

# Emerging Technology and Alternatively Powered Aircraft

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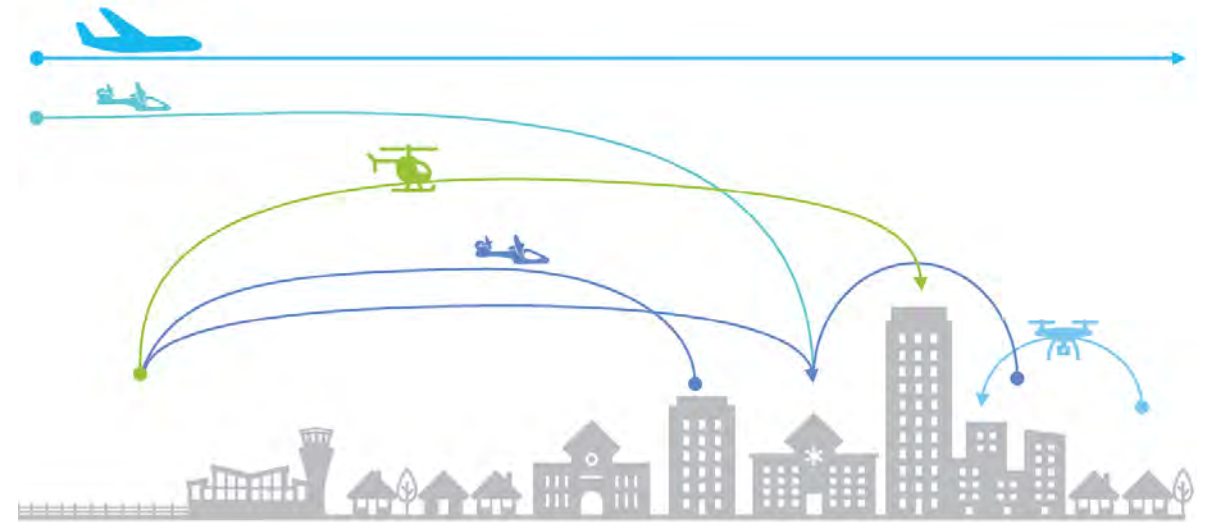


# Introductions

- **David Ulane, Director**
  - CDOT Division of Aeronautics
- **Ryan Hayes, Airport Planner**
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# Talking Points

- Spring Conference Panel Ideas
- Planning and Environmental Considerations
- Guidance
- CDOT Aeronautics Division/NREL/NASA
  - CO Alternatively Powered Aircraft



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# Emerging Tech Acronyms

- **AAM – Advanced Air Mobility**
- **UAM – Urban Air Mobility**
- **ADG – Aircraft Design Group**
- **eCTOL – Electric Conventional Takeoff and Landing**
- **eVTOL – Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing**
- **RAM – Regional Air Mobility**
- **UAV – Uncrewed Aerial Vehicle**
- **OEM – Original Equipment Manufacturer**



