

# The Timing of a Return to 2019 Passenger Volumes Depends in Large Part on Business Travel Another Open Question Is the Degree to Which Leisure and VFR Traffic Remain Robust in 2022-2023

U.S. Airline Passenger Traffic Change (%) vs. 2019 20 10 2019 Passenger Volumes 0 (10)(20)(30)(40)(50)(60)(70)2019A 2020A 2021F 2022F 2023F 2024F Pessimistic Optimistic

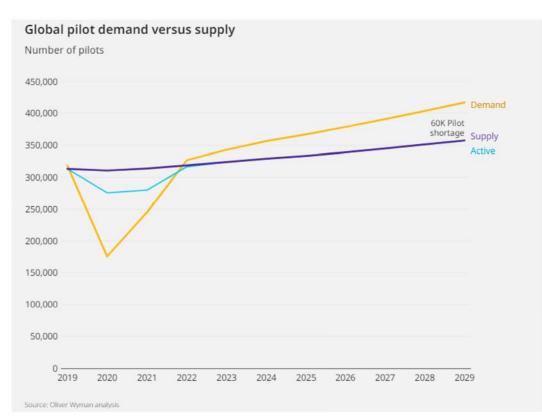


Source: A4A and various airline equity analysts

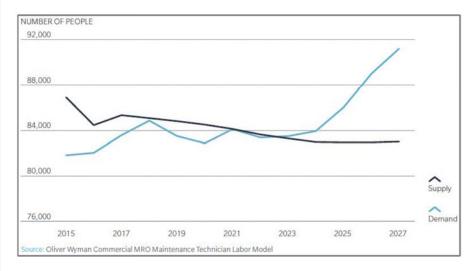
Note: A = actual; F= forecast

## **INDUSTRY** Dynamics are changing





#### Aviation Maintenance Tech Shortage



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Frontier is cutting 2 Northeast airports in a big competitive shakeup

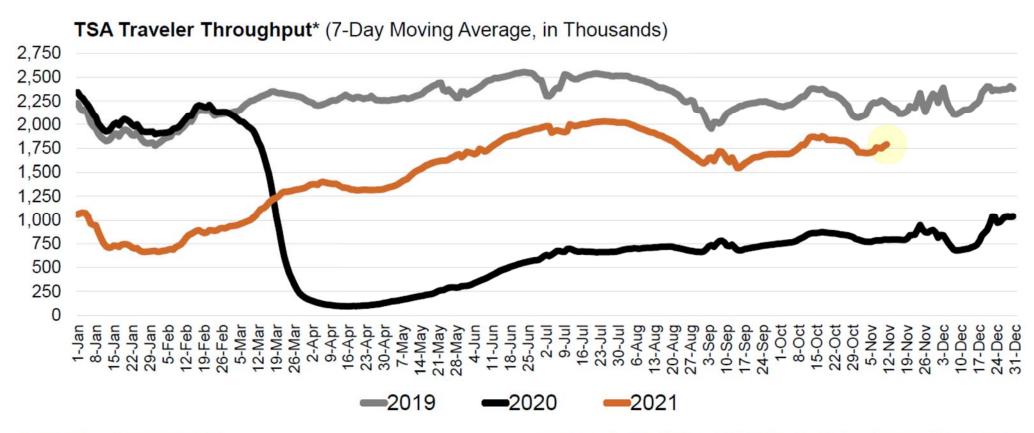
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Breeze Airways cuts 4 routes, shuffles flights in big schedule extension

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#### In Most Recent Seven Days, TSA Checkpoint Volumes Fell 20% Below 2019 Levels



Source: Transportation Security Administration

\* U.S. and foreign carrier customers (excluding Known Crewmember® personnel) traversing TSA checkpoints



#### World Crude-Oil Prices Have Climbed Steadily Since October 2020

Spot Price of Brent Crude Oil (\$ per Barrel)



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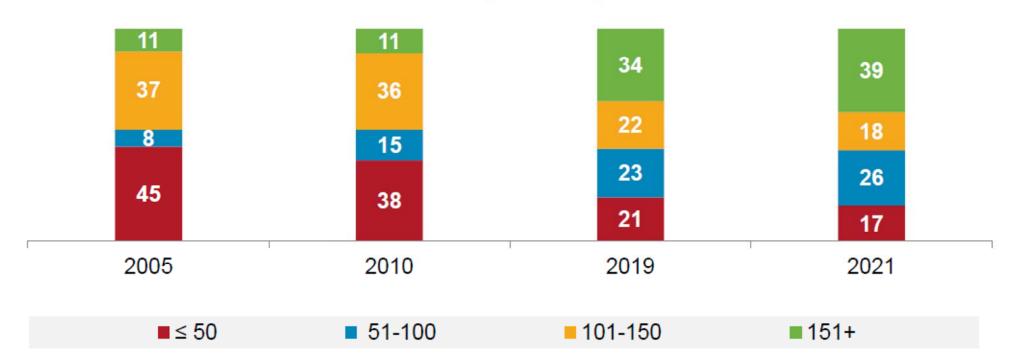
Sources: A4A, Energy Information Administration (https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet\_pri\_spt\_s1\_m.htm) and IHS Markit



