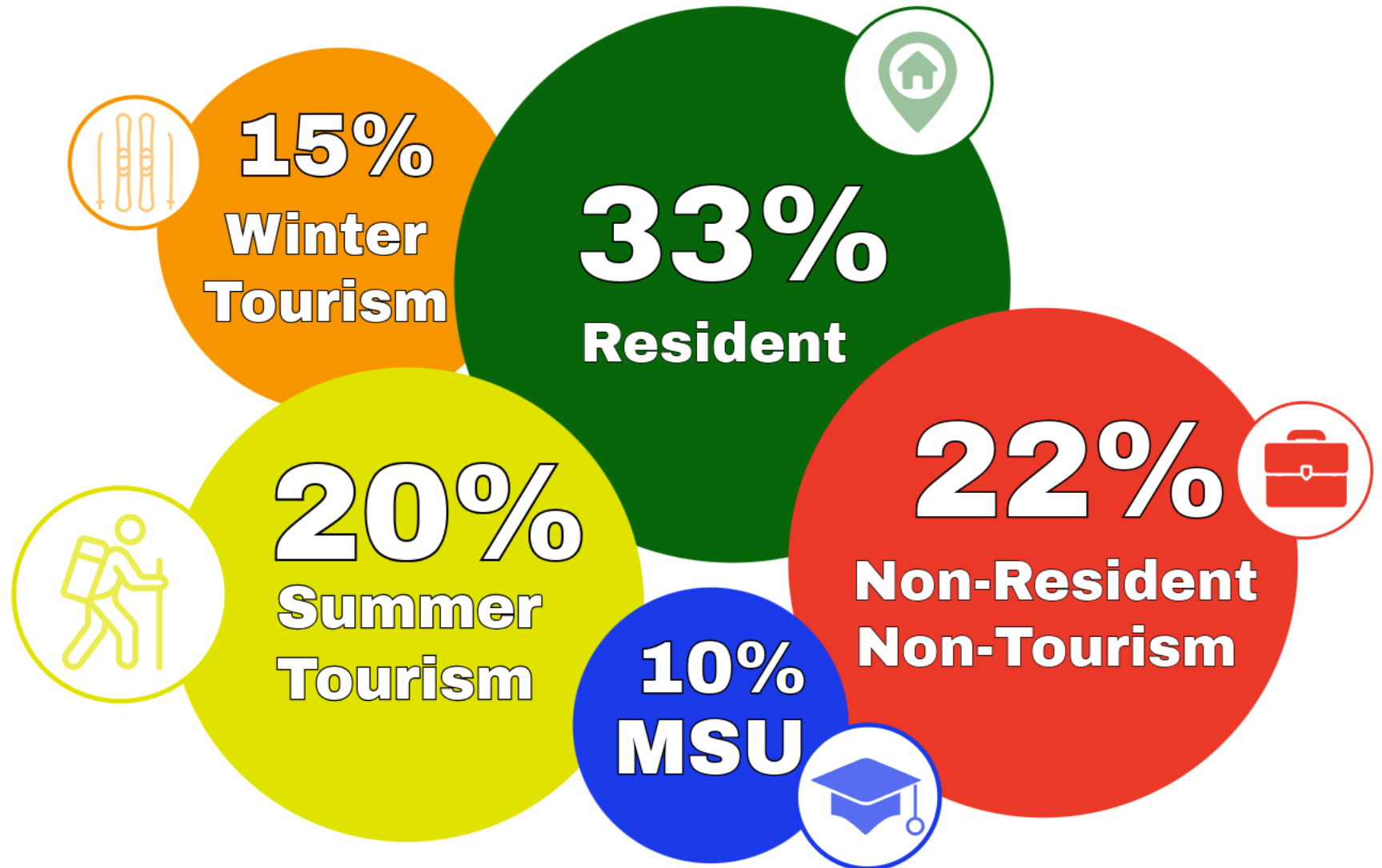


Montana Airport Enplanements

Montana Enplanements 1992 - 2025



Pillars of Our Success



OUR ROUTES

12

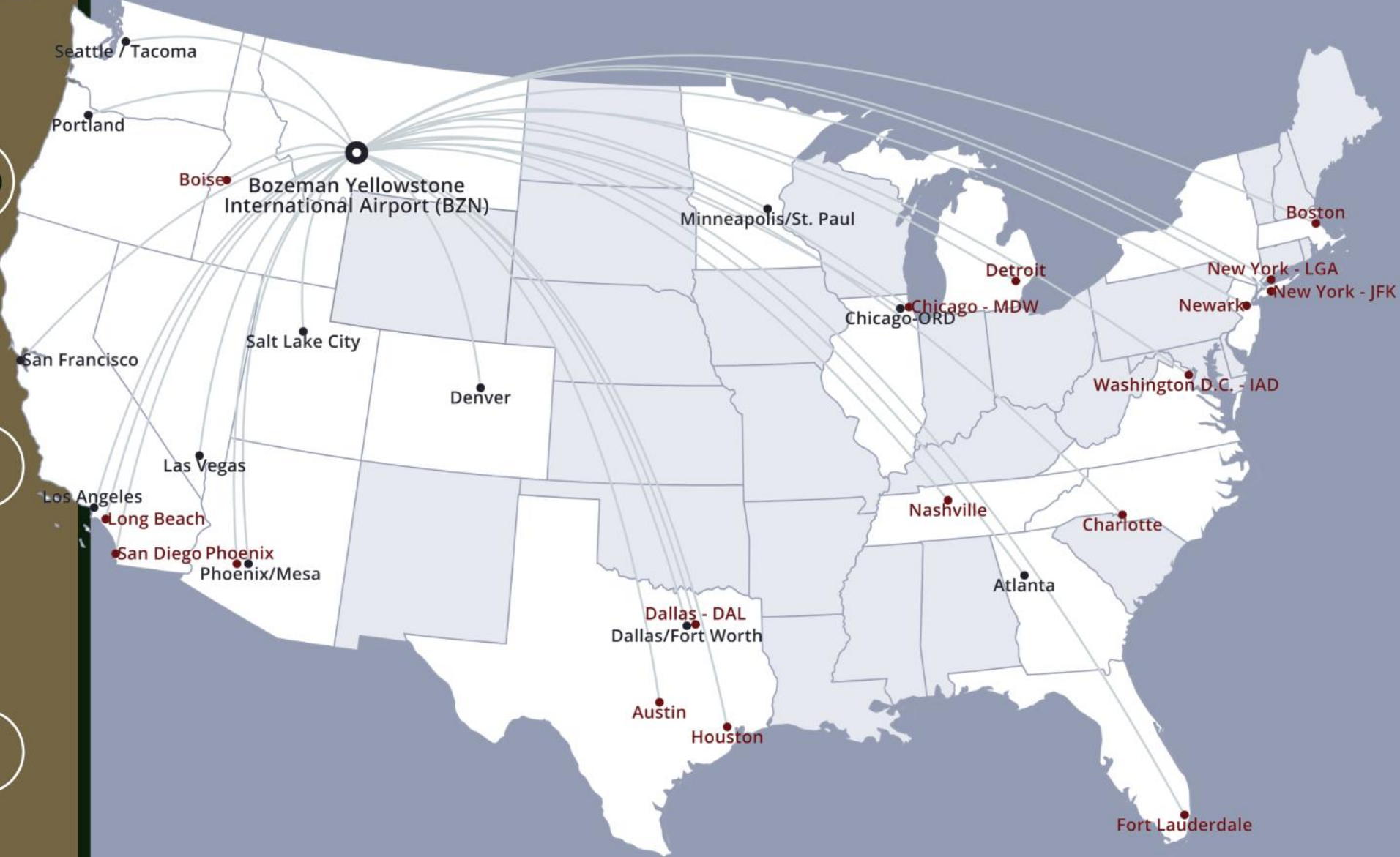
YEAR-ROUND

17

SEASONAL

29