# Alternatively Powered Aircraft

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# Aircraft

## Existing Design, eCTOL



Magnix  
C208 Caravan

## Hybrid-Electric



Airbus  
E-Fan X

## UAVs



Kaman  
Kargo

## New Design, eVTOL



BETA  
Alia 250

## New Design, eCTOL



Heart Aerospace  
ES-19

## Air mobility startup market map

### eVTOL passenger aircraft



### eCTOL aircraft



### Electric propulsion & motors



### Roadable aircraft



### Autonomous autopilot & airspace management



## Air mobility startup market map

### Drones



### Battery technology



### Supersonic aircraft



### Air mobility services



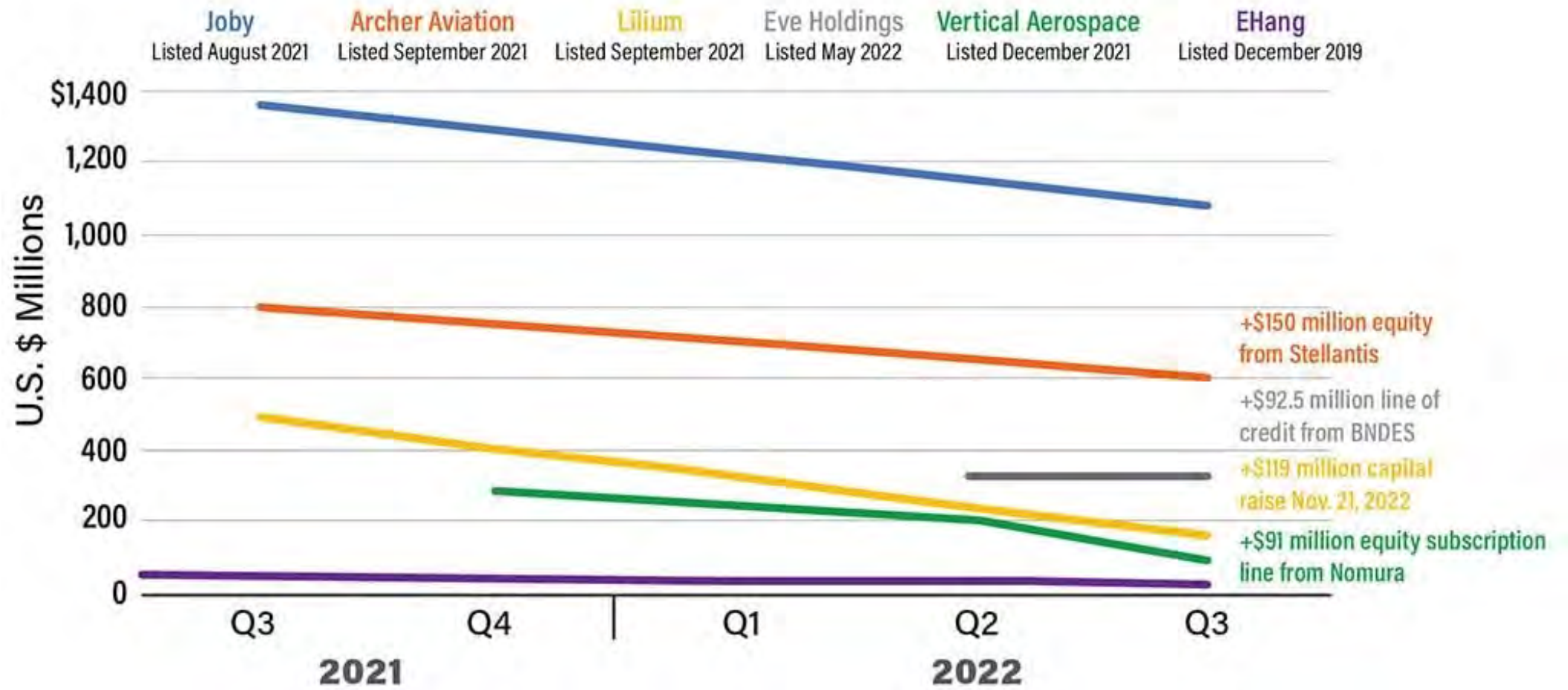
# eVTOL Manufacturers

	2023 Rank	2022 Rank	Change
<b>Joby</b>	1	1	Service entry delayed to 2025. Pilot production begun. Delta Air Lines partnership.
<b>Archer</b>	2	5	Service entry on track for 2025. Stellantis manufacturing partnership, investment.
<b>Volocopter</b>	3	3	+\$382 million raised. Certification flight tests underway. Service entry slipped to 2024.
<b>EHang</b>	4	7	Certification expected early in 2023. China market only at first.
<b>Beta</b>	5	2	+\$375 million raised. Flight test progress. Certification and production plans TBD.
<b>Eve</b>	6	8	\$377 million special-purpose acquisition company. Engineering support from Embraer. United Airlines investment.
<b>Lilium</b>	7	4	Shift to premium private market for launch. More funding needed.
<b>Vertical</b>	8	6	Full-scale tethered hover tests performed. More funding needed.
<b>Airbus</b>	9	9	Certification in 2025 doubtful. Air medical services initial market focus.
<b>Wisk</b>	10	10	Unveiled production four-seat autonomous eVTOL. No service entry date announced yet.
<b>AutoFlight</b>	11	—	Full-scale proof-of-concept flights. European certification with Chinese manufacturing.
<b>Overair</b>	12	12	+\$145 million from Hanwha (total \$175 million). Plan to fly prototype in 2023.
<b>Supernal</b>	13	11	Collaborating with BAE Systems, EPS, Honeywell, Microsoft, Urban-Air Port.

