

# **Oklahoma Air Service Enhancement Program**

**General Overview** 

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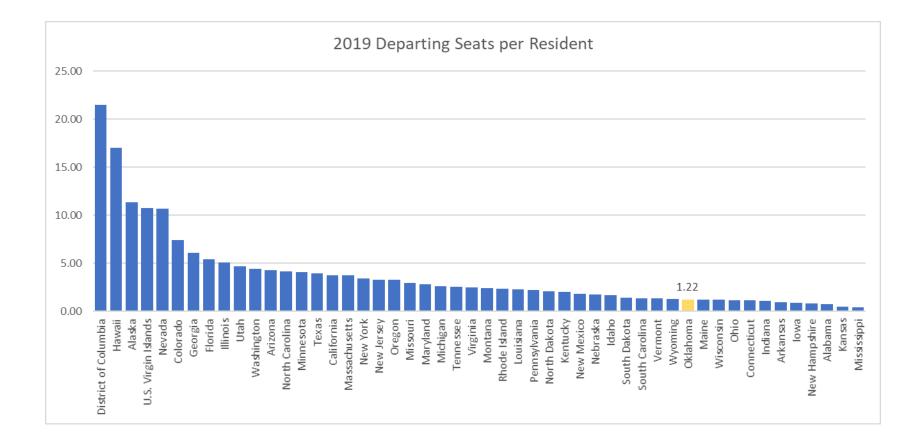


