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

Dear Mr. Hurd:

The Federal Aviation Administration, Denver Airports District Office (FAA) was referred by the Town of Erie (Town) the above referenced residential rezone from low density to medium and high density. Due to the close proximity of this proposed residential development to Erie Municipal Airport (Airport) runways, critical areas, safety areas, Part 77 surfaces, etc., the FAA urges the Town to closely evaluate allowing additional residential density development within the vicinity of the Airport because of the potential negative impacts this development may have on persons and property on the ground and the safety and utility of the National Airspace System (NAS).

The proposed development is less than one quarter mile from the end of Runway 34. This means residents of the proposed development will be subjected to ongoing aircraft noise and overflights of aircraft at low altitudes as aircraft approach and depart the airport, including training traffic using Runway 16/34.

As a recipient of more than \$8,000,000 in FAA funding the Town is required to comply with its Federal grant obligations. The FAA recommends that the Town review and ensure any proposed development or zoning change adjacent to the Airport is consistent with its Federal obligations, specifically Grant Assurance No. 21, *Compatible Land Use*, which states the Town will *"take appropriate action, to the extent reasonable, including the adoption of zoning laws, to restrict the use of land adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of the airport to activities and purposes compatible with normal airport operations, including landing and takeoff of aircraft."* Additional information on compatible land use is further outlined in FAA Order 5190.6C, *Airport Compliance Manual*, Chapter 20, *Compatible Land Use* and Advisory Circular 150/5190-4B, *Airport Land Use Compatibility Planning*.

If you have questions regarding the above comments or would like to meet to discuss our concerns, please contact me at (303) 342-1264.

Sincerely,

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