Source: Aviation Week and Space Technology



# eVTOL Liquidity – Burning Cash



Source: Aviation Week and Space Technology, Company Financials

# Certification Race

## → Short-Term

- ADG I and II fixed wing and eVTOL
- General aviation, air taxi, small cargo

## → Medium/Long-Term

- Designs larger than ADG II
- Air carrier
  - Hybrid, hydrogen, and sustainable aviation fuels vs. pure electric



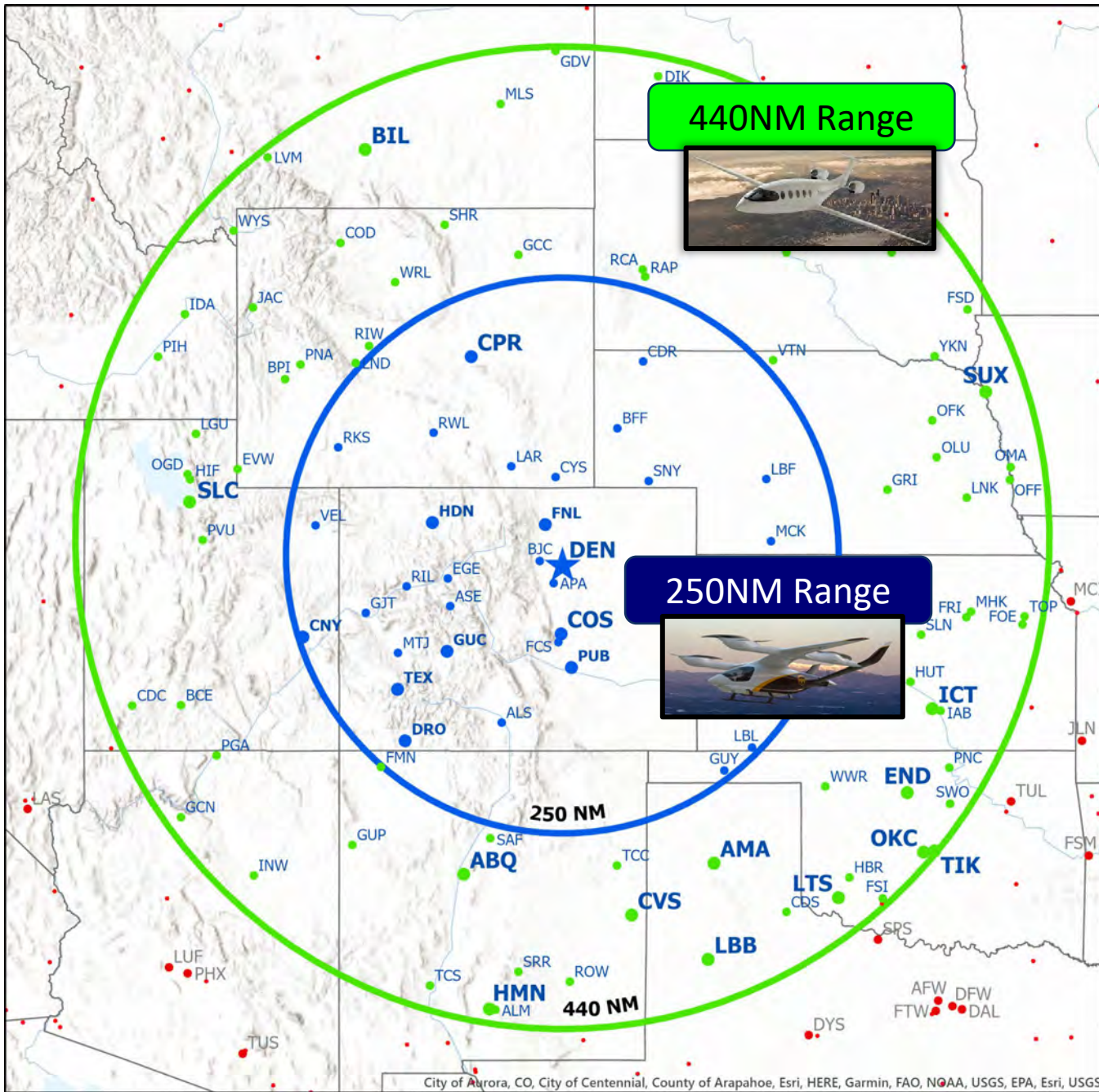
# Low and Zero-Carbon Energy Sources



	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
<b>Commuter</b> » 9-19 seats » < 60 minute flights » <1% of industry CO <sub>2</sub>	SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/or SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/or SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/or SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/or SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/or SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/or SAF