#### Airlines Have Deployed Larger Aircraft, and Mainline-Only Carriers Have Grown

Regionals Now Just 43% of Domestic Departures; Over Half of Those are Large RJs

#### % of Domestic U.S. Departures by Aircraft Size\*



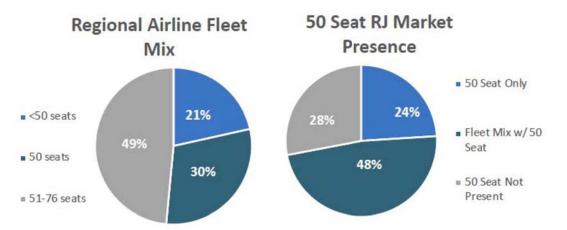
Source: Diio by Cirium published schedules as of Oct. 15, 2021

\* Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding



## **Regional Airline Fleet**

- 50 seaters present in 72% of cities served
- Only aircraft type serving 24% of US markets
- Average age = 22 years old
- Unit costs increasing









Source: Sabre Mi (2019). Domestic Operations Only



# Here's Why United Has Cut Nine Airports From Its Route Map

It is likely that the airports being cut – which only have between one and two United departures a day – cannot command high enough yields and, because of short distances, overly rely on connections (and therefore have lower yields). Indeed, data from the year ending Q1 2021 shows that United had an average of just 9.2% local passengers to/from these eight US airports (13% in 2019).

- Staffing shortages (Pilot/Mechanics)
- Inability to increase frequency at GRK
- Inability to win City Pairs (GSA)
- Short stage length to IAH (reliant upon lucrative connect markets)
- Competitor product offerings (AA)
- UA replacing smaller 50 seat RJ's
- Rising energy costs RJ economics not great



#### United Airlines orders 270 jets, its biggest aircraft purchase ever

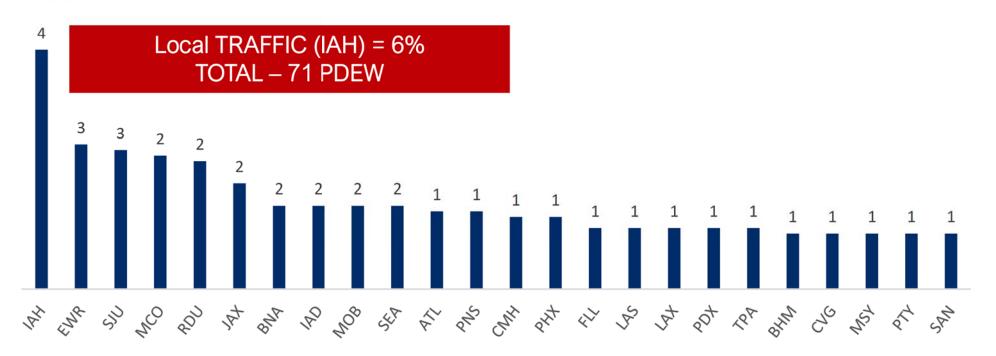
#### Replacing smaller planes

United will use most of the jets ordered Tuesday to replace 200 smaller regional jets that carry about 50 passengers each, allowing it to increase capacity without adding flights at airports such as Newark and San Francisco, which limit each airline's takeoffs and landings. It will also replace about 100 older full-size planes.

#### **UA – GRK** Top Markets 2Q 2021

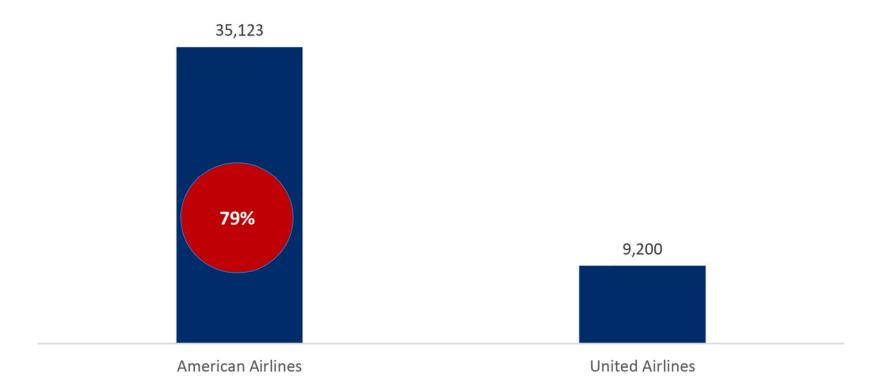


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## **GRK** – Airline Capacity Share 4Q 2021



