



# COLORADO

## Department of Transportation

Division of Aeronautics

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### RE: Sierra Vista Minor Subdivision and Rezoning (SUB2026-00014 and ZON2026-00007)

Dear Mr. LaRue:

The Colorado Division of Aeronautics was recently made aware of the above captioned residential rezoning proposal, which would be located approximately 1,500' southeast of the end of runway 34 and immediately adjacent to the existing runway protection zone for that runway at the Erie Municipal Airport. The Colorado Division of Aeronautics (Division) views this residential development as a land use incompatible with the Airport and its operations given its proximity to the airport's runway.

As a recipient of Division discretionary aviation grant funds and as the sponsor of the Erie Municipal Airport, the Town is obligated contractually to comply with State Grant Assurances, which are incorporated as Exhibit C into grant contracts between the Division and Town, most recently with grants 26-EIK-01 and 26-EIK-02, which were executed by the Town on April 10, 2026 and June 17, 2026, respectively. Specifically, State Grant Assurance 1 outlines requirements for compatible land use as a condition of receiving Division grant funds:

*Compatible land use and planning in and around airports benefits the state aviation system by providing opportunities for safe airport development, preservation of airport and aircraft operations, protection of airport approaches, reduced potential for litigation and compliance with appropriate airport design standards. The airport will take appropriate action, to the extent reasonable, to restrict the use of land adjacent to, in the immediate vicinity of, or on the airport to activities and purposes compatible with normal airport operations, including landing and takeoff of aircraft.*

Failure to comply with this and other State Grant Assurances could result in the revocation of existing Division grants to the Town, and the termination of the Town's eligibility for future Division funding.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at (303)-512-5254.

Respectfully,

David R. Ulane, A.A.E., FRAeS  
Aeronautics Director

CC: Jason Hurd, Manager- Erie Municipal Airport; and Jesse Lyman, Manager- FAA Denver Airports District Office

