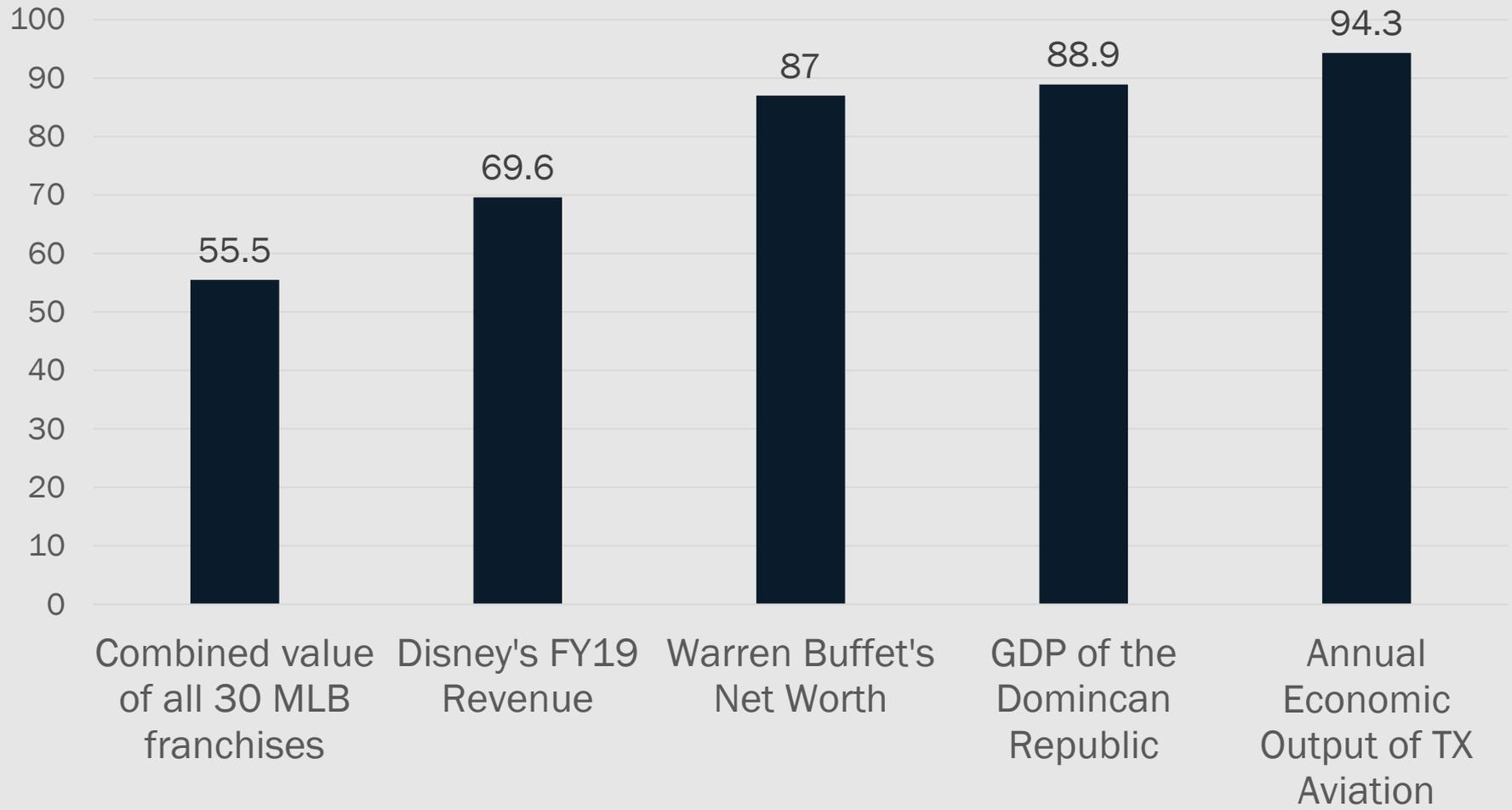


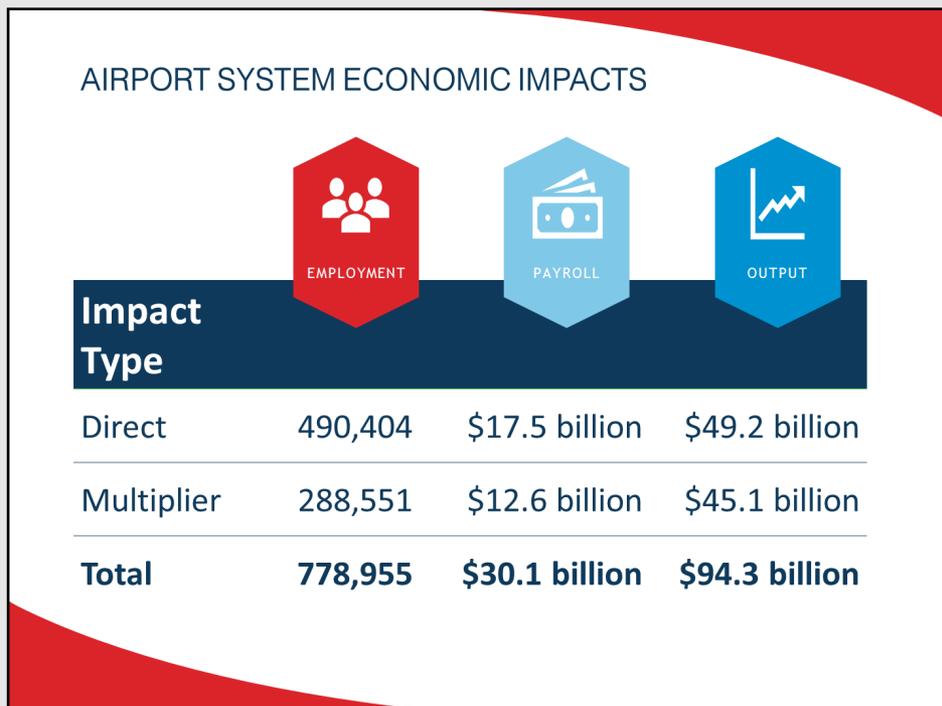
# Aviation in Texas – A Comparison

What's it worth? (billions of \$)



# Texas' Airport System Rankings

- #1
  - National, Regional, and Local GA Assets
- #2
  - Total NPIAS airports
  - Reliever airports
  - Based aircraft (9.4% of national total)
  - ATP pilots, remote pilots, and flight instructors
- #3
  - Total, student, commercial, private, glider, and sport pilots
  - Total aircraft operations, all types (7.8% of national total)
  - Total GA aircraft operations (7.5% of national total)





# Unmanned Aerial Systems

Preliminary Factors to consider in the Selection of Operating Locations in North Texas

December 3, 2020

Chris Yakabe & Mike Whitted, InnoVets LLC

# INNOVETS

Today's Presentation:

20 minutes

- Basic considerations for site selection
- Case Studies
- Discussion





## Choosing a Location (site selection & suitability)

- Define Mission (defining the mission will drive location selection or else “work backwards”)
- Large or small UAS?
- Vertical or fixed-wing? (Both?)
- Focus on a specific area(s) of concentration (Research, commerce, package delivery, wildlife or LE surveillance, disaster response, oil field/rig inspection, pipeline/powerline/rail inspection, etc.)
- “Ecosystem” (Grand Sky: General Atomics and Northrop-Grumman)



## Logistic Support

- Existing or customizable work-space (offices, hangars, maintenance)
- Security (physical, virtual/intellectual)
- Fuel availability (petroleum based, electrical/battery charging)
- Utilities, IT infrastructure/accessibility
- Data transfer and storage (cyber)
- Transportation (accessibility/towing)



## Environmental Considerations

- General Weather trends (temperature, cloud cover, density altitude)
- Historical winds (particularly crosswinds; runway not always aligned toward prevailing wind. Some UAS particularly sensitive)
- Wildlife habitat (indigenous & migratory)
- Hazardous material handling & disposal (e-waste, composites)
- Environmental assessment/impact statement mandate

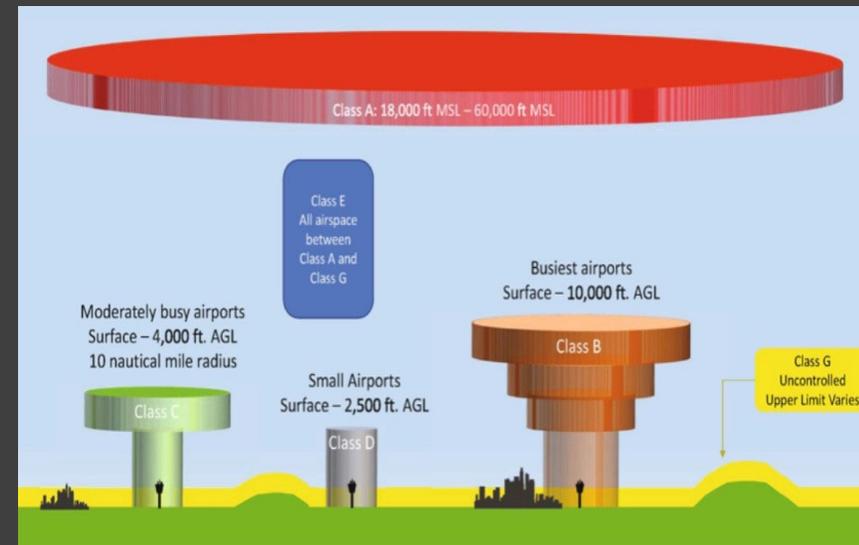
# Airspace Considerations

Customer needs vs. Accessibility

Integrating manned & unmanned aircraft

Flight restrictions

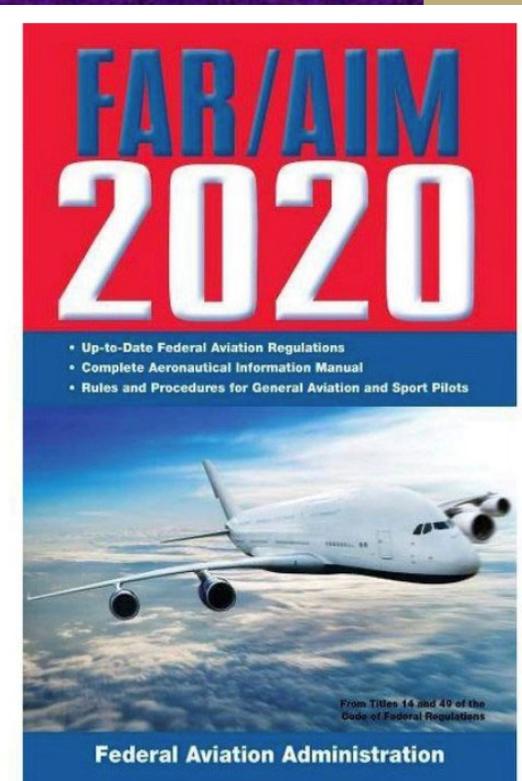
Wildlife or environmentally sensitive areas



# INNOVETS

## Regulations & how they apply to your unique situation

- Part 107
- Section 333 Exemption
- COA
- COTS waiver

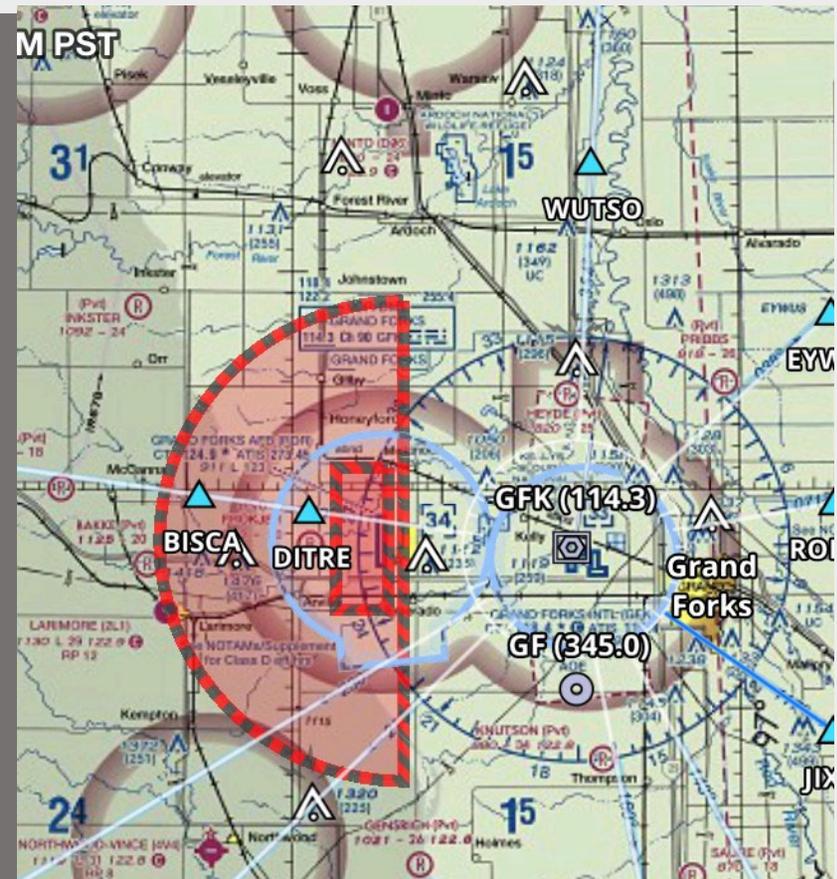


## External Support (“Ecosystem”)

- Existing tenants
- Local residents
- Local/state government (tax incentives?)
- The “*Competition*”
- Other supporting industries
- Intermodal transportation/transfer hub (shipping, rail, communications, data)
- Federal government
- Political and citizen support at all levels