TOTAL





1. United (26.5%)



2. Delta (22.2%)



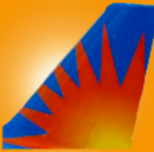
3. Southwest (16.1%)



4. American (11.3%)



5. Alaska (10.5%)



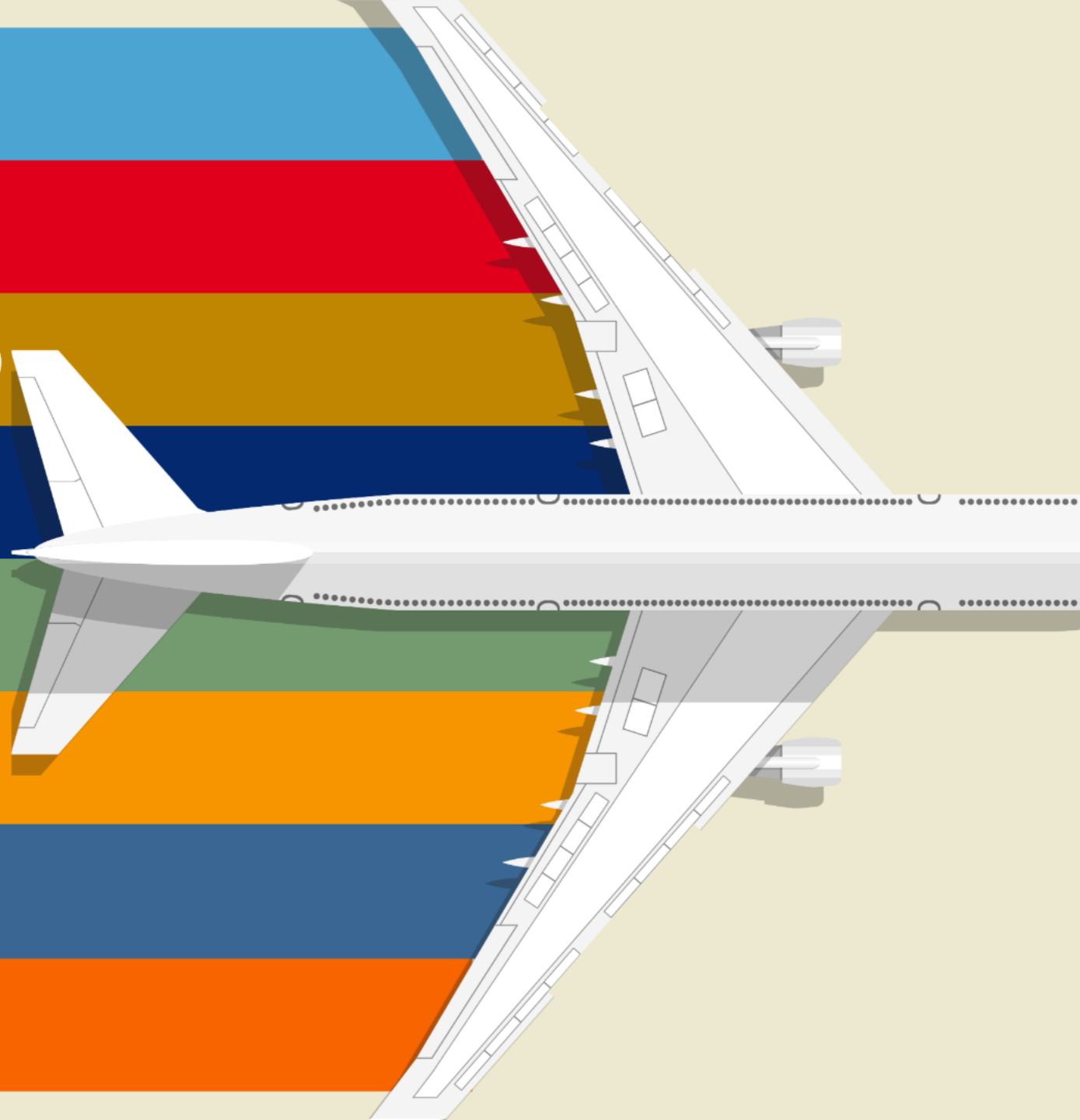
6. Allegiant (3.2%)