<b>Regional</b> » 50-100 seats » 30-90 minute flights » ~3% of industry CO <sub>2</sub>	SAF	SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/or SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/or SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/or SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/or SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/or SAF
<b>Short haul</b> » 100-150 seats » 45-120 minute flights » ~24% of industry CO <sub>2</sub>	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF potentially some Hydrogen	Hydrogen and/or SAF	Hydrogen and/or SAF	Hydrogen and/or SAF
<b>Medium haul</b> » 100-250 seats » 60-150 minute flights » ~43% of industry CO <sub>2</sub>	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF potentially some Hydrogen	SAF potentially some Hydrogen	SAF potentially some Hydrogen
<b>Long haul</b> » 250+ seats » 150 minute + flights » ~30% of industry CO <sub>2</sub>	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF

# Near-term Capability

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# Planning & Environmental Considerations

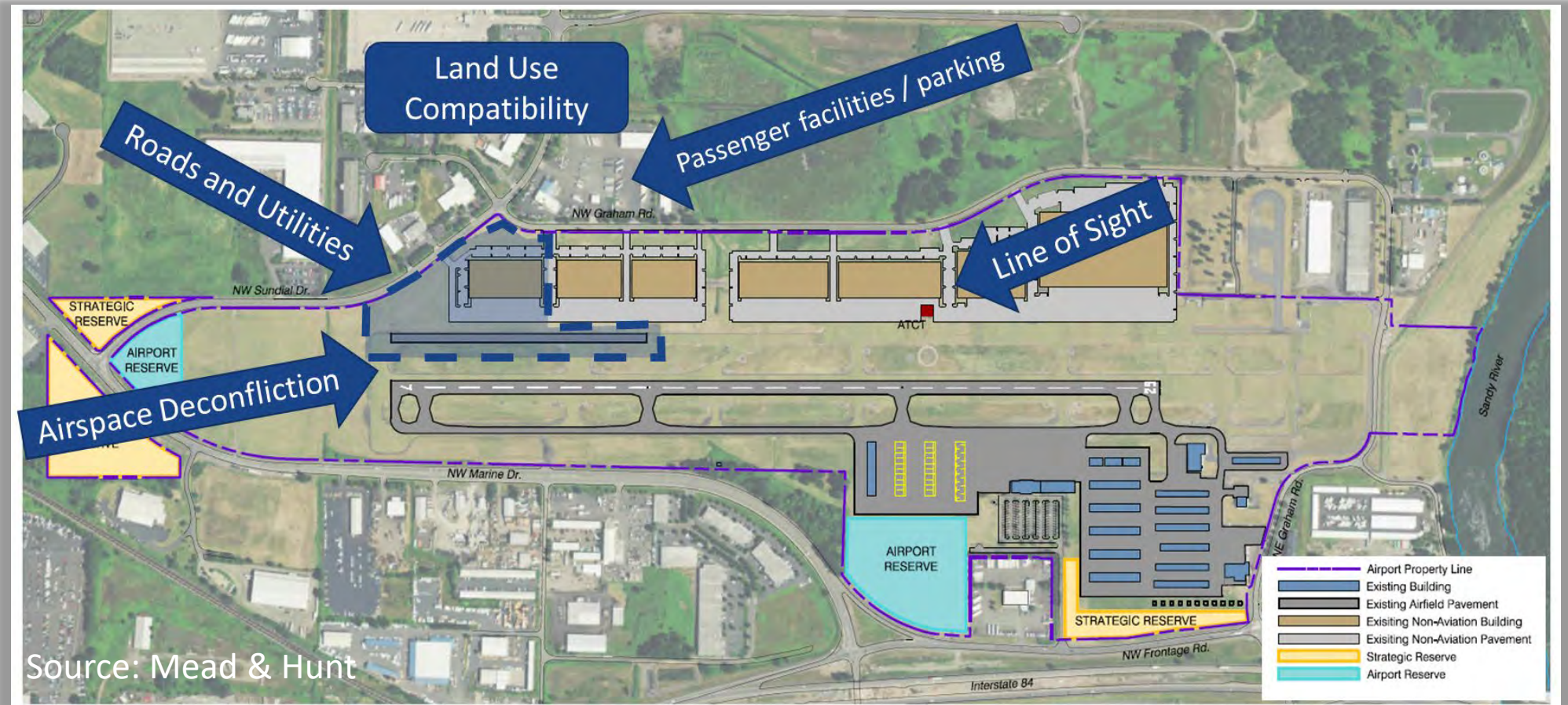
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# Terminal Planning Considerations