# Grand Sky Commercial Air Park Grand Forks AFB, ND

# INNOVETS



# Ennis Municipal (F41)



- Ennis Municipal Field (F41)

FBO	
<b>City of Ennis</b> (972) 875-4279 122.9 UNICOM	100LL <b>\$3.12</b> Jet A+ <b>\$2.89</b> >
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE / SERVICES	
<b>Hammock Aviation Services</b> (972) 875-4279 122.9 UNICOM	>
OTHER	
<b>Poplawski Aircraft Painting</b> (972) 875-2111	>

**ELLINGTON** (See HOUSTON on page 321)

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**ENNIS MUNI** (F41) 2 W UTC-6(-5DT) N32°19.78' W96°39.83'  
500 B NOTAM FILE FTW

**DALLAS-FT WORTH**  
L-17C, A  
IAP

**RWY 16-34:** H3999X50 (ASPH) S-18 MIRL  
**RWY 16:** REIL. PAPI(P2L)—GA 3.0° TCH 35'. Ground. Rgt t/c.  
**RWY 34:** REIL. PAPI(P2L)—GA 3.0° TCH 35'. Thld dspcd 255'. P-line.  
**SERVICE:** S4 FUEL 100LL, JET A LGTACTVT REIL RWY 16 and 34;  
 PAPI RWY 16 and 34; MIRL Rwy 16-34, preset low INTST—CTAF.  
**AIRPORT REMARKS:** Attended Mon-Fri 1400-2300Z±. Fuel avbl 24 hrs with major credit card. Birds on and invof arpt. Parachute Jumping.  
**AIRPORT MANAGER:** (972) 875-4279  
**COMMUNICATIONS:** CTAF 122.9  
 ® REGIONAL APP/DEP CON 125.2  
**CLEARANCE DELIVERY PHONE:** For CD ctc Regional Apch at 972-615-2799.  
**RADIO AIDS TO NAVIGATION:** NOTAM FILE FTW.  
**CEDAR CREEK (L) VORTACW** 114.8 CQY Chan 95 N32°11.14' W96°13.09' 285° 24.3 NM to fld. 400/6E.

# Ennis Municipal (F41)



**Hammock Aviation Services**  
3002 W. Ennis Avenue  
Alvin, Texas 77512  
08:00 A.M. TO 05:00 P.M. Mon-Fri

FBO

Info Fees Comments

CONTACTS

UNICOM	122.9
Phone (Main)	(972) 875-4279
Phone (Fax)	(972) 878-8505

AMENITIES

Pilot's Lounge, Restrooms

SERVICES

Aircraft Hangars, Aircraft Maintenance

FUEL

CREDIT CARDS

AVCARD, Visa, Mastercard, US Bank Multi Service, American Express

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**Poplawski Aircraft Painting**  
ENNIS AIRPORT  
2162 OLD WAXAHACHIE ROAD  
ENNIS, TX 75119  
8am-5pm Mon-Fri (Local Time)

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SERVICES

Aircraft Maintenance

Add Comment Update Fuel Prices

toeknee25 [3 months ago](#)

Departing, contact approach ASAP. They will either get you a squawk and then almost immediately transfer you over to another freq. OR tell you to contact another controller

cecstl [4 months ago](#)

Very well maintained runway. If strong gusting winds, watch for wind shear near the ground on south approach. Watch for Ag crop aircraft and parachuting operations here.

andy65 [1 year 4 months ago](#)

A nice local airport. Friendly people. Bought fuel. No tie down charge even though I stayed more than one night.

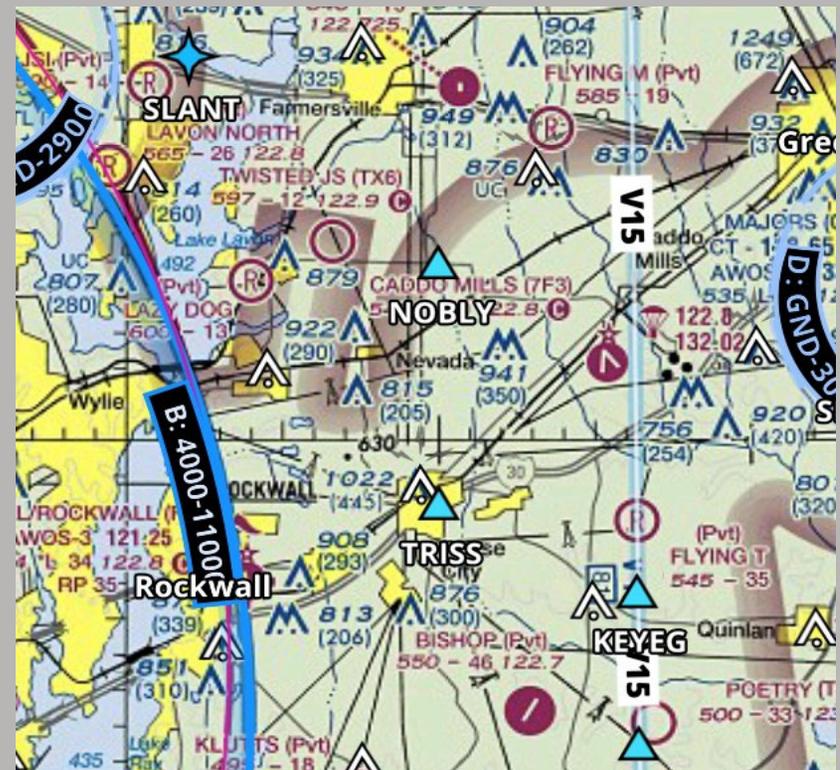
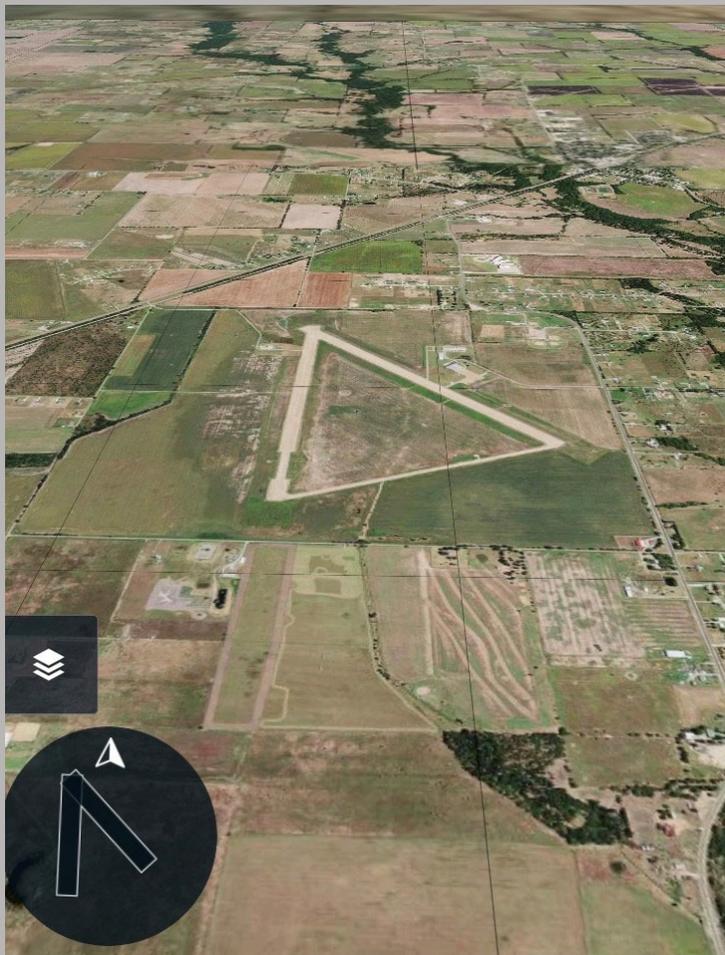
flexvince [1 year 7 months ago](#)

Parachute activities on the airport.

wizzrd02 [4 years ago](#)

For south or east approach/departure use 126.72

# Caddo Mills Municipal Airport (7F3)



# Caddo Mills Municipal Airport (7F3)



## Caddo Mills Municipal Airport

4096 FM 1565  
Caddo Mills, TX 75135  
Mon-Sat 8:00 am-6:00 pm  
Sun Noon-5:00 pm

FBO

Info

Fees

Comments



RETAIL PRICES (---)

SELF

FULL

100LL

None

None

Jet-A

None

None

Jet-A+

None

None

CONTACTS

Phone (Main)

(972) 974-4779

aaron

2 years 4 months ago

No GA fuel, terminal or FBO. There is a large building that appears to be an FBO terminal adjacent to the GA Ramp, but it is privately owned. Airport is primarily used for touch and go's and the parachute operation on the West side.

yourpilotincommand

2 years 7 months ago

Flew over this evening and noticed pilot controlled runway lighting inop.

hkbarret

6 years 4 months ago

No sailplane activity. Parallel grass runway no longer active.

dginther

9 years 5 months ago

Cc auth is down for fuel, so assisted fuel only. Good fuel prices, but I question to accuracy of the pump as we took 17 gallons to the tab of a pa28, even though there was fuel in the tank. No more glider operations. Both runways active and in reasonable shape.

A/FD

TEXAS

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CADDO MILLS MUNI (7F3) 2 SW UTC-6(-5DT) N33°02.17' W96°14.59'

DALLAS-FT WORTH  
L-17D, A  
IAP

542 B NOTAM FILE FTW

RWY 13-31: H4000X150 (CONC) S-26

RWY 13: Tree.

RWY 31: Tree.

RWY 18-36: H4000X75 (CONC) S-26 MIRL

RWY 18: Tree.

RWY 36: Tree.

SERVICE: LGT ACTIVATE MIRL Rwy 18-36—CTAF.

AIRPORT REMARKS: Attended Mon-Sat 1500-0000Z. For arpt attendant other times, call 214-585-9953. Parachute Jumping. Skydiving activity on arpt. Rocket launch area adj to bxy east of Rwy 13-31, midway. Rwy 13-31, 18-36 markings faded. Ramp on east-side of Rwy 13-31 in poor condition.

AIRPORT MANAGER: 214-585-9953

COMMUNICATIONS: CTAF/UNICOM 122.8

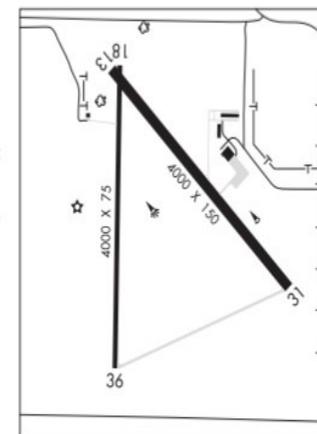
® FORT WORTH CENTER APP/DEP CON 132.025

CLEARANCE DELIVERY PHONE: For CD ctc Fort Worth ARTCC at 817-858-7584.

RADIO AIDS TO NAVIGATION: NOTAM FILE FTW.

BONHAM (H) VORTACW 114.6 BYP Chan 93 N33°32.25' W96°14.05' 175° 30.0 NM to fld. 700/6E.

COMM/NAV/WEATHER REMARKS: UNICOM not monitored.



CAIN (See SLIDELL on page 402)



Discussion...

Questions?