7. JetBlue (1.9%)



8. Sun Country (.5%)

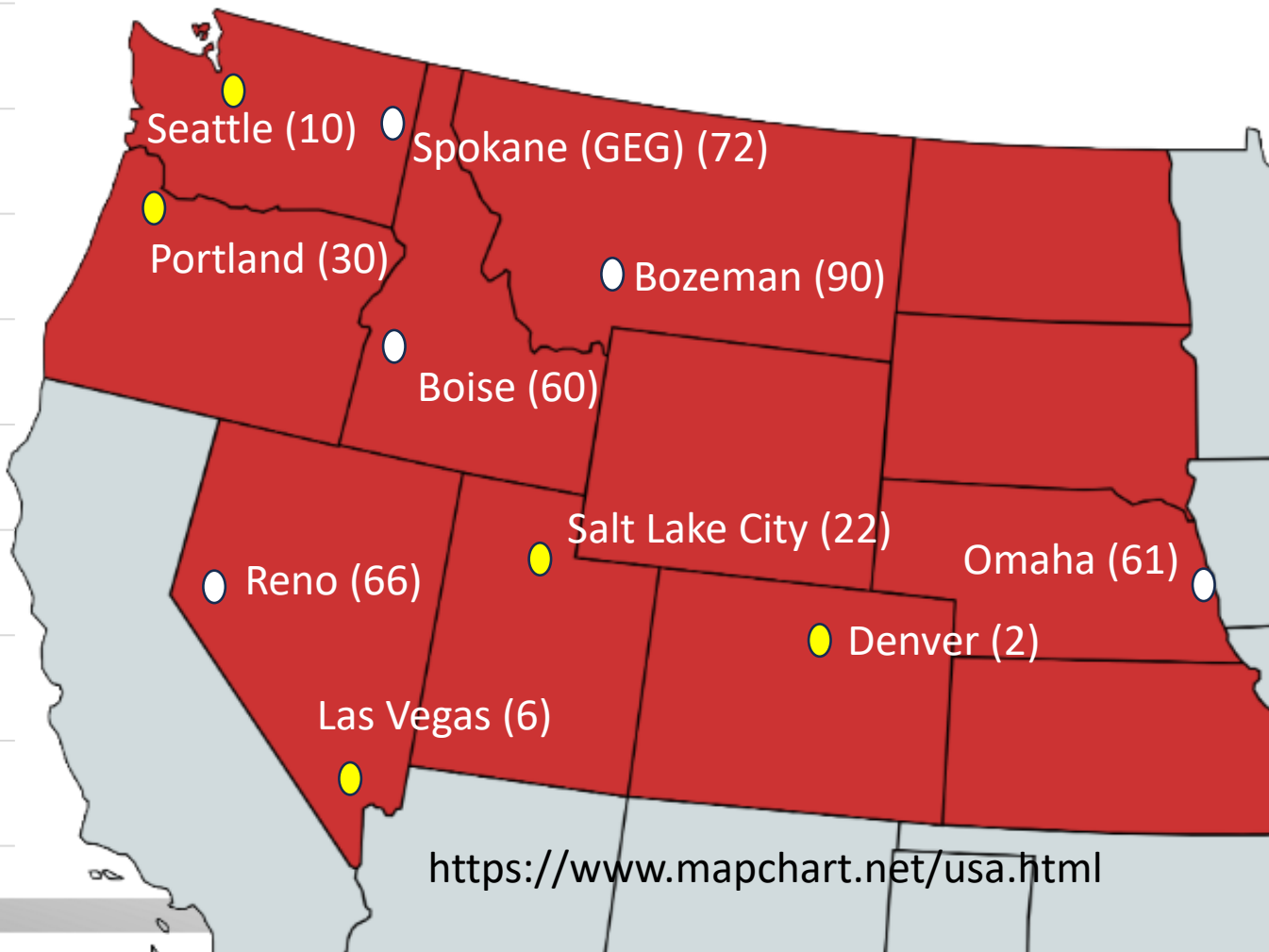
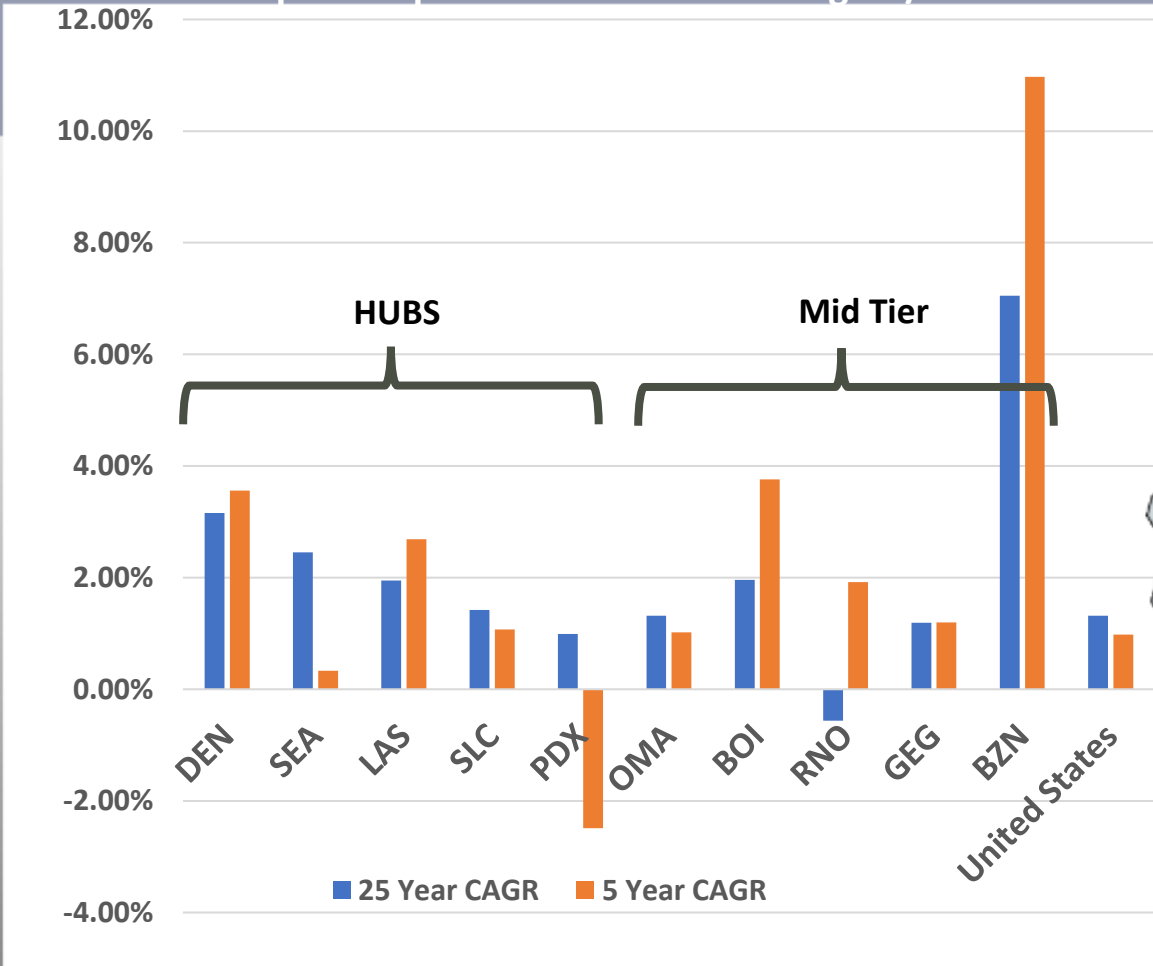