Air Service At A Glance State of Oklahoma



## **Comparing Departing Seats to Population**

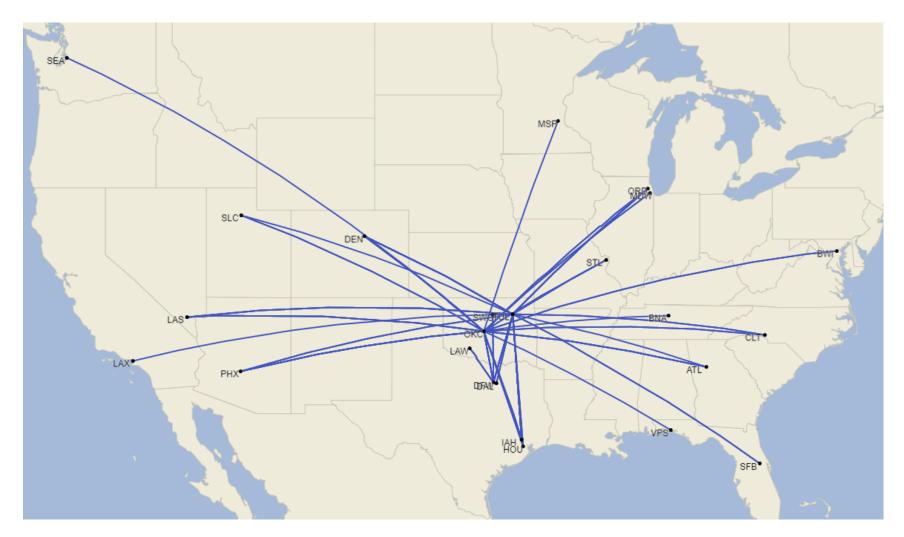






### **Current Non-Stop Services from Oklahoma**

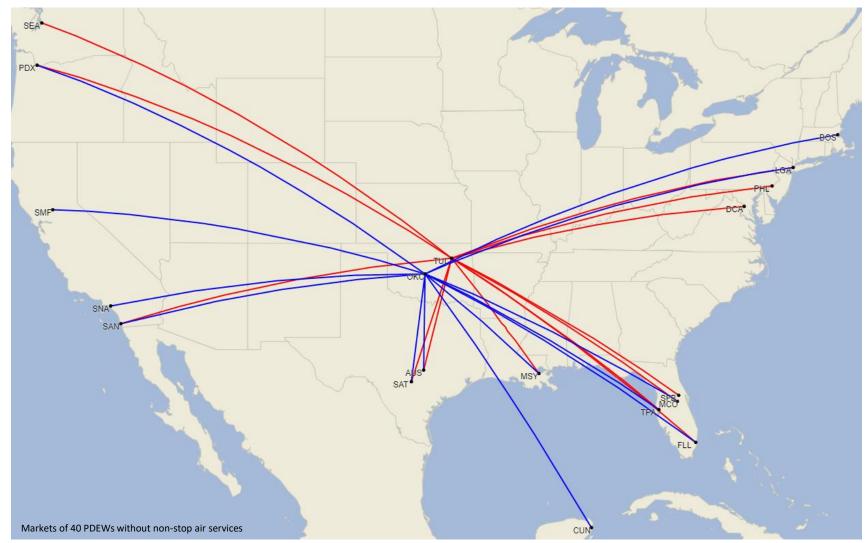






# Non-Stop Markets Missing from Oklahoma's Air Service

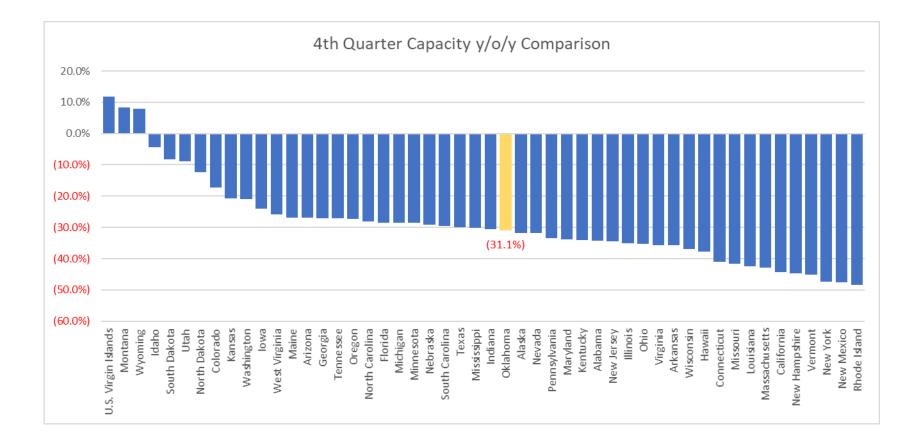






# Capacity Not Likely to Return to Normal Anytime Soon

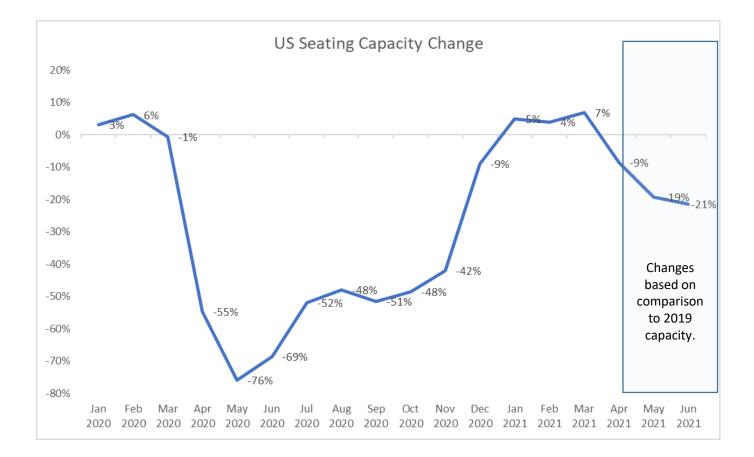






## Changes to US Capacity in a Covid-19 World

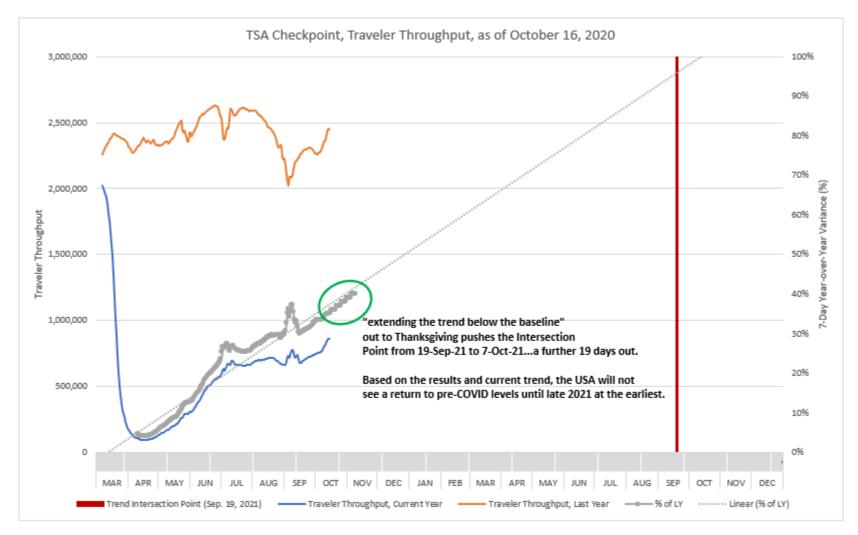






## And Just Because There's Capacity, Doesn't Mean There's Demand...









## What Do You Want to Create? Designing the Right Program for Oklahoma



Wyoming's Air Service Enhancement Program



Secure levels of air-service for Wyoming communities that encourage business development and tourism while providing reasonable capacity and airfares to the residents of Wyoming.



# Wyoming's Air Service Impact



#### **Inbound Traffic**

#### Tourism

Impacts Wyoming's Relative competitiveness as a tourist destination vs. other states.