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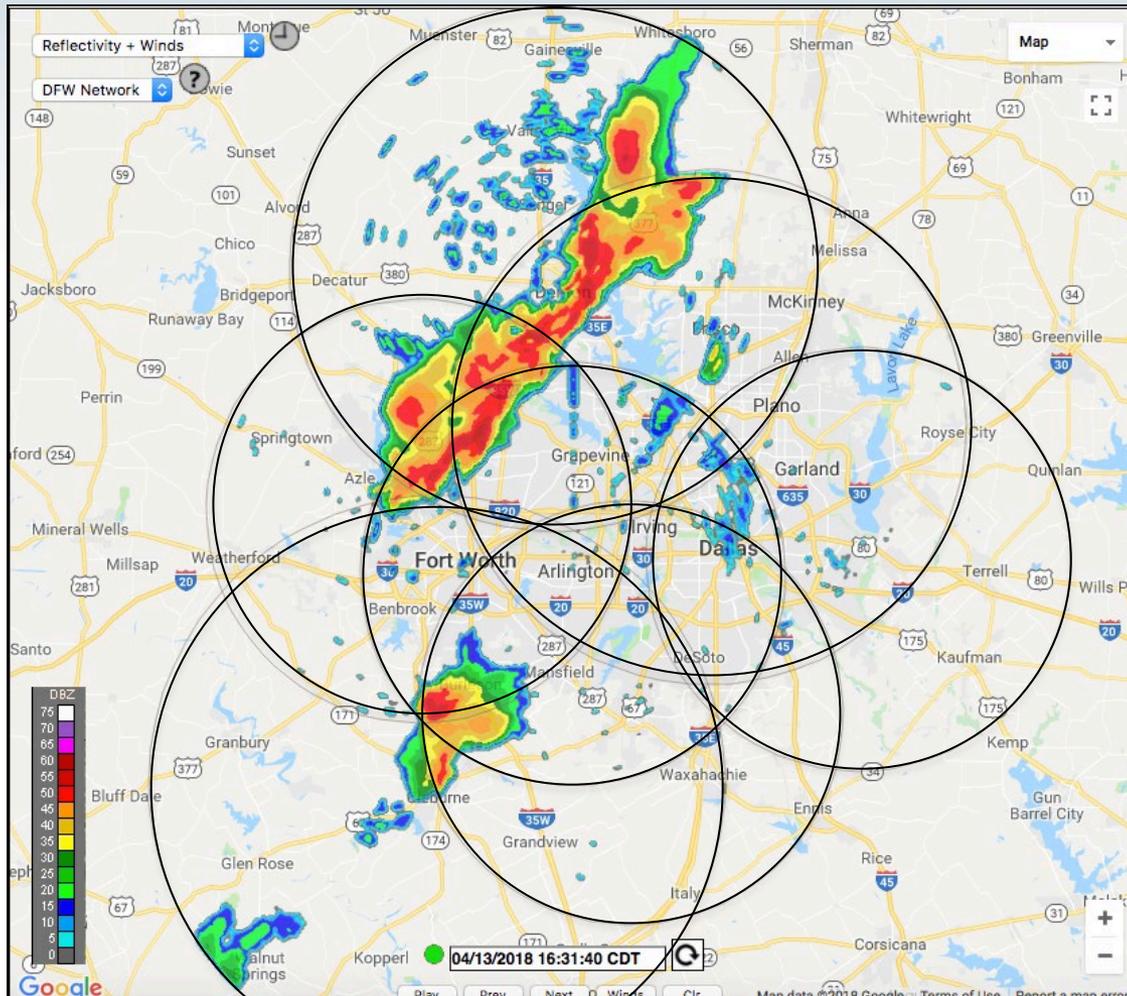
*Thank You for your Time!*

# **CASA North Texas Aviation Weather Testbed**

ATTAC Update

December 3, 2020





- CASA X-Band Weather Radar Network operational since 2012
- **Only network of its kind in the country**
- Regional project, led by NCTCOG, supported through funding from 50 NTX cities and towns, research grants

# North Central Texas cities and towns provided the resources for installation and operation of radar network



University of North Texas



Johnson County



City of Addison



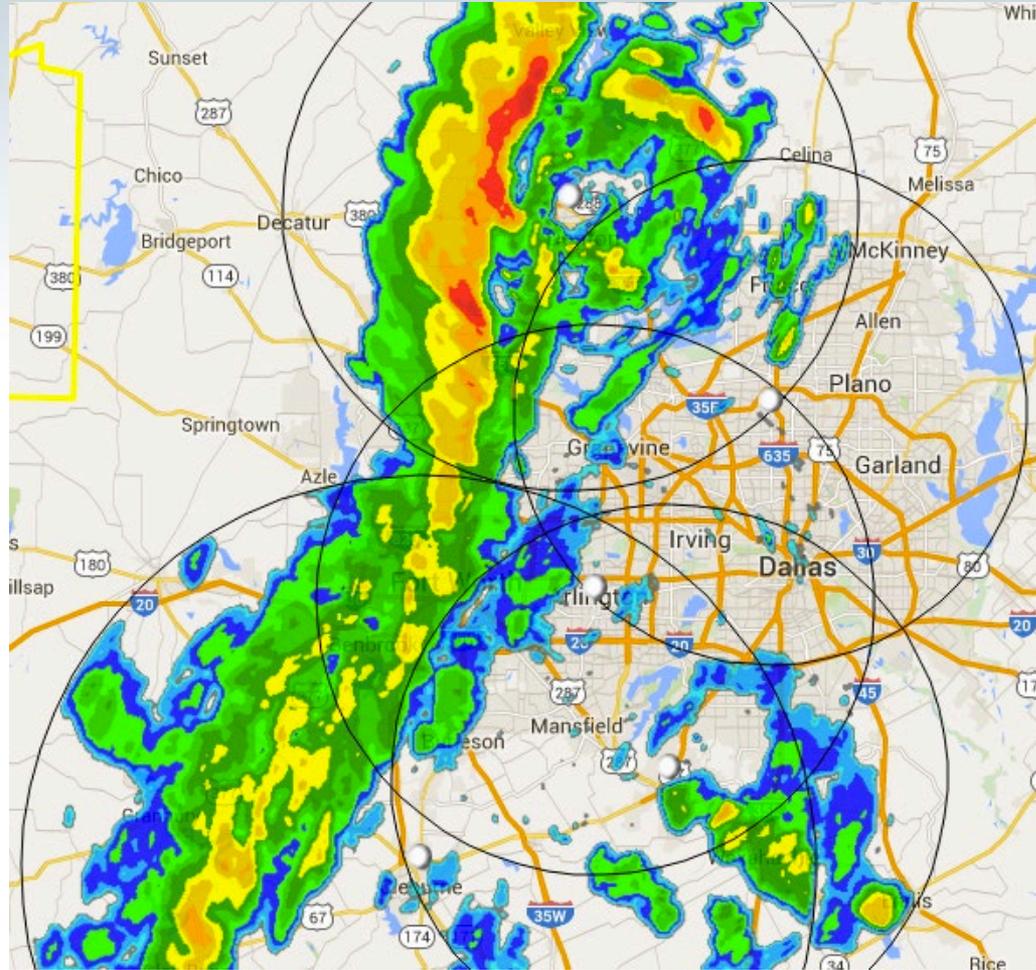
DFW Airport Warehouse Space

Community sponsored installations





NWS WFO



Media



Emergency Management



Aviation



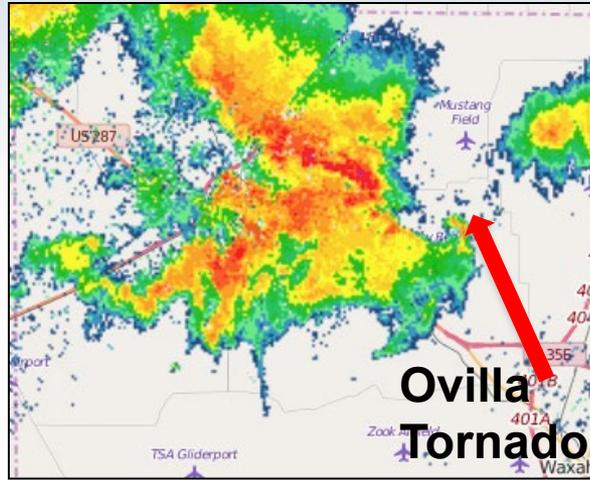
Storm Water Management



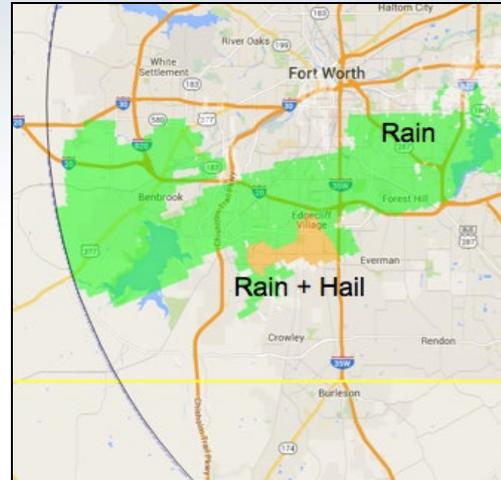
Utilities / Telecom



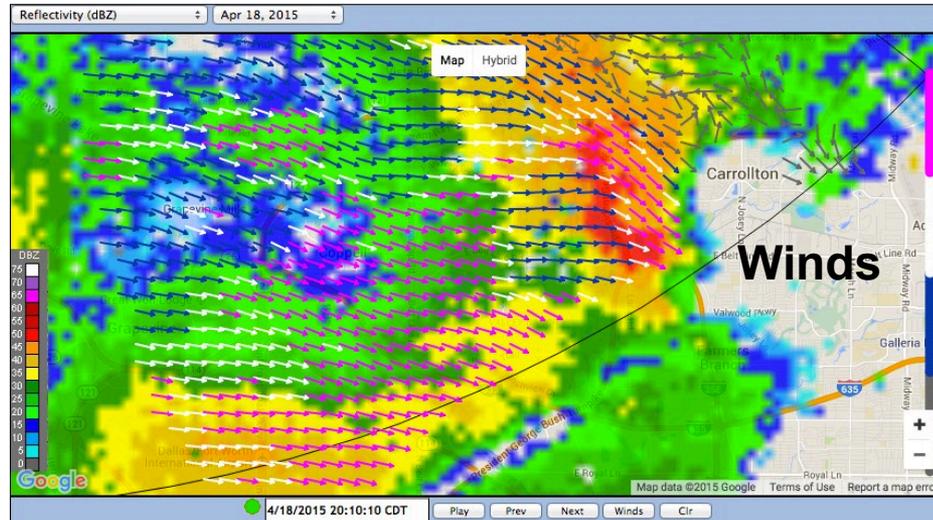
# High resolution radar imagery, one minute updates on website and hazard alerting app