12-State Region - Top 10 Airports

Growth Comparisons (25 Year/5 Year)

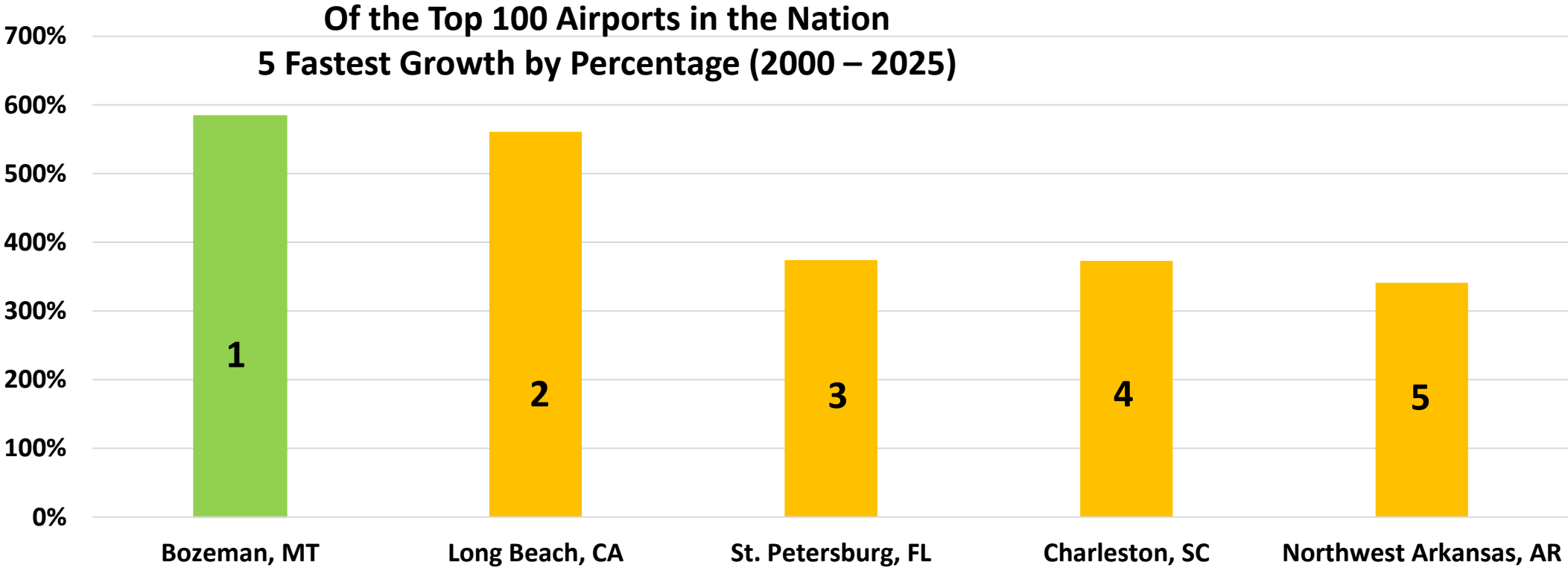
 Airline Connecting Hubs
Airport (National Rank) YE Feb/2026

Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR)
Top 10 Airports in the 12-State Region/US



5 Fastest Growth Airports 2000-2025

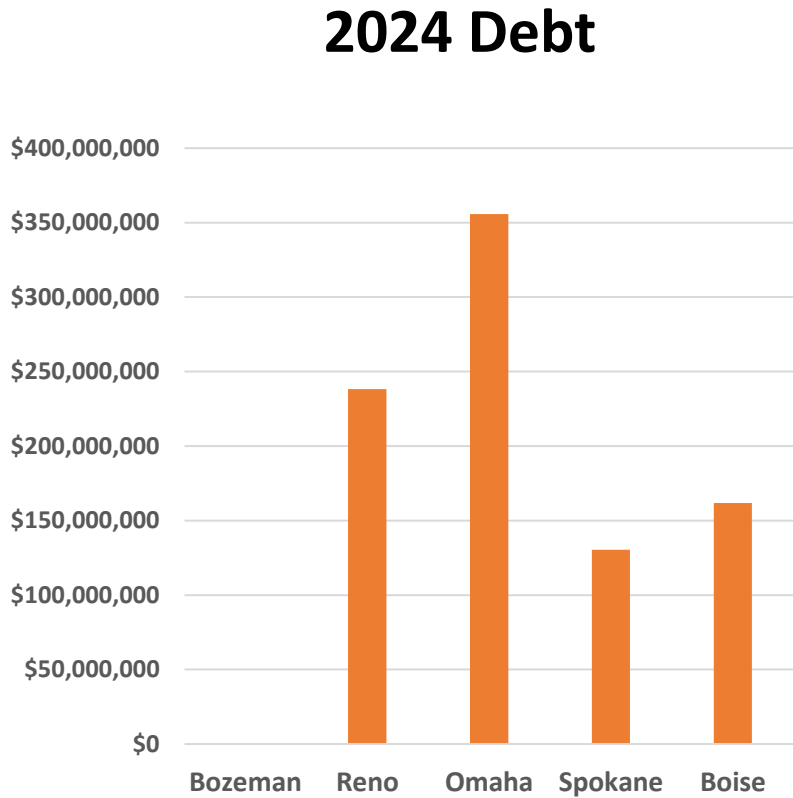
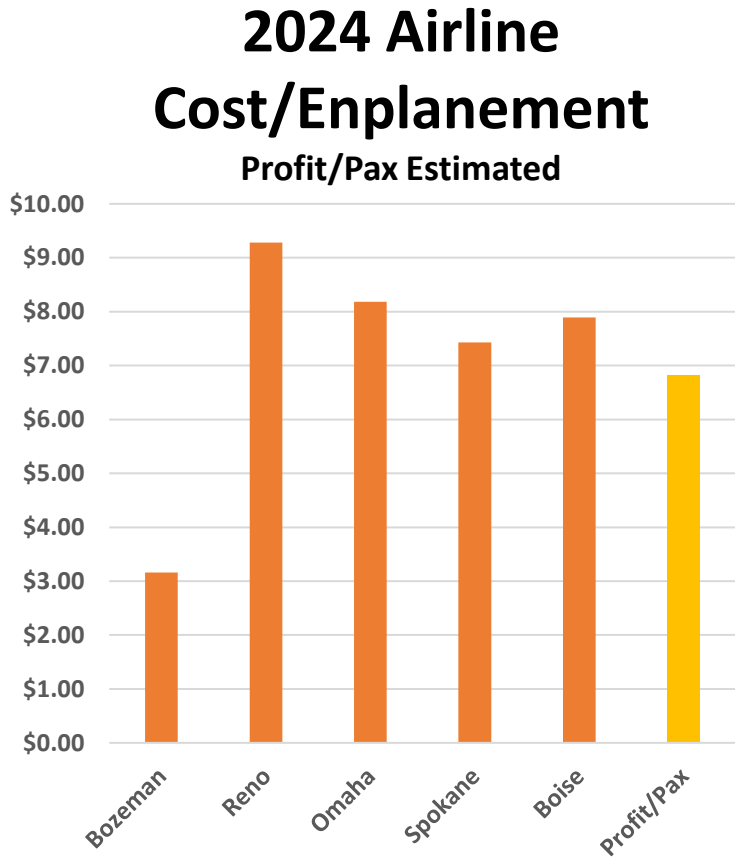
(Top 100 Airports in the Nation)