#### **Out of State Businesses**

More difficult to conduct business in the state. This can stall or prevent economic development efforts.

#### Airfare cost

Inbound traffic to Wyoming is currently paying **\$46m** in excess airfare above the national average.

#### **Outbound Traffic**

#### Residents

Residents in the state of Wyoming are forced to pay excessively high airfares vs. other states.

#### **Wyoming Businesses**

Wyoming based businesses at inherent disadvantage given cost and difficulties of air travel from the state.

#### Airfare cost

Outbound traffic from Wyoming is currently paying **\$60m** in excess airfare above the national average.



### Why the Focus on Macro Air Service Plan



The Opportunity:

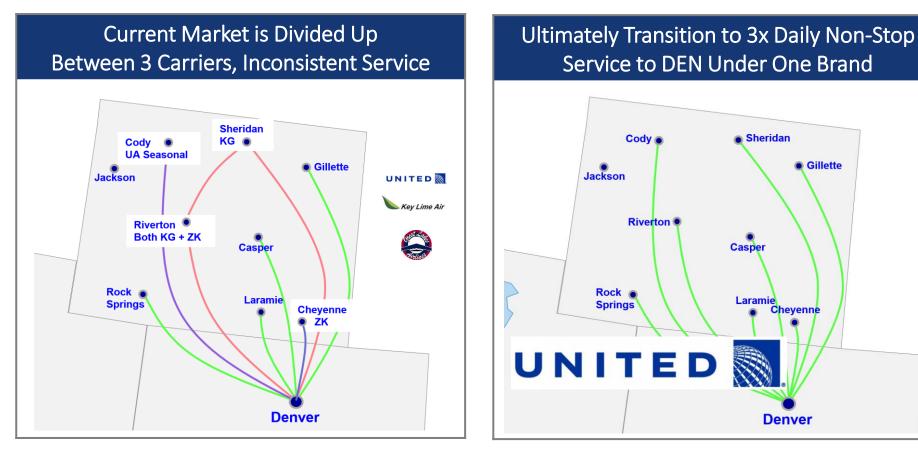
Timing is right for Wyoming to take a step back and design something that meets state-wide goals of improving air service from a macro standpoint.