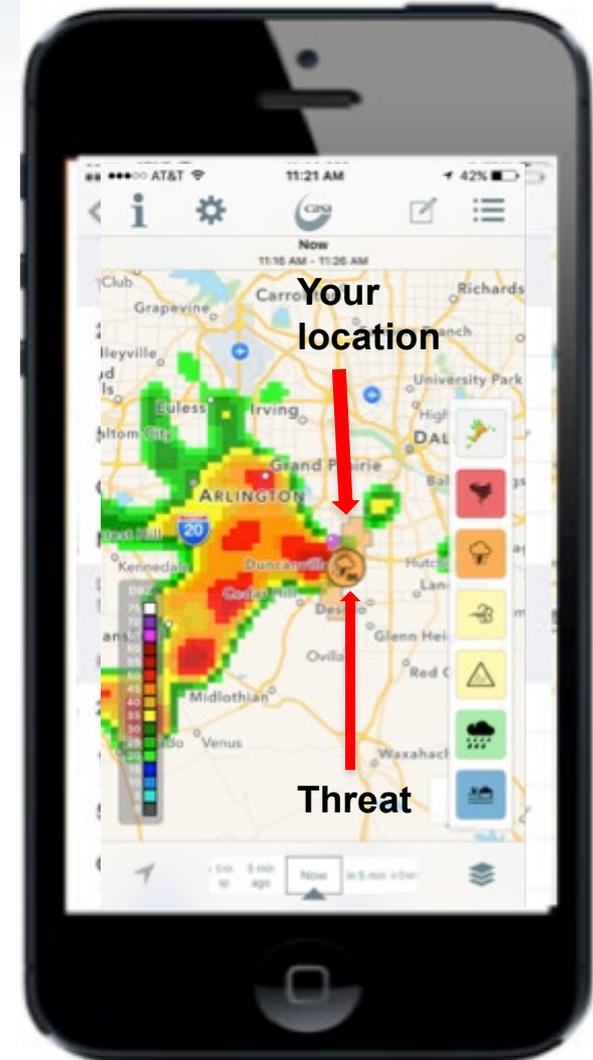
**Storms**



**Rain & Hail**

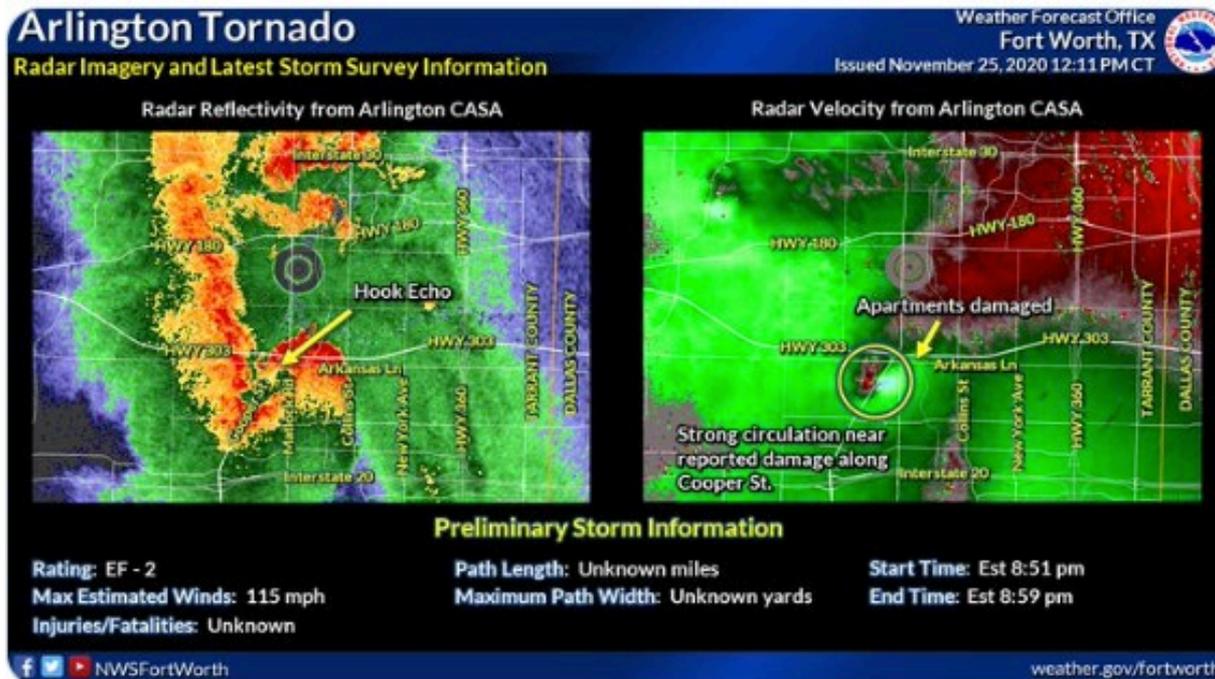


**Winds**





12:17 PM: Our survey team has found EF-2 damage in south Arlington, near Pioneer Pkwy & S Center St. Estimated max winds of 115 mph. We will have more information on the path length and width later today. Here's a snapshot of the radar last night. #dfwwx #ctxwx

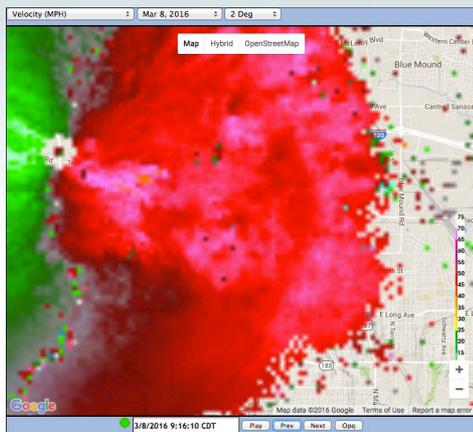


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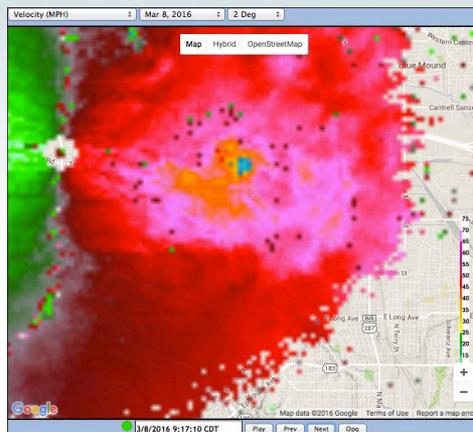
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# How do CASA radars help airport managers?



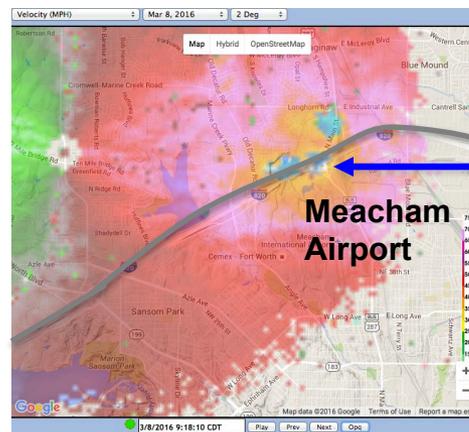
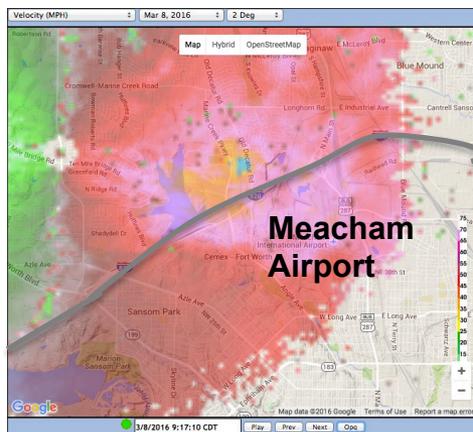
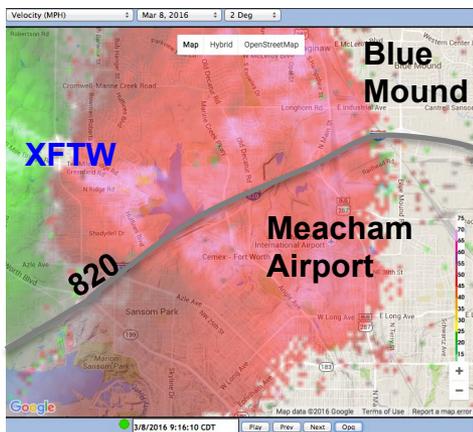
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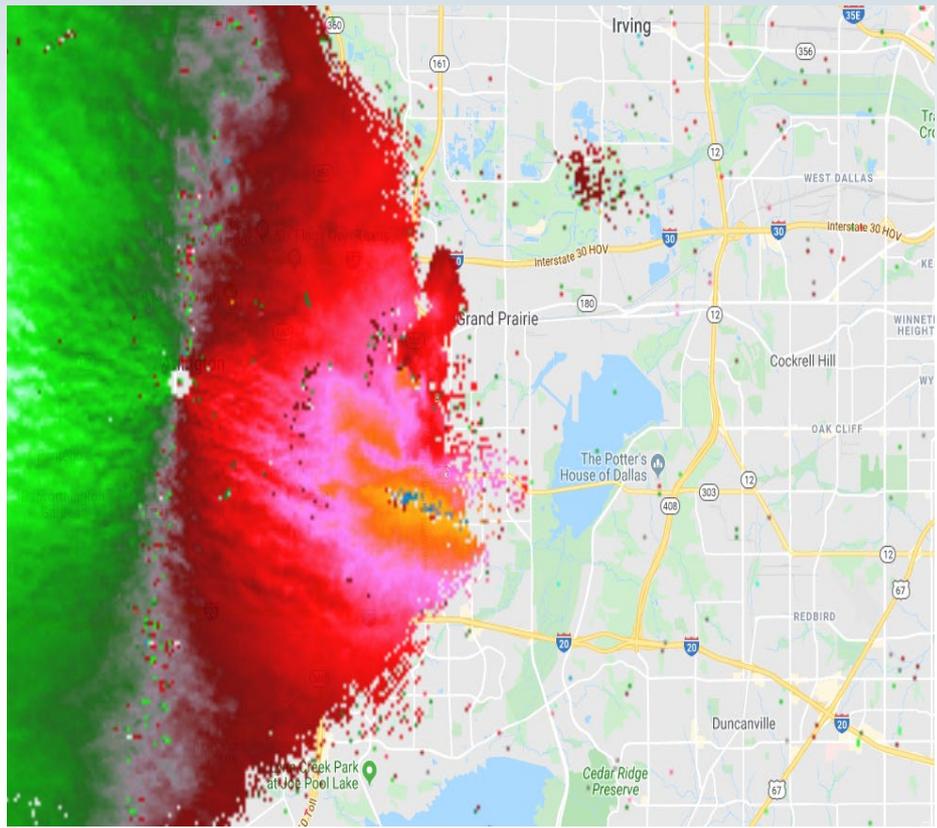
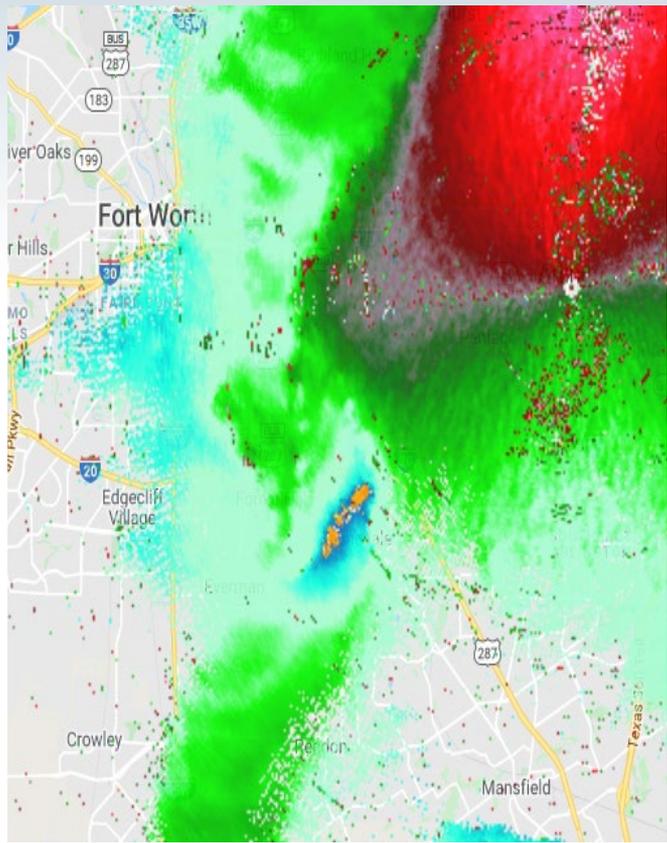


High resolution radar velocity images help pinpoint high wind threats to airport tenants.  
**Case Study:** March 8, 2016. Strong winds caused the roof of one hangar to be blown off and another one to get damaged, north end of Meacham International Airport. CASA provided archived **radar velocity data to pinpoint** location of strongest winds within the storm.





# March 13<sup>th</sup> Squall Line Event 2019

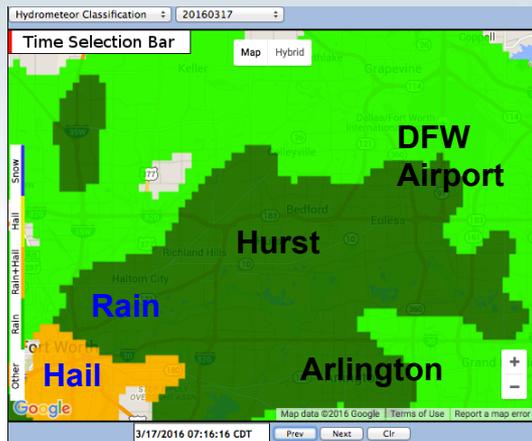


“Widespread swaths of wind damage...a complete field survey would have taken days.