Regional Mid-Tier Airports

12-State Region

Passengers/Financial



State/Local Taxes & Debt

Taxes Received by BZN from:

State of Montana - \$0

Gallatin County - \$0

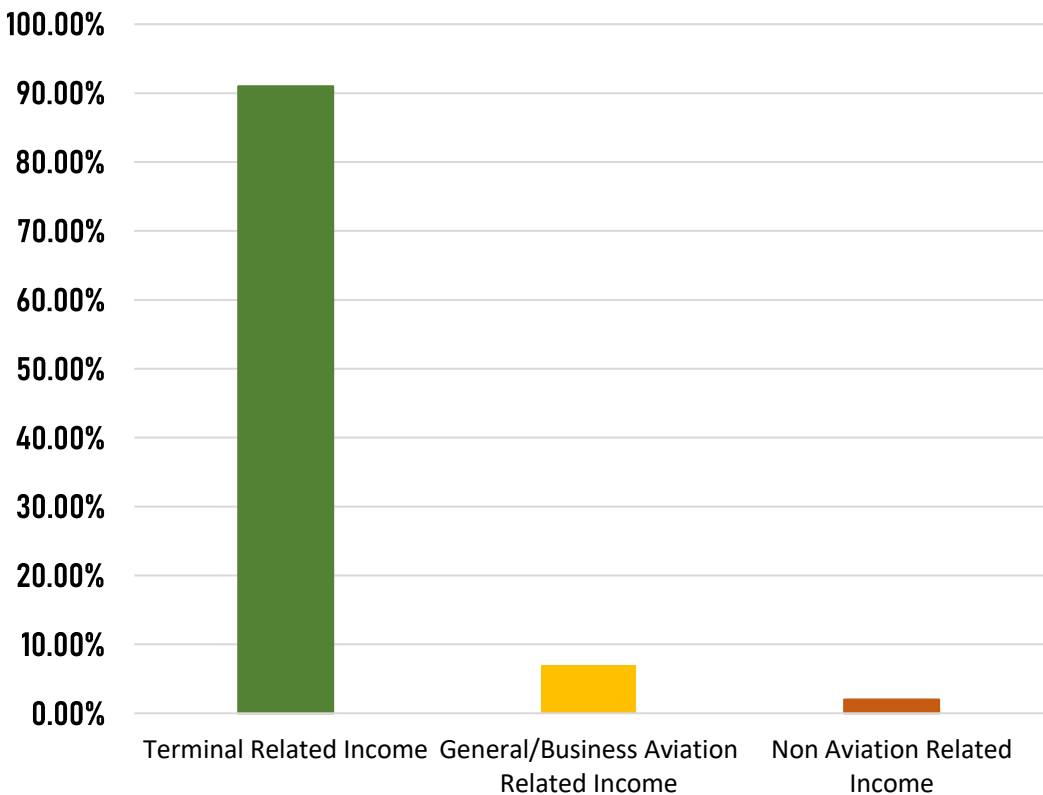
City of Bozeman - \$0

City of Belgrade - \$0

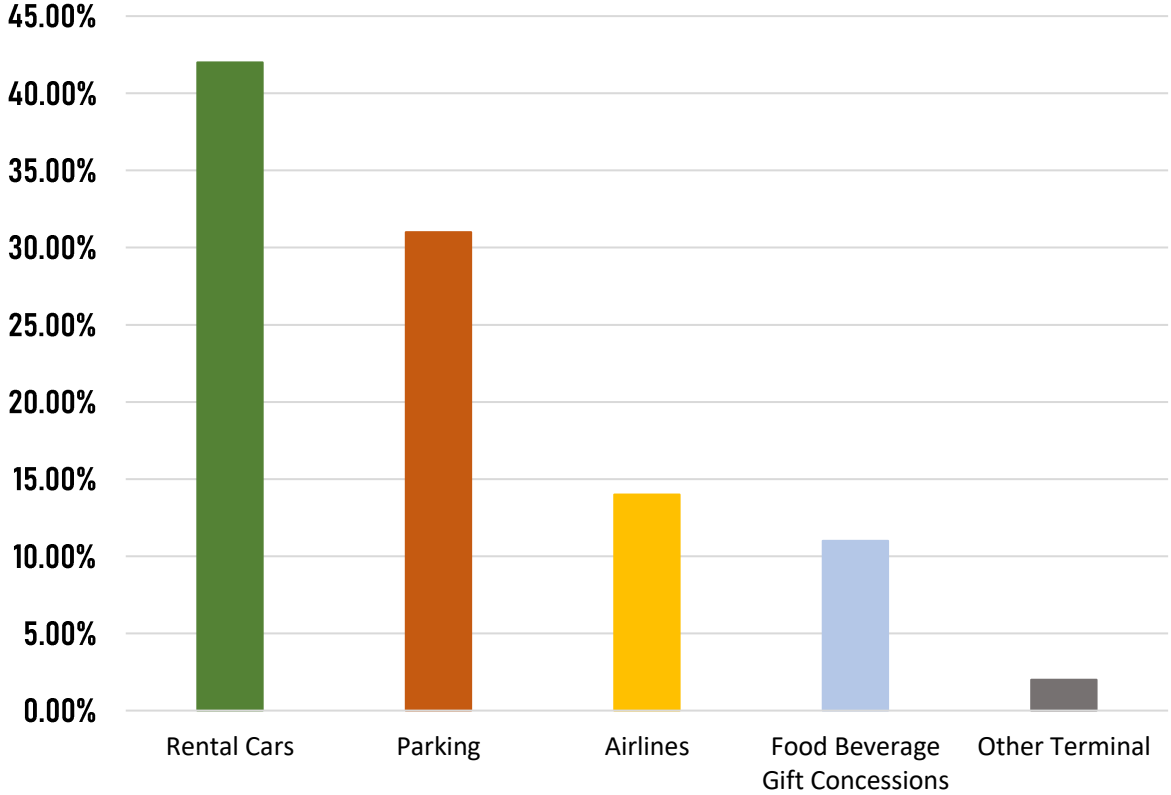
Debt - \$0