<b>Fragmented Market</b> Rationalize Under One Brand	Current process guarantees 'fragmented' capacity to numerous markets and carriers, revised approach allows us to focus on core market needs and establish them first.
<b>Better Return on Investment</b> Ability to Influence Our Air Service Destiny	There is little we've historically been able to influence in terms of air fares, passenger retention, flight schedules, etc. Revised process gives communities an opportunity to influence commercial side of process.
Leverage Growth Opportunities Leverage ACMI relationship	Reestablishing a relationship where individual Wyoming communities can expand and contract schedules on a seasonal basis mitigates the need for otherwise wasteful MRG arrangements.
<b>Quicker Response to Market</b> React to market opportunities	Short-term market demand can be rationalized with more immediate, community-lead response to individual changing dynamics.
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# Wyoming's Markets Were Fragmented



The current marketplace to Denver is divided up between 4 carriers.





## What Wyoming Targeted



#### Three identified categories of solutions for Air Service

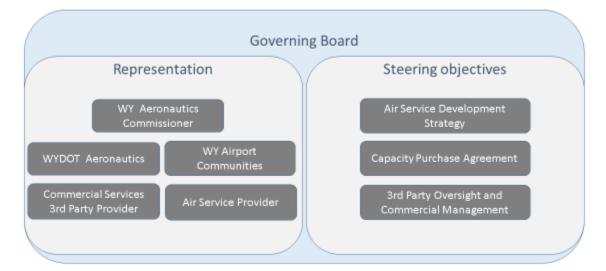
Create Own Airline	<b>Concept:</b> Build entirely new airline with business model specifically focused around providing more affordable and efficient air-service for residents and visitors to Wyoming.
Establish "Virtual" Airline	<b>Concept:</b> Hire capacity purchase regional provider (CPA) to manage operational aspects of airline while new entity would control scheduling, pricing, distribution, and marketing of venture.
Acquire an Airline	<b>Concept:</b> Acquire an existing regional or scheduled-charter carrier that could be leveraged to provide more competitive air-service into the State of Wyoming.



### **Project Oversight**



#### Governance Framework - Wyoming Statewide Air Service Solution



Forum Name	Meeting Frequency	Organizer
Governing Board	Quarterly in-person review	Project Manager Air Service Development / WYDOT
Purpose	Functions & Responsibilities	Suggested Members
Steering of Air Service Development Strategy & Performance	<ul> <li>Oversight of Air Service Development</li> <li>Definition of revisions to the Air Service Development Strategy</li> <li>Decision on escalation matters</li> <li>Dissemination of information across all stakeholders</li> <li>Definition of efficiency and quality targets for PBA operational process performance</li> </ul>	Wyoming Commissioners Community Airport Managers WYDOT representative Airline representative third-party representative



## Suggestions for Oklahoma



- Establish a set of rules and manage to the rules.
- Articulate economic impact of air service to State and its importance.
- Give ability for smaller communities to achieve success as well.
- Measure what's happening know and understand things like competitive air fares, load factors, future capacity.
- Establish strong (ongoing) relationships with airline partners.





## Introduction to Forecast Commercial Planning Solutions



### Forecast's Primary Lines of Business





#### **Expertise in Commercial Planning Functions**

- Engage airlines to identify 'best practices', in particular for pricing, revenue management, and network planning
- Experts and considerable experience tailored around LCC, ULCC, and regional airline business models

#### Act as a Commercial Planning Department(s) of Airline

- Provide additional resource or expertise in the areas of network, schedule, pricing, revenue management, distribution, and alliances
- Short term for larger carriers, long-term for regionals

#### **Support Airports Improve Enplanements**

- Lend support to pursue additional capacity, RM techniques, marketing & advertising plans
- Focus on regional to mid-size airports



# Sample Portfolio of Forecast's Clients



Airline Clients



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#### Airport & Government Agencies





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