No field storm surveys were performed, based on CASA data not showing any areas tight rotation. Straight-line wind speeds estimated from pictures and observations.” - NWS



# How do CASA radars help airports?



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07:21 am



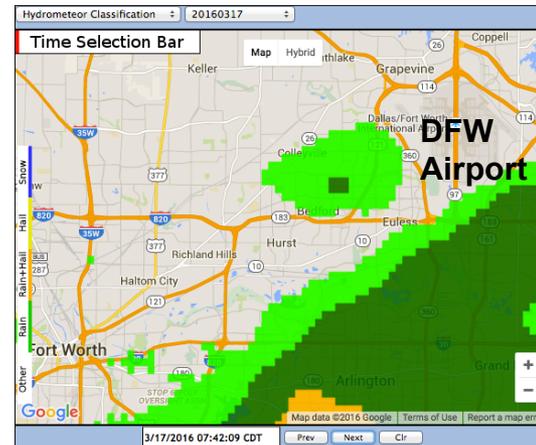
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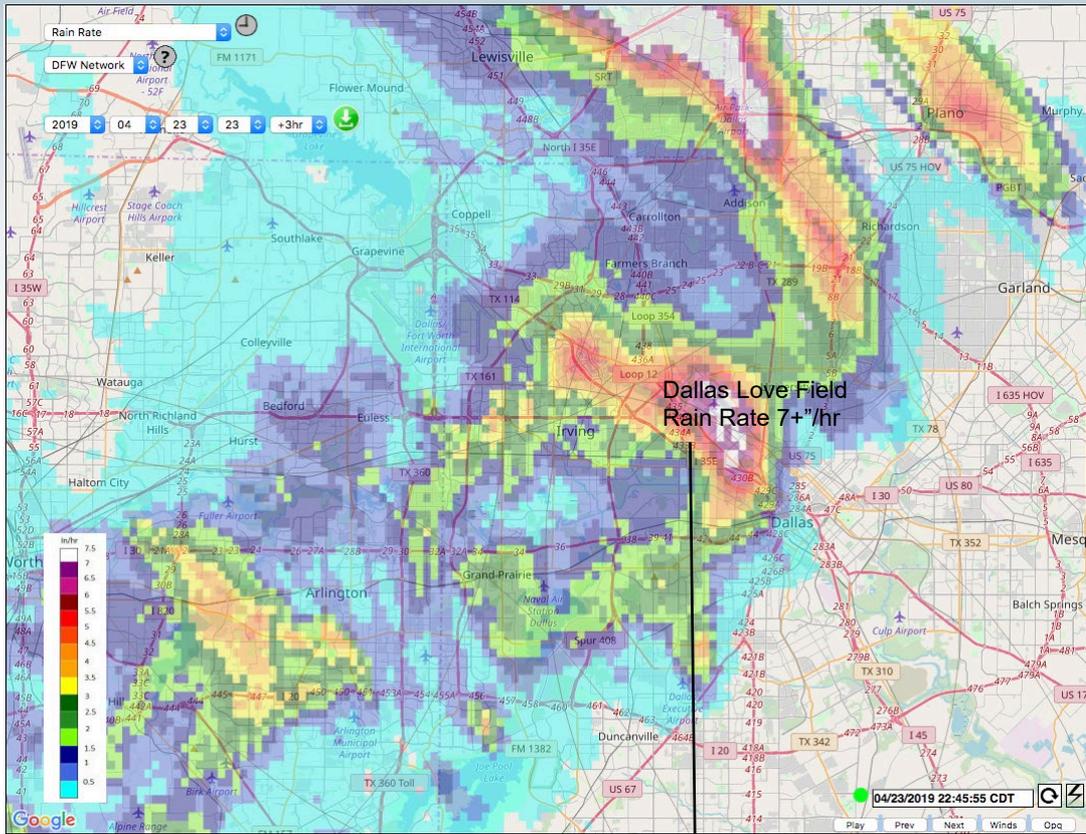
**Hail product** helps airport operations personnel prepare for impact. **Case Study:** March 17, 2016. Hail storm damage reported widely across the Metroplex. Airport Duty Manager continuously monitored the CASA hail product during the entire event and was able 'to alleviate the fear that the airport itself was going to be impacted by the hail'.



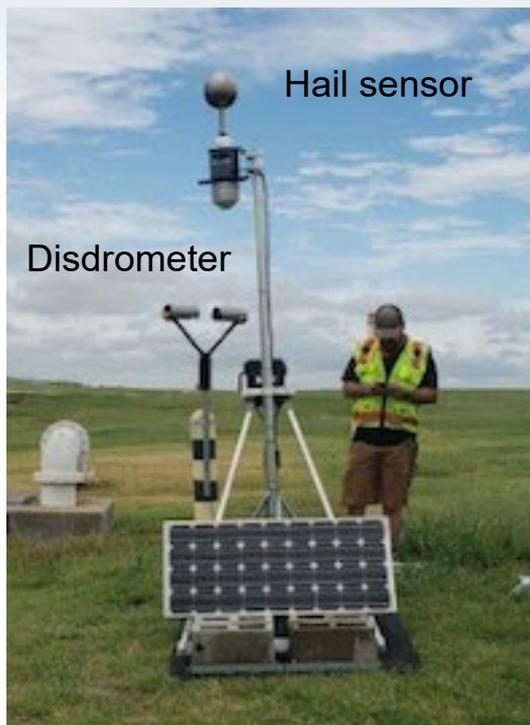
## April 23, 2019 Floods

“CASA QPE data was used to make warning decisions for flash flooding. There were technical issues with MRMS data that night so it was not available. WSR-88D underestimated the rainfall. **CASA QPE data was nearly perfect** and led to the issue of a flash flood warning near Lake Lavon where a rain gauge report later verified the 8+ inches.”

--Ted Ryan, SOO, NWS Fort Worth



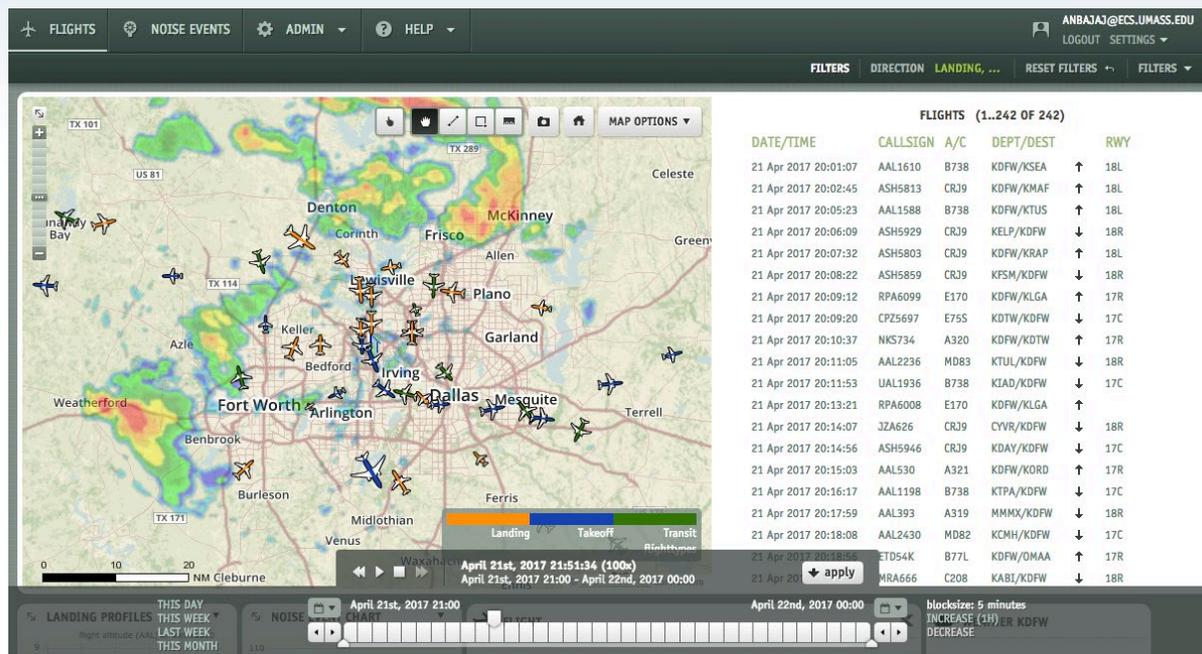
# Ongoing project with DFW International Airport project



Hail sensor

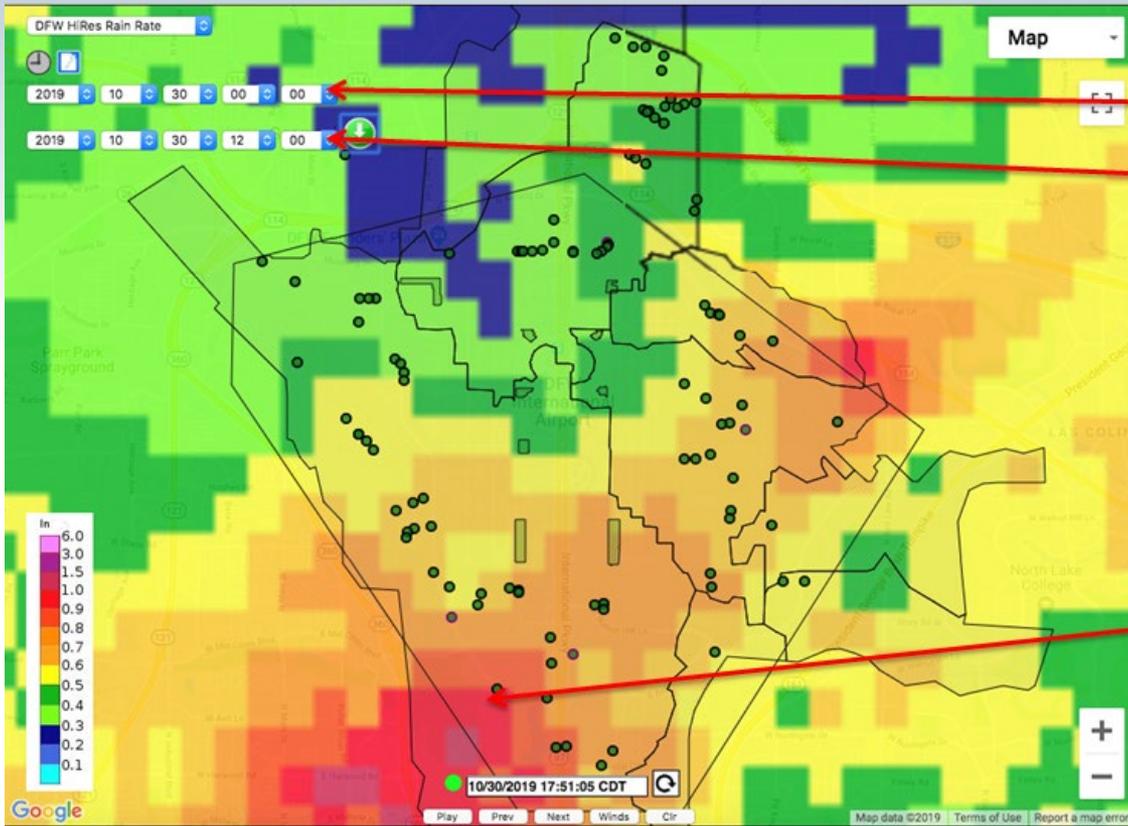
Disdrometer

Instruments installed at DFW Airport SE Holdpad



Noise complaint management





Start time

End time

Rainfall  
accumulation  
tool

Outfall accumulation  
and flow  
measurements



Outfall



Testing

DFW Airport Operations

American Airlines

FAA  
Fort  
Worth  
ARTCC



CWSU

NWS WFO

CASA  
WX

Winter Weather Collaboration Meeting, DFW  
Airport Operations Center, Dec. 22, 2015

Working towards **winter weather decision products**  
and integration into the **new IOC**



# Severe Weather Impact on Advanced Air Mobility applications



Orbs/ Air Taxis / Urban Air Mobility (UAM)  
P/C Uber Elevate Network Aircraft partners



Winds  
P/C Fox4 News



Hail  
P/C Fox4 News

## SEVERE WEATHER Impacts

### On the Ride

- Passenger/Cargo Safety
- Passenger Comfort

### On the Operations

- Reliability of service
- Efficiency of operations

### On Vertiport Infrastructure

- Vehicle safety
- Passenger safety

# Regional Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Projects



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NASA Systems Integration & Operationalization (SIO) projects with Bell