Gallatin Airport Authority – Finances FY 2025

Operating Revenues

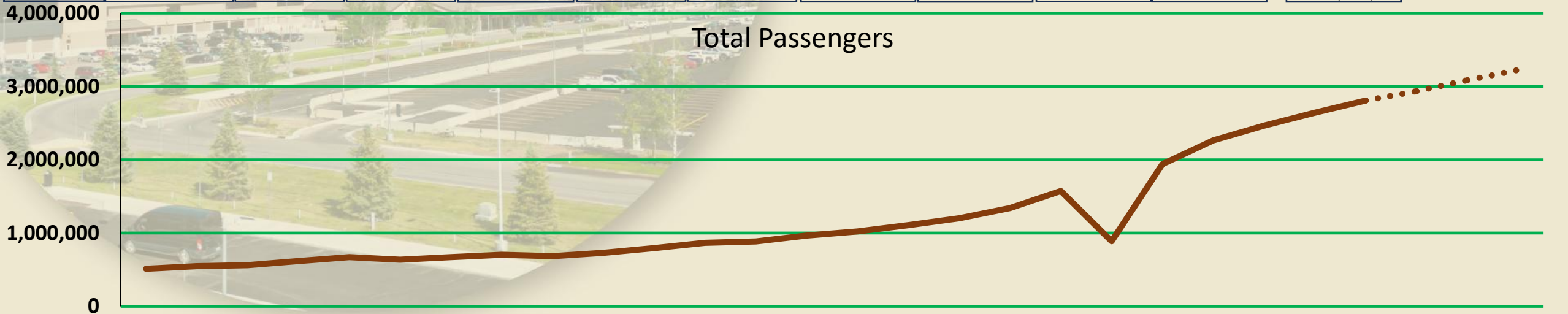
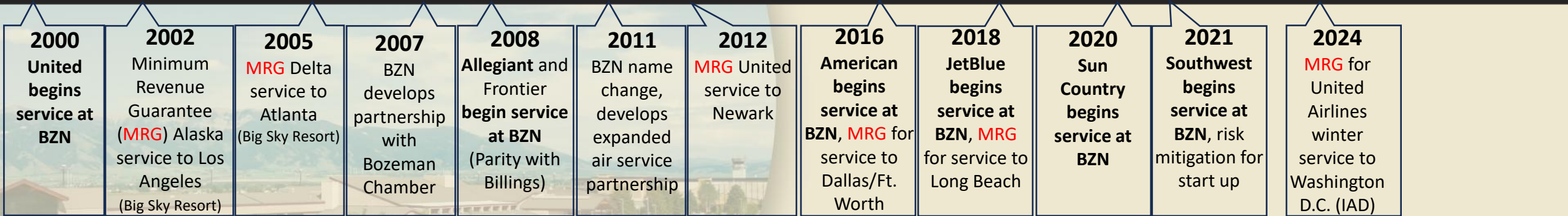


% of Total Income by Terminal Category



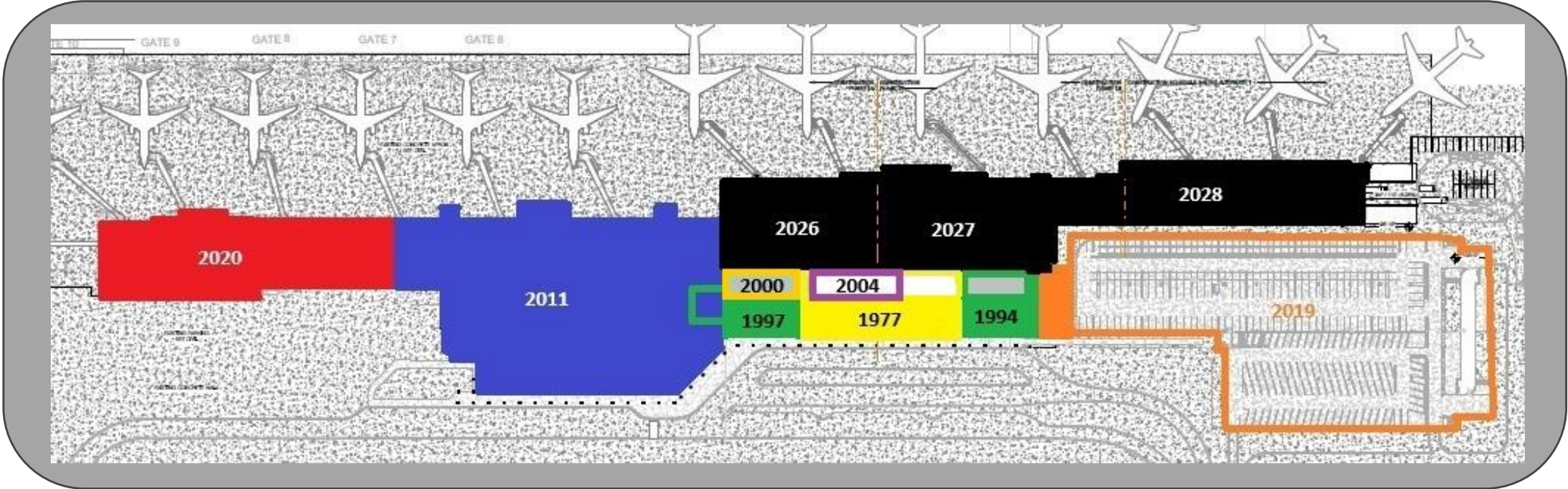
Air Service and Development

Daily Year-round in Red (11), Daily Seasonal In Brown (7)



