Decision No. C25-0522

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22A-0253R

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AEROTROPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT THE AEROTROPOLIS PARKWAY GRADE SEPARATED CROSSING OVER THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD (UPRR) AND SMITH ROAD IN THE CITY OF AURORA, ADAMS COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO.

COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO PROVIDE FINAL PLANS

Issued Date:

July 18, 2025

Adopted Date:

July 9, 2025

I. <u>BY THE COMMISSION</u>

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of an Unopposed

Motion for Extension of Time to File Final Plans ("Motion") filed by the Aerotropolis Regional

Transportation Authority ("Aerotropolis") on June 20, 2025, requesting an extension of time to

June 1, 2026, to file the final plans for Commission review and action.

2. As grounds for the Motion, Aerotropolis states they have been working diligently

in good faith toward completion of the final plans for the proposed new grade separation.

Specifically, refinement of the foundation design of the structure is requiring additional

geotechnical borings both on and off Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UPRR") right-of-way.

Aerotropolis submitted 30 percent UPRR design plans in November 2024 and March 2025 with

additional comments anticipated that will need to be addressed before the 90 percent plans are

submitted for review. However, this grade separation is only a part of a much larger regional transportation system currently being planned, designed, financed, and constructed by Aerotropolis of which many components much be planned and designed in a coordinated manner. The complexity of this regional transportation system design has hit unforeseen circumstances delaying the necessary planning and design work, which affects the subject crossing. Because of these unforeseen delays, Aerotropolis requests an extension until June 1, 2026, to submit final plans.

- 3. Aerotropolis has conferred with counsel for the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and the Colorado Department of Transportation. Neither opposes the extension of time.
 - 4. This is Aerotropolis's fourth Motion for Extension of Time to file final plans.
 - 5. Now being fully advised in the matter, we grant the Motion.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

- 1. The Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time To File Final Plans ("Motion") filed by the Aerotropolis Regional Transportation Authority on June 20, 2025, requesting an extension of time to June 1, 2026, to file the final plans for Commission review and action is granted.
- 2. Aerotropolis shall file the final plans for Commission review and action by June 1, 2026.
 - 3. The Commission retains jurisdiction to enter further decisions as necessary.

- 4. This Decision is effective upon its Issued Date.
- B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING July 9, 2025.



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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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COMMISSIONER MEGAN M. GILMAN ABSENT

Rebecca E. White, Director