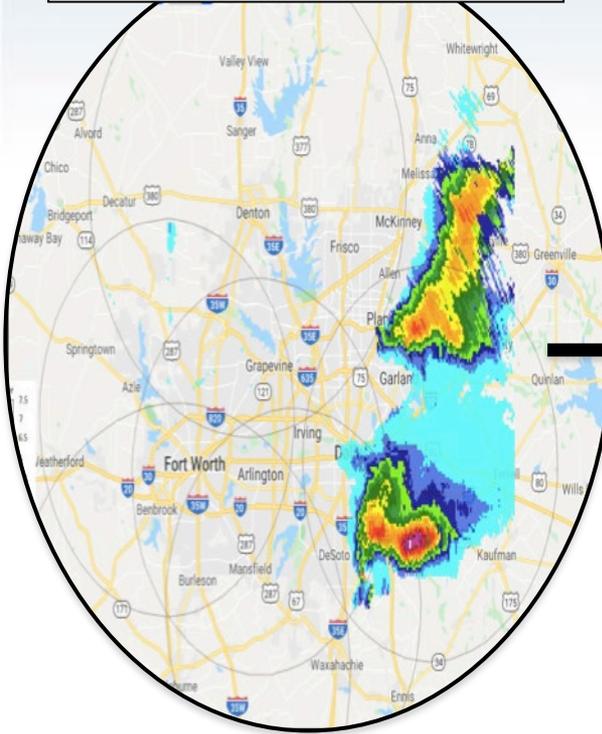


NASA AAM National Campaign

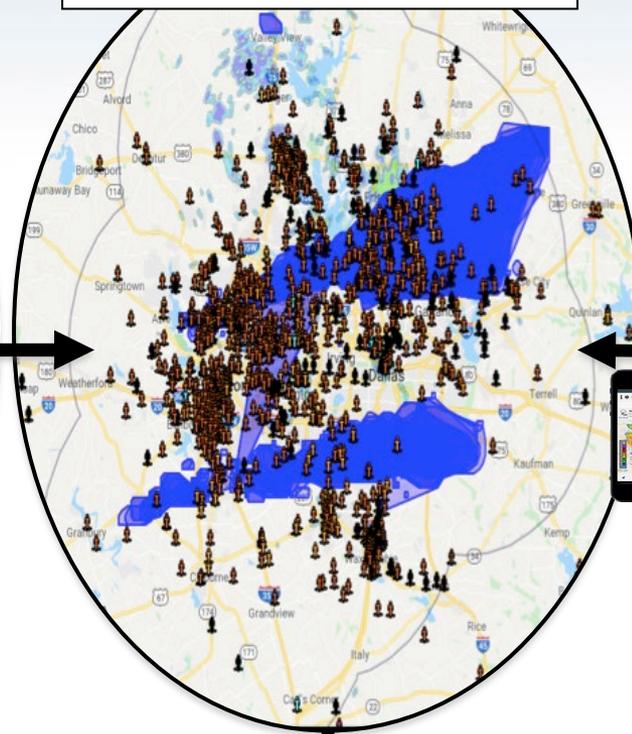


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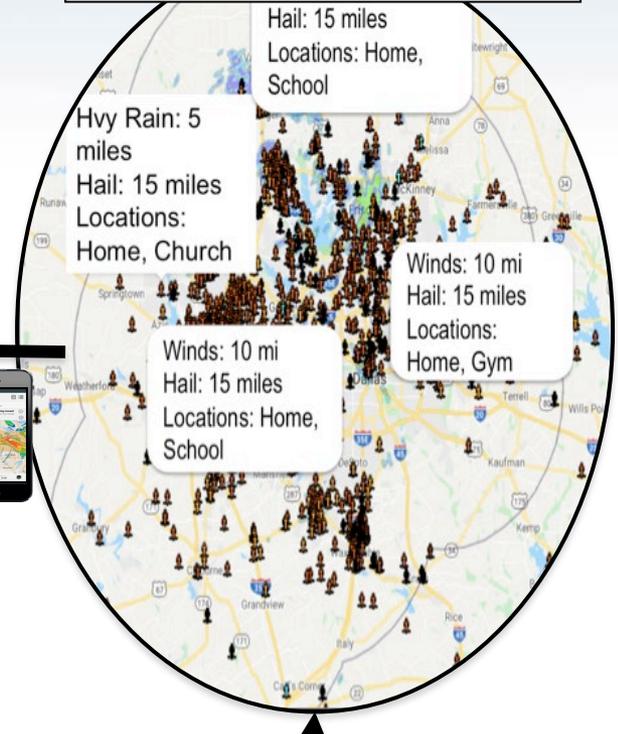
Environmental & Infrastructure Threats



CityWarn:  
Threat Extraction & Alert  
Generation



People: locations, contexts,  
preferences



Alerts  
Surveys



Map Hybrid OSM

Airspace Class: B  
Airspace Name: DALLAS CLASS B  
Airspace Sector: AREA A

Valid Time: 11:00:00 GMT-0400  
(Eastern Daylight Time)  
Wind Speed: 15.0 KT  
Wind Direction: 350

Alert Text: METAR Report (wind gust 20 knots) 9.7 miles from SIO Demo Trial - West Loop. METAR Report (wind gust 20 knots) 7.6 miles from SIO Demonstration.



09/28/2020 11:04:30 EDT

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# Integration with Bell's Ground Control Software





## Drone operator weather needs assessment

- North Central Texas Council of Governments UAS Safety & Integration Taskforce, Public Safety Unmanned Response Team
- Interviewed 15 public safety and commercial drone operators.
- Missions, training, weather impacts, alerting needs, training



**Flood rescue**

(P/c North Texas Public Safety Unmanned Response Team)



**2019 Dallas crane collapse**



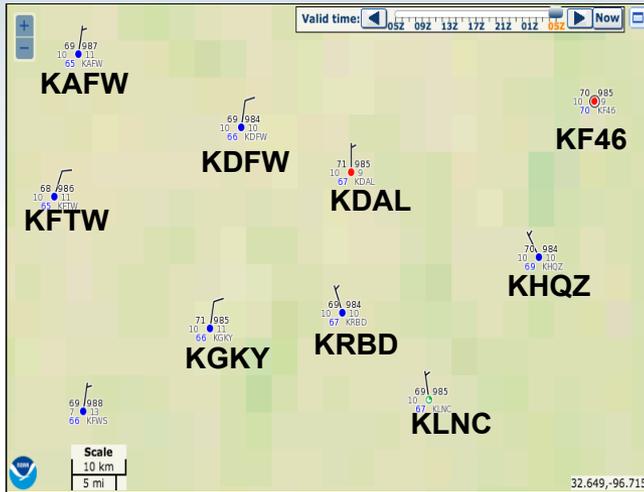
**Roof moisture detection**

(P/C: Tarillo Vue)

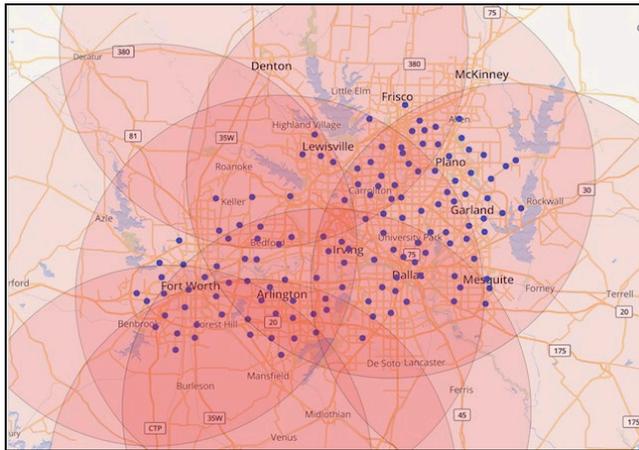
“Can I fly **higher or lower** / differently and complete my mission? What are the **winds at different heights**?”

“Rain will ruin photos/ videos. Tell me if **rain fell in the last 24 hours**; if **surfaces are wet** (roof/ solar panel inspections).”

# Availability of Wind Data across the Dallas – Fort Worth Metroplex



ASOS/AWOS surface stations



Earth Networks weather stations

## Wind Data availability

### ASOS/AWOS stations (METARS)

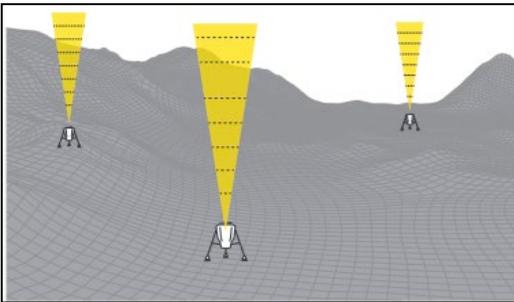
- Surface winds only
- Update hourly
- Only at airports

### Commercial Weather stations

- Surface winds only
- Not integrated into drone apps
- Apps do provide **wind forecasts** based on model data

**North Central Texas blind to real-time observations of wind between 10 and 1500 feet!**

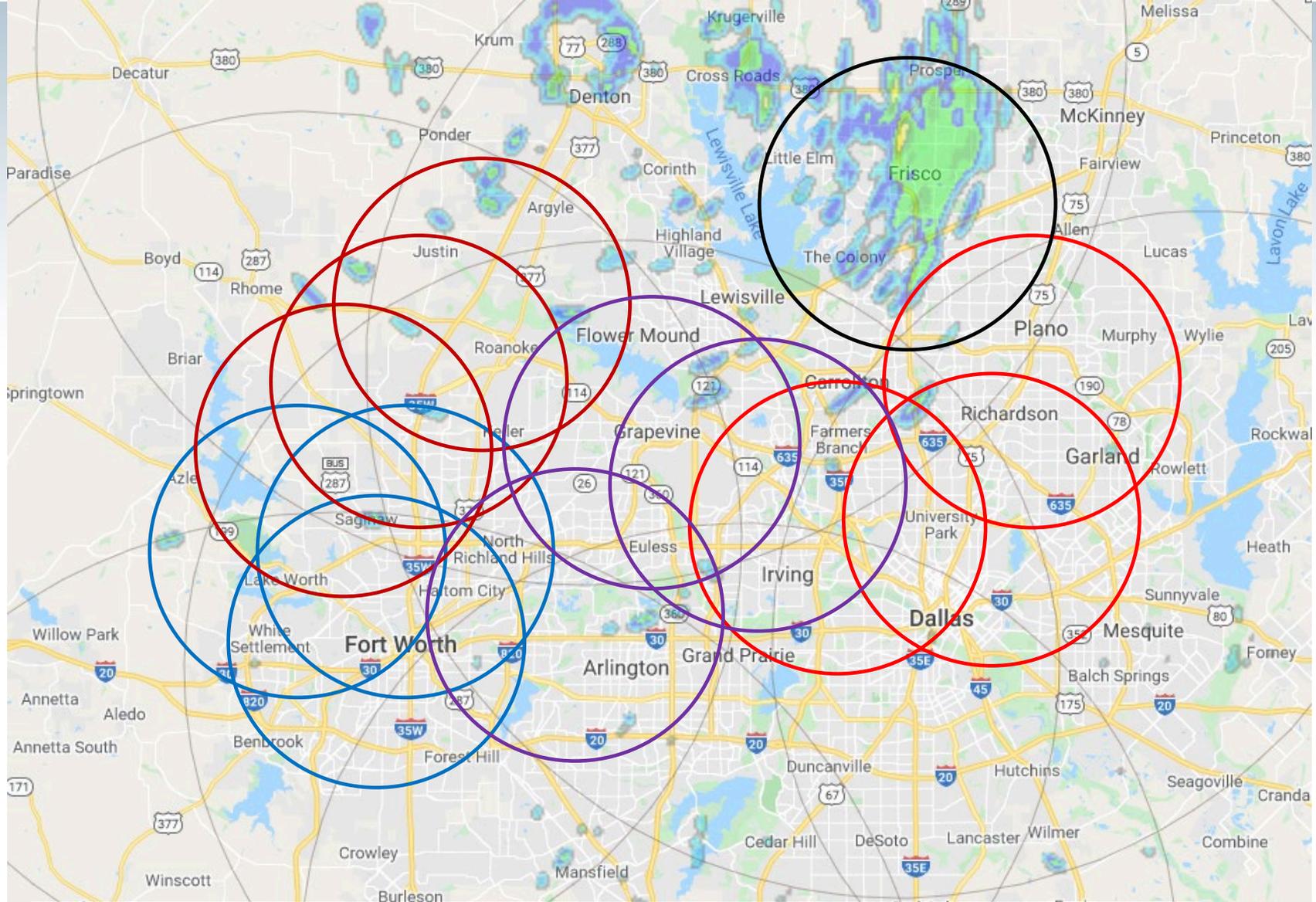
## Need instruments to measure winds at low altitudes



NRG Systems 'Spidar' Direct  
Detect Lidar  
Wind Vertical Profiles  
Measurement height range: 20-  
200 m

Vaisala (Leosphere) 'Windcube'  
Scanning Wind Doppler Lidar  
Wind measurement volume:  
12km x 12km x 300m,  
Resolution: 200m x 200m x 50 m

'Meteodrone'  
Automated weather  
data collection using  
drones up to 3 km



Potential Lidar Deployment Network Configurations

# *Collaboration opportunities*

- Infrastructure partners (lidar deployments)
- Custom decision making products at airports (similar to DFW Airport projects)
- Joint proposal writing (e.g. NASA ACO)
- Regional/ transportation funding for shared infrastructure

## **Contacts**

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Amanda Everly, CASA DFW Project Manager

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# NCTCOG McKinney Airport Funding

# COLLIN COUNTY FUNDING EXCHANGE

- NCTCOG continues to work with TxDOT and local government partners on the development of the US 380 project in Collin County.
- Both the US 380 and the North/South Roadway projects are critical to the RTC's implementation of the Regional 10 Year Plan in Collin County
- This proposal seeks to address two impacts that the future US 380 and associated connections to it will have.
- The partnership would only be needed if US 380 is constructed as a freeway.

# PROPOSED PANTHER CREEK PARKWAY FUNDING PARTNERSHIP

- In order to prevent a water line relocation that runs through Frisco, TxDOT has proposed an alignment change for US 380 that reduces developable land in Frisco.
- In exchange for agreeing to this alignment change, Frisco has requested \$30M to fund an extension of Panther Creek Parkway from Preston Road to the Dallas North Tollway.
- Collin County would like to fund this improvement, but bond funds are not eligible for this project, and the County proposes the following:
  - Collin County has requested a funding exchange with the RTC
  - The RTC would fund the Panther Creek project with \$30M of STBG funding.
  - In exchange, \$30M of Category 2 funds would be taken off the US 380 project and would be replaced with \$30M of Collin County Bond funds.
- Costs above and beyond this \$30M on the Panther Creek Parkway project would be the responsibility of Frisco.

# PROPOSED MCKINNEY AIRPORT FUNDING PARTNERSHIP

- McKinney has received a \$15M TxDOT grant for a runway extension at McKinney National Airport , which was originally planned to be extended to the south.
- Extending the runway to the north would reduce impacts to neighboring cities and give more flexible alignment options for the future extension of Spur 399 to US 380.
- An extension to the north will cost more than to the south.
- Collin County is willing to cover this cost, but cannot utilize bond funding on the project, so another funding exchange is being proposed.
  - The RTC would use \$30M of Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds to offset costs of the northern runway extension (as mitigation to the US 380 project)
  - In return, \$30M of Category 2 funding will be removed from the US 380 project and be replaced with \$30M of Collin County Bond funding.

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# Air Transportation Advisory Committee

December 3, 2020



NCTCOG Aviation Planning Program  
Area Update

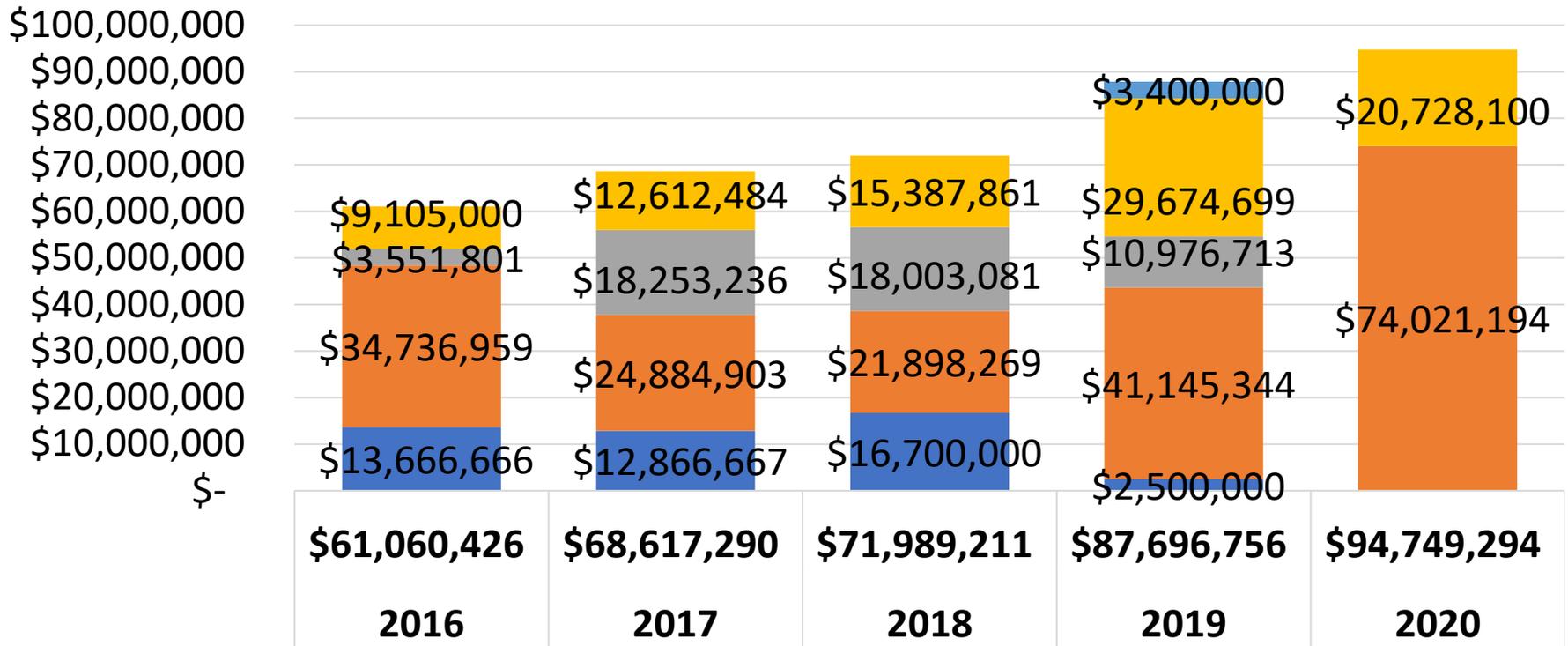
# Regional Airport Funding



# Texas

## Annual Funding Comparison

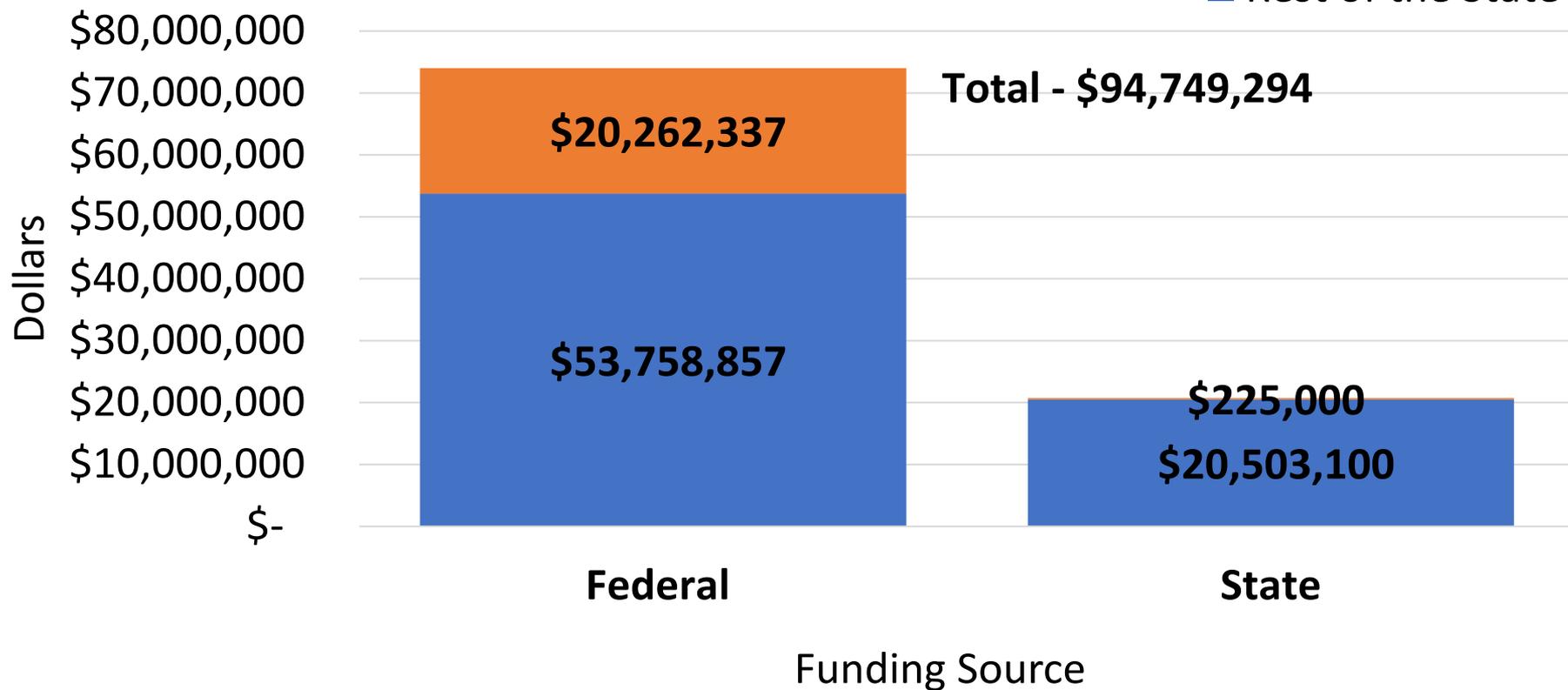
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# Grants by Funding Source

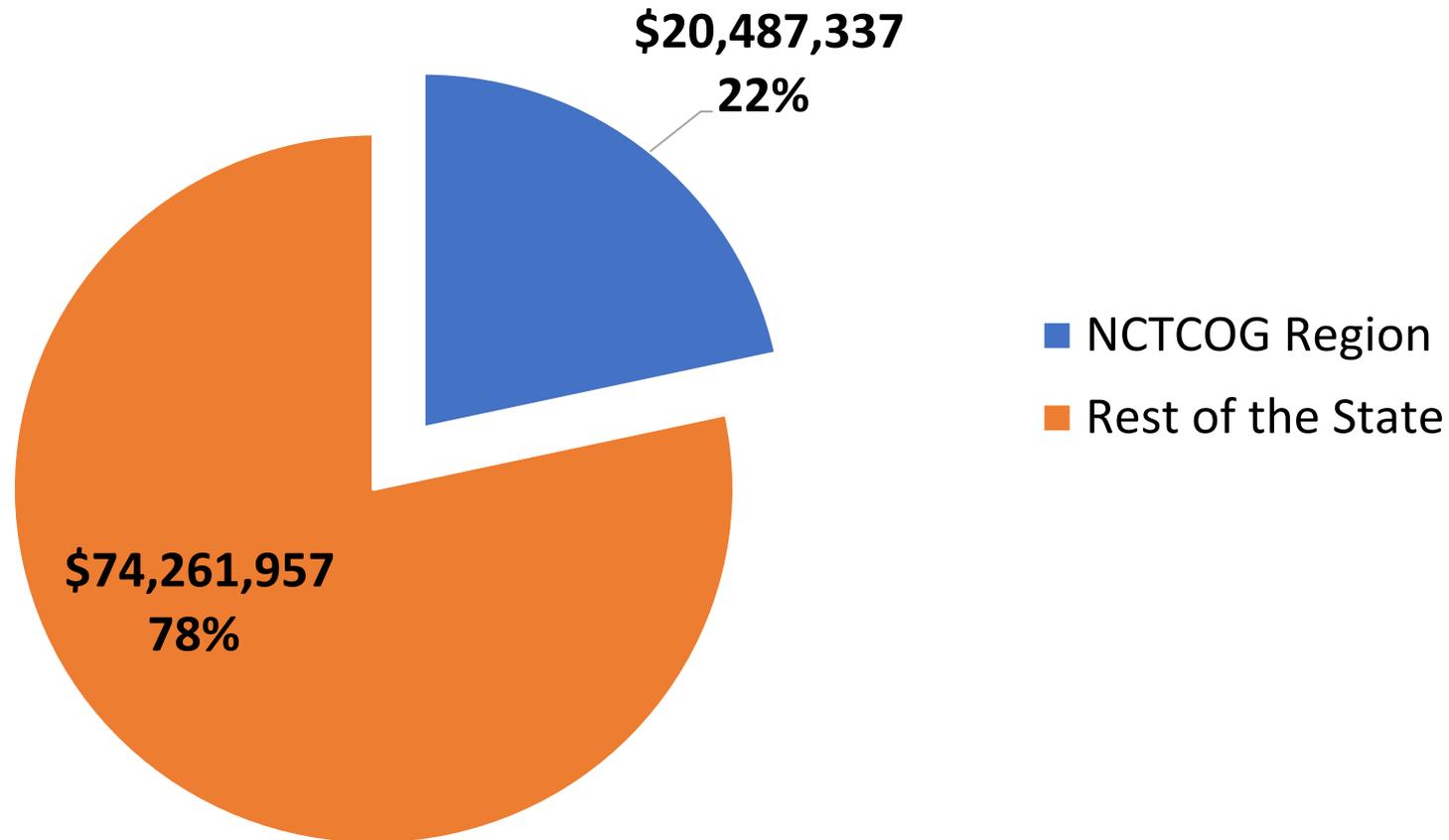
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- NCTCOG Region
- Rest of the State



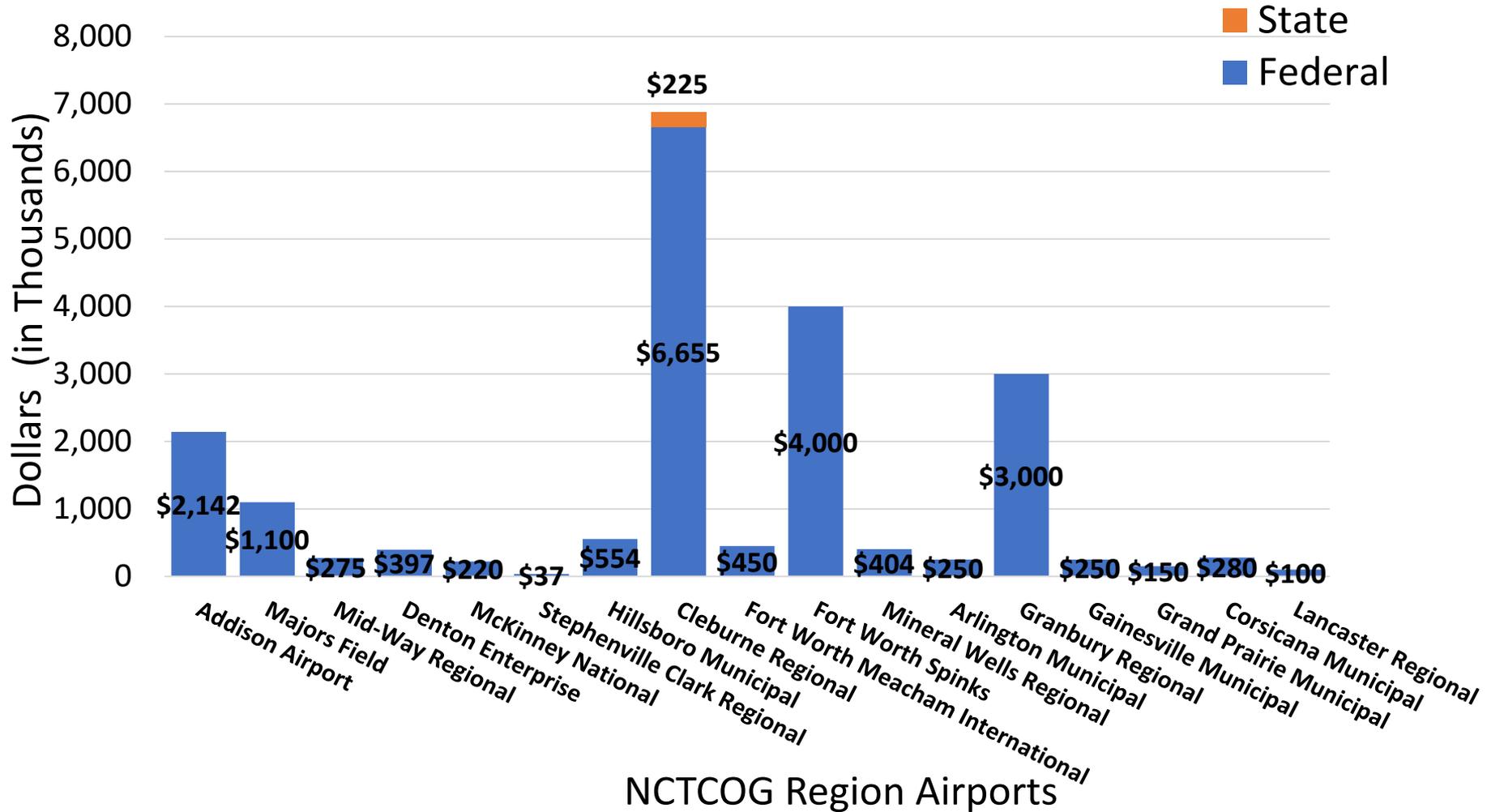
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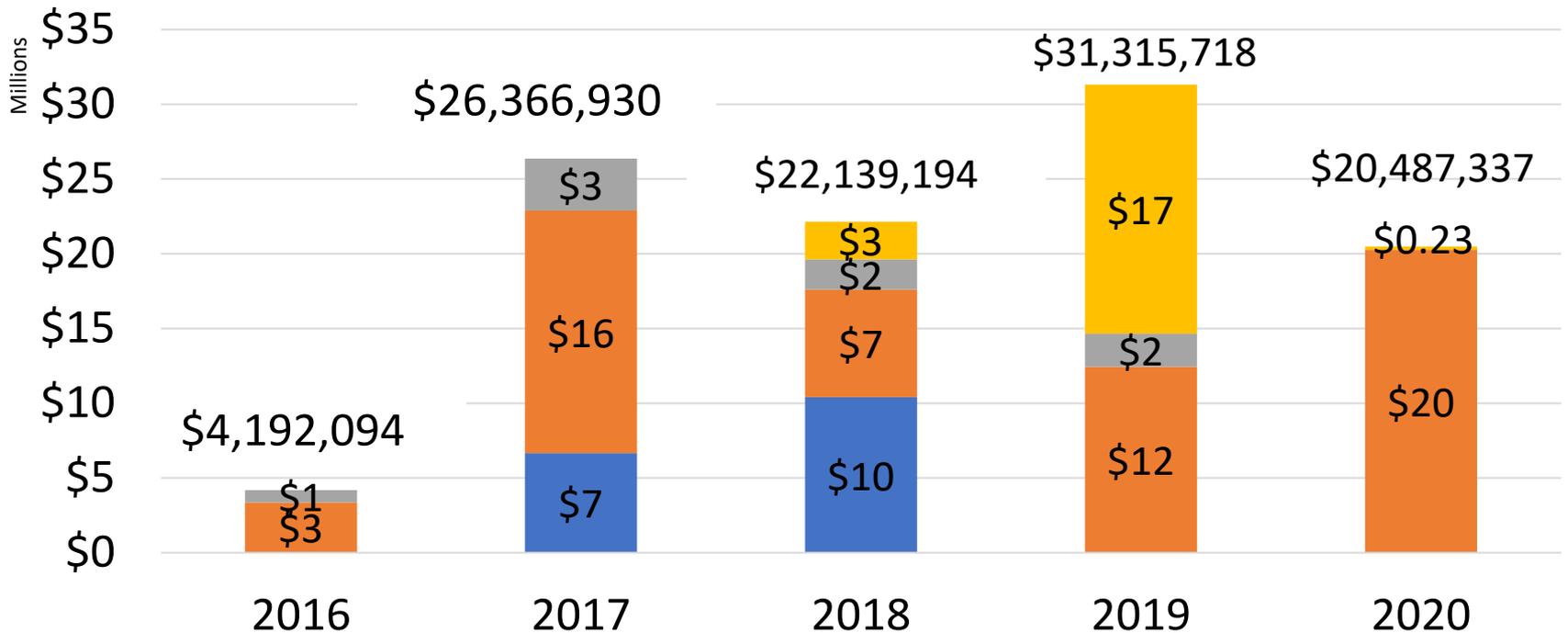
# NCTCOG Regional Airport Grant Amount

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# DFW Region Annual Funding Comparison

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# Planning Updates

## Regional Aviation System Plan

- Collaborating with TxDOT Aviation and Texas A&M

## NCTCOG Fire Code Amendment

- Regional Codes Advisory Boards Call for Nominations
  - Fire Advisory Board
- Pat Stewart added as a member

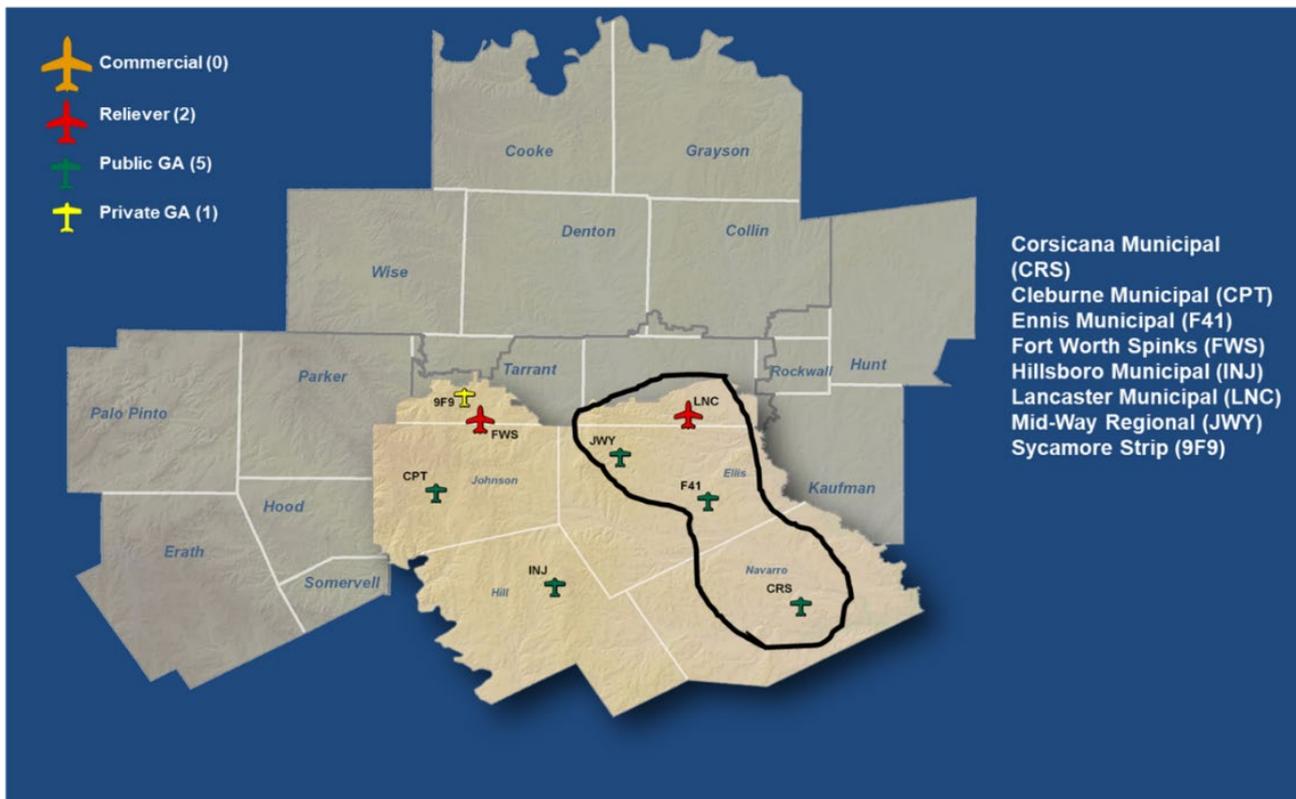
## Southeastern Subregion Analysis

# Southeastern Subregion Analysis Purpose

As part of the Continuous Regional Aviation System Planning process, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) consistently monitors the health of the region's aviation system. Because of this, Ennis Municipal airport approached NCTCOG for assistance with a potential replacement airport for the City. As part of that initial discussion, NCTCOG performed a cursory review of the airports in that part of the region, to determine all available options. Following the review, the decreased levels of activity were identified in the Southeastern Subregion and it was determined that additional discussion with the airports was needed.

# Southeastern Subregion

## SOUTH SUBREGION



# Steps Taken

- Reviewed current airport inventory
- Reviewed current airport functions
- Reviewed future airport needs
- Assessed the current and future needs across all airports to ensure services are provided to sustain regional airport system
- Identified gaps in services or functions that need to be implemented
- Discovered the range of possible opportunities
- Provided a list of potential opportunities for each airport (white paper)

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