Terminal Improvements

Terminal Improvements
(2025 – 2028)
\$200,000,000



2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 2024 2026 2028

2000

Terminal expands to 3 gates

2004

Terminal expands to 4 gates

2011

Terminal expands to 8 gates

2013

BZN busiest passenger airport in Montana

2019

Rental Car Parking garage opens at BZN

2020

Terminal expands to 12 gates

2023

Baggage handling system upgrade

2027 - 2028

Terminal expands to 15 gates

Terminal Improvements



Terminal Improvements

(2025 – 2028)

\$200,000,000

Phase III

Opens Spring 2029

- Three additional Gates
- Additional Concessions
 - Future Customs
- East Concession Receiving Area

Phase II

Opens Spring 2028

- Two additional Gates
- Inbound Baggage Claim 3
- Additional Concessions
 - Administration

Phase I

Opens Fall 2026/Spring 2027

- Relocate Two Gates
- Inbound Baggage Claims 1 & 2
 - Additional Concessions
 - Future Lounge

General Aviation

2025

343

Customs Clearances

9,794

Corporate landings
> 12,499 lbs.



217

Hangars

377

Based aircraft



3

Soon to be 4

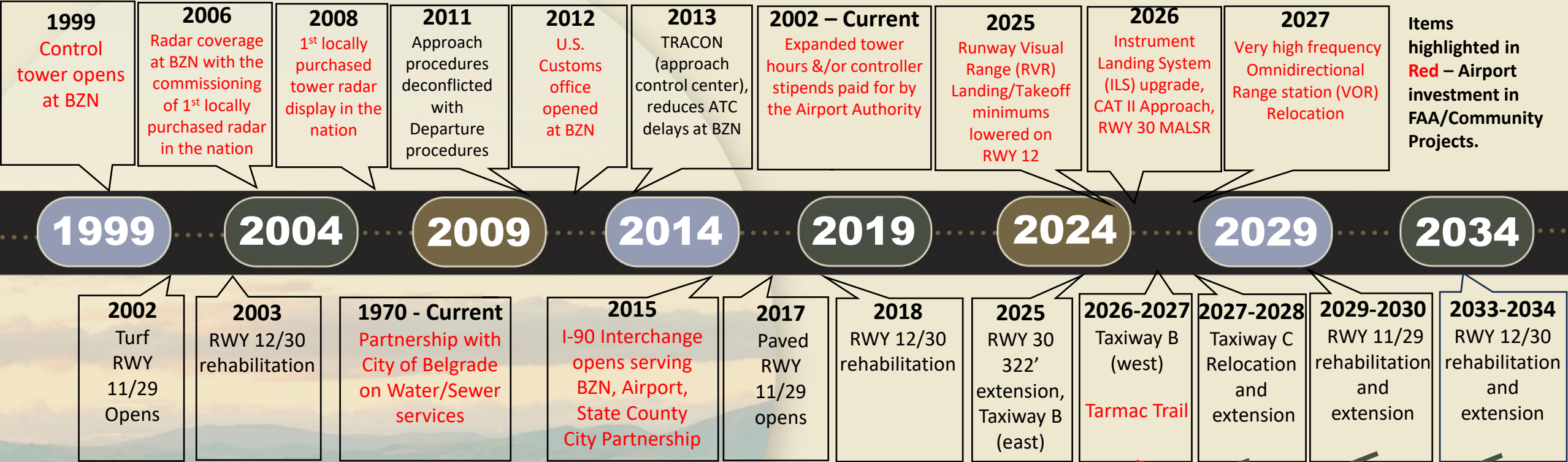
Fixed Base
Operators



9.287
million

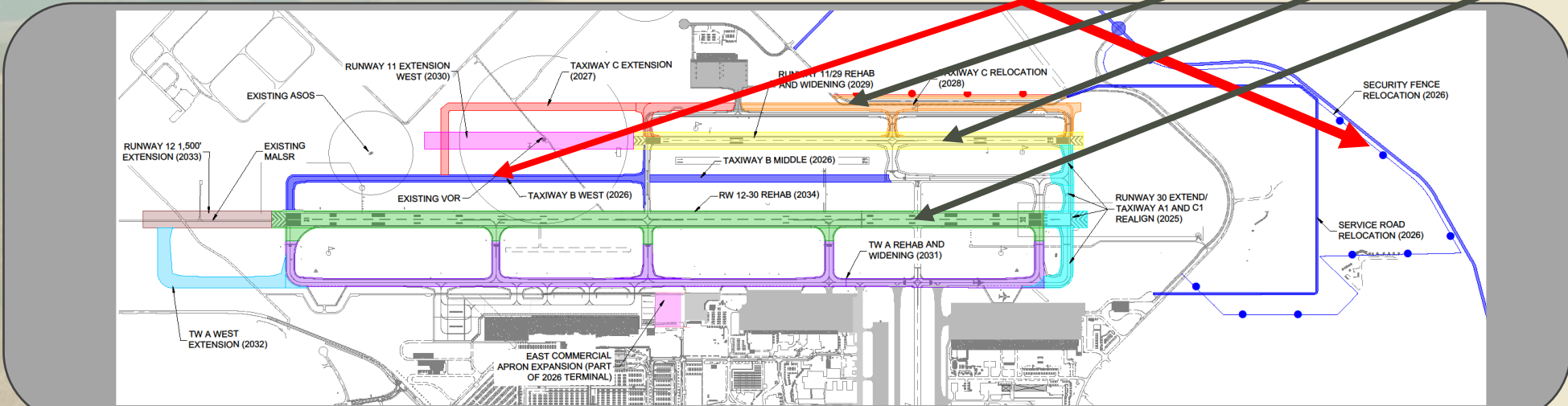
Pounds of cargo

Navigational Aid and Airfield Improvements



Airfield and Navigational Aid Projects (2025 – 2034)

\$100,000,000



Airport Noise

The **United States Government** has exclusive sovereignty of airspace of the United States. (This is based on 49 U.S. Code § 40103.) Appointed by government, the **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)**, has the sole authority to regulate all navigable airspace such as ensuring air traffic remains safe and efficient.