- ➔ Airside
- ➔ Interior
- ➔ Landside





- **Power Supply**
  - Simultaneous charging
  - Comprehensive need
- **Airside Planning**
  - Aircraft type
  - Airfield compatibility

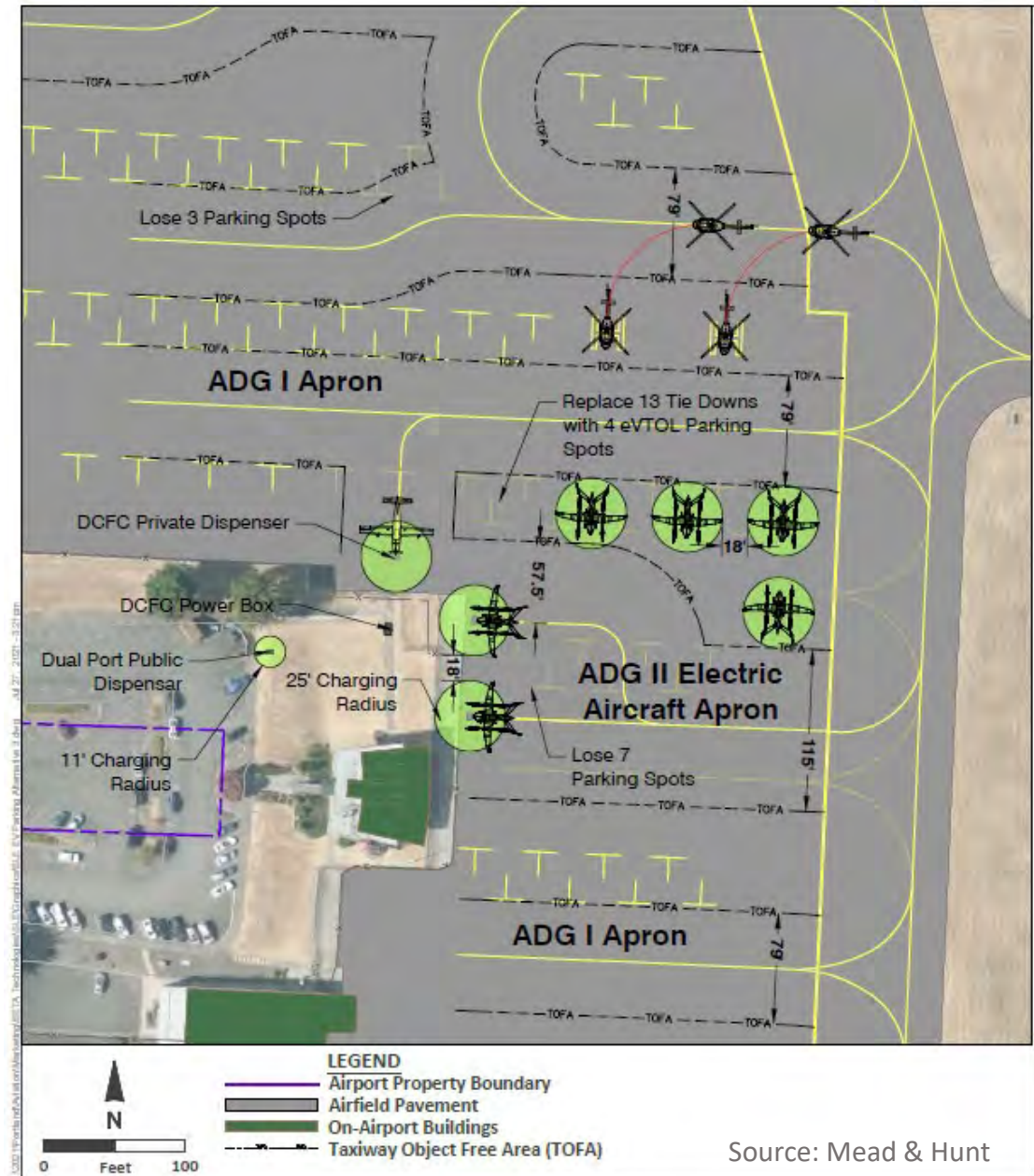
- **Landside Planning**
  - Transit tie-in
  - Auto parking and road network
- **Environmental**
  - Noise and overflight
  - NEPA

## ✈️ Landside Planning

- Distance to power
- Setbacks
- Compatibility
- Rotor wash
- Pilot services
- MRO facilities
- Car charging

## ✈️ Environmental

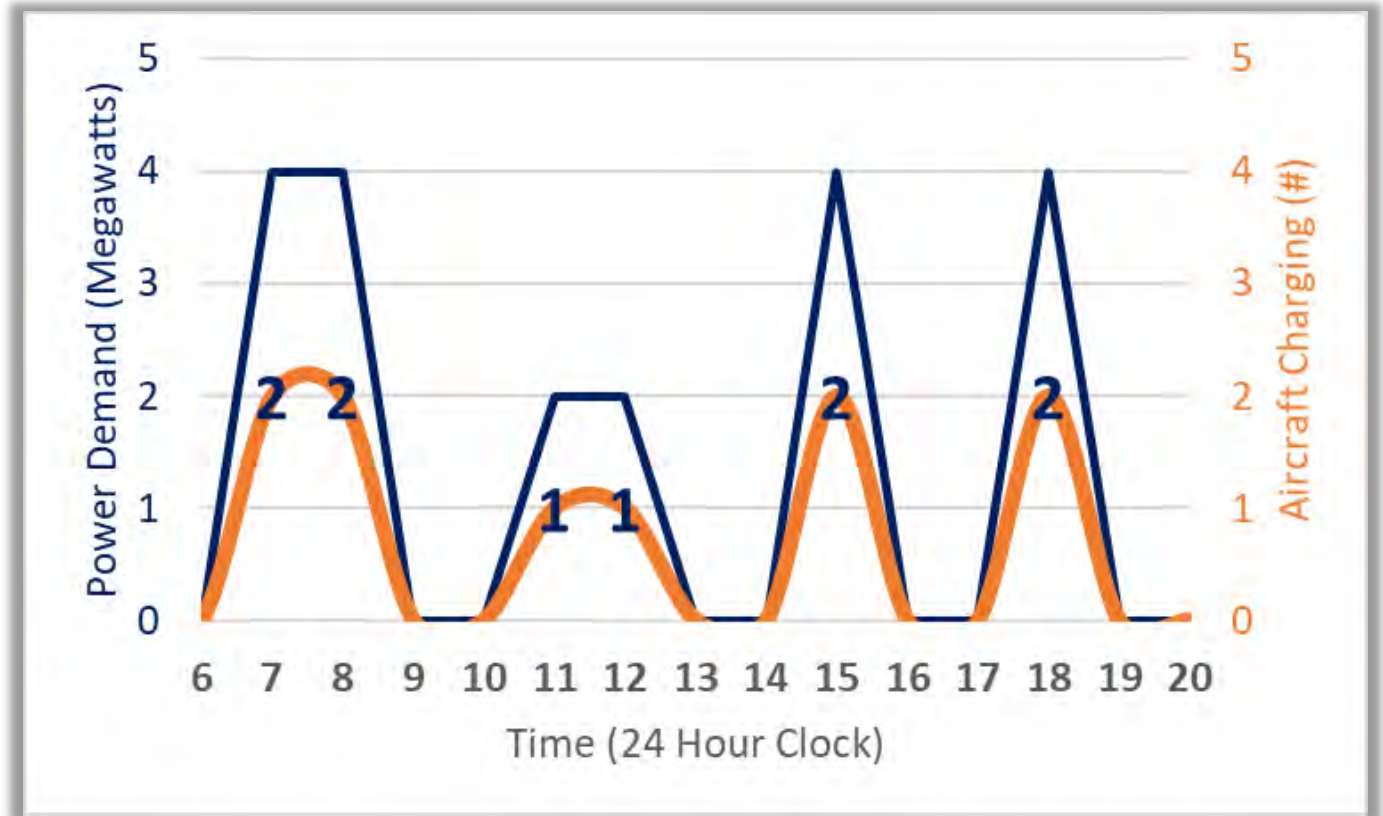
- Trenching
- Facilities
- Noise/Perception





# Electricity Demand

- 1 megawatt = 5-10 acres of panels
- In addition to other demands
  - Buildings
  - Rental Cars
  - Passenger Cars
  - Ground Equipment



Data: National Renewable Energy Labs, 2021

Modeling essential air service demand at Denver International (DEN)

# Guidance Documents

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# FAA Guidance

- ➔ **EB No. 105**
  - Comments submitted 4/18/22
  - FAA revised document
  - Final published 9/21/22
- ➔ **Contents**
  - Design and Geometry
  - Marking, Lighting, Visual Aids
  - Charging Infrastructure
  - On-Airport Vertiports
  - Safety Elements
- ➔ **Key Takeaways**
  - Plan like helicopters for now
  - More guidance to come, potentially in May 2023



## Federal Aviation Administration


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### Memorandum

Date: September 21, 2022

To: All Airports Regional Division Managers

From: Michael A.P. Meyers, P.E.  
Manager, Airport Engineering Division, AAS-100

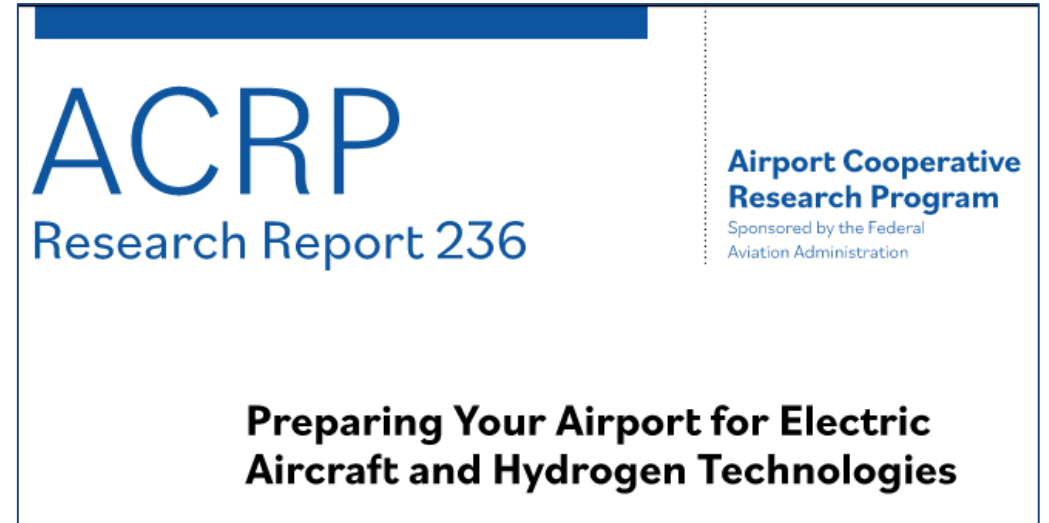


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Subject: Engineering Brief No. 105, Vertiport Design

# ACRP Guidance

- ➔ **ACRP Report 236**
  - Electric Aircraft Overview
- ➔ **ACRP Project 11-02/43 - Pending**
  - Successful Community Inclusion in AAM



# Other Guidance

## ➔ Agency Guidance

- European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

## ➔ Private Guidance

- Lillium
  - Vertiports
  - Taxiways
  - Charging Requirements
  - Apron and Terminal



### Vertiports

Prototype Technical Specifications  
for the Design of VFR Vertiports  
for Operation with  
Manned VTOL-Capable Aircraft  
Certified in the Enhanced Category  
(PTS-VPT-DSN)



### A Roadmap Toward a Sustainable Aviation Ecosystem

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Stanley Young, Jacquelin Cochran, and Chris Gearhart

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### Key Vertiport Requirements

Lillium  
Effective 02nd April 2020

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# 2021 Division Strategic Plan



<b>Mission</b>	<b>The Mission of the CDOT Division of Aeronautics</b> is to support Colorado's multi-modal transportation system by advancing a safe, efficient, and effective statewide aviation system through collaboration, investment, and advocacy.
<b>Vision</b>	<b>The Vision of the CDOT Division of Aeronautics</b> is to be the leading state aviation organization by enhancing the efficiency, economic benefit, and sustainability of Colorado's aviation system through funding, innovation, education, and support of current and emerging technologies.
<b>Goal 1</b>	<b>Engage with industry to support and facilitate emerging technologies (e.g., alternatively powered aircraft, aviation fuels, navigation, air traffic control, etc.) by the end of fiscal year 2024.</b>
<b>Goal 2</b>	<b>Expand the Division's outreach, education, and advocacy programs to facilitate engagement with stakeholders and industry partners by the end of fiscal year 2024.</b>
<b>Goal 3</b>	<b>Enhance internal professional development to strengthen the capabilities of the Division by the end of fiscal year 2024.</b>
<b>Goal 4</b>	<b>Explore and, where appropriate, implement or support new and improved statewide initiatives that sustain the aviation system by the end of fiscal year 2024.</b>



# Battery & Electric Powered Aircraft



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# Hybrid/Hydrogen Fuel Cell Powered Aircraft





# Working Together



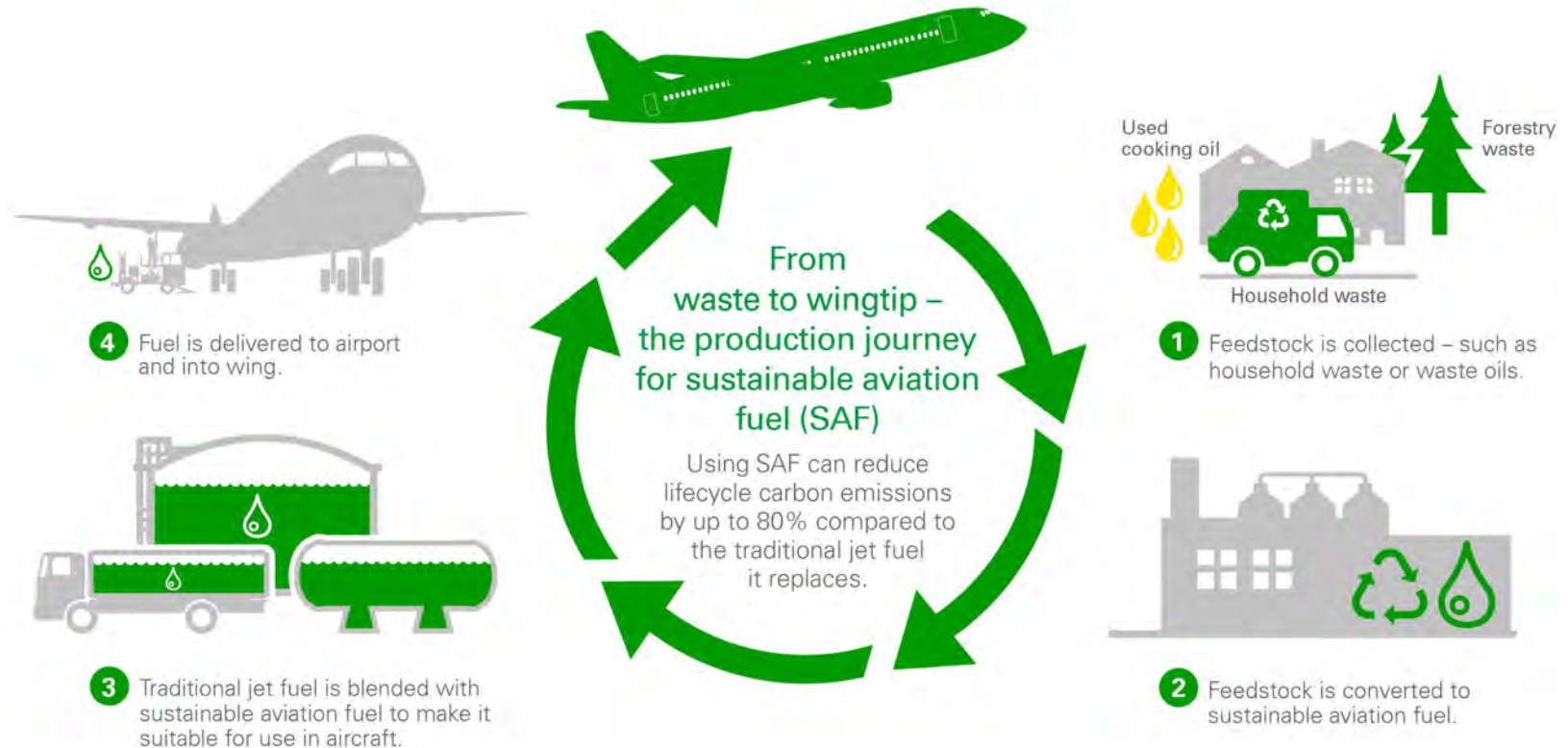
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## How is sustainable aviation fuel made?



# Thank You!



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