BZN's **Gallatin Airport Authority (GAA)**, is responsible for the land the airport sits on by managing property, buildings, infrastructure, and the airport itself. Under no circumstance, is the GAA able to control flight operations such as: flight schedules, number of flights, aircraft type, or flight paths. These decisions are made by the FAA to ensure safety and coordination.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has adopted the 65 DNL (Day-Night Average Sound Level) as the threshold of significant noise exposure. DNL is a metric that reflects a person's cumulative exposure to sound over a 24-hour period, expressed as the noise level for the average day of the year based on annual aircraft operations. **The 65 DNL at BZN almost entirely resides on airport property leaving mitigation efforts non-eligible for FAA funding. The FAA deems using airport funds to mitigate noise impacts off of airport property below 65 DNL revenue diversion, which is illegal by the FAA.**

The GAA has launched a voluntary Good Neighbor Program. This program aims to reduce aviation noise impacts on our local communities. Pilot participation is encouraged and we appreciate voluntary compliance when possible.

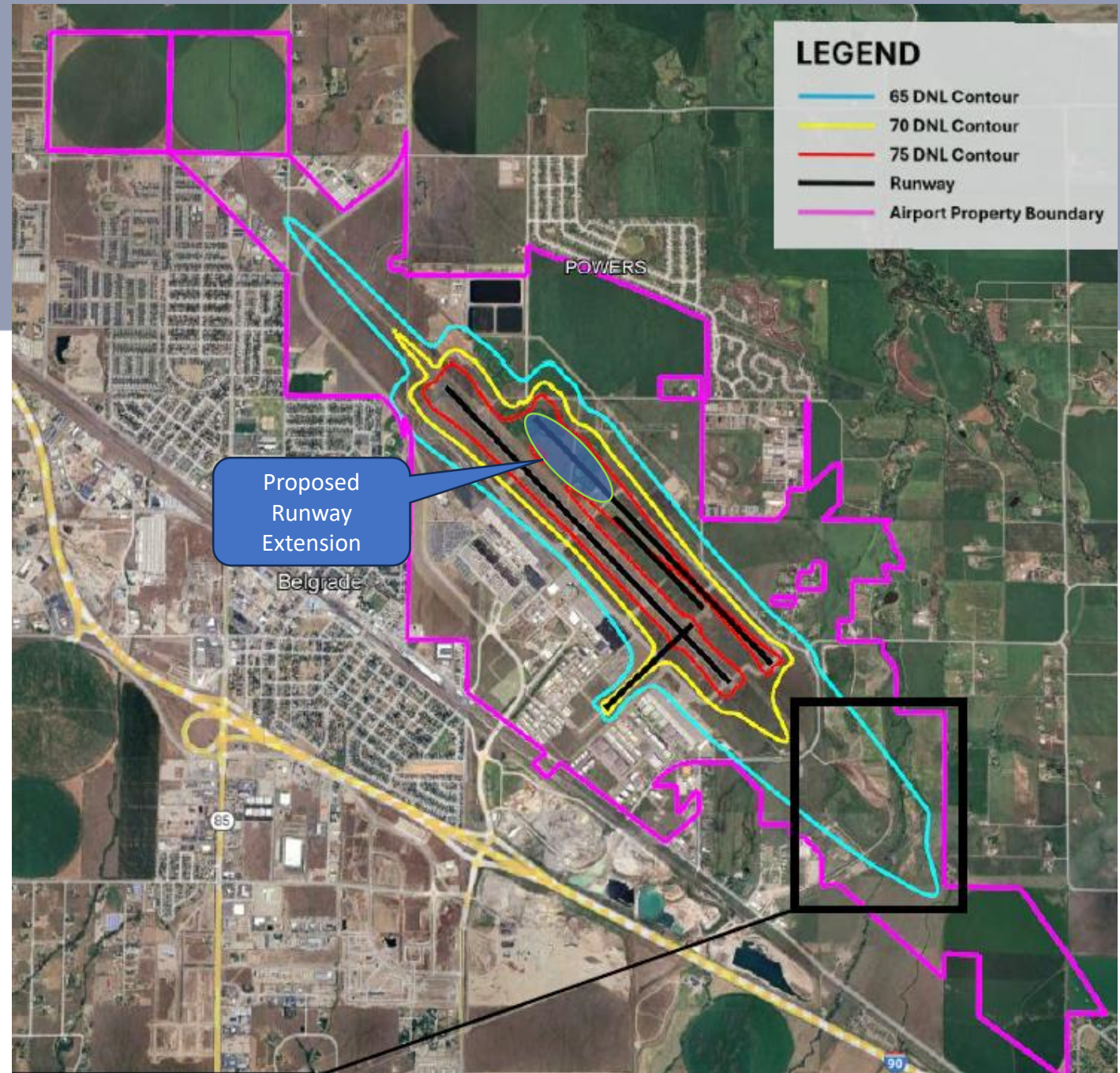
Runway 11/29 Environmental Assessment

Purpose and Need

Increase safety and level of service by increasing annual service volume by improvements to runway 11/29 and provide runway redundancy for air carrier aircraft.

Proposed Action – Extend runway 11/29 2,430' to the northwest and widen to 150'. 2035 Noise Contours would remain within airport property

No Action would mean by 2035 noise contours slightly exit airport property.



THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

Infrastructure & Development

Collaborated with the airport by coordinating, planning, funding, and regulatory support to advance critical infrastructure and development projects.

Morrison-Maierle

RS&H

**Design &
Planning
Team**



Hennebery Eddy Architects

City of Belgrade

Gallatin County

State of Montana

Water Supply

Sewage Treatment

Airway Blvd

I-90 Interchange

Tarmac Trail

Air Service & Marketing

Successfully promotes Southwest Montana and helps attract new air service to the region. These partners have also provided direct financial support to help launch flights.

Bozeman Chamber/TBID

Lone Mountain Land

Big Sky Resort

Yellowstone Country

Bozeman Chamber/CVB

Big Sky Chamber/CVB

Belgrade Chamber/CVB

**Minimum Revenue
Guarantees (MRG)**

Risk Mitigation

Marketing

Marketing

THANK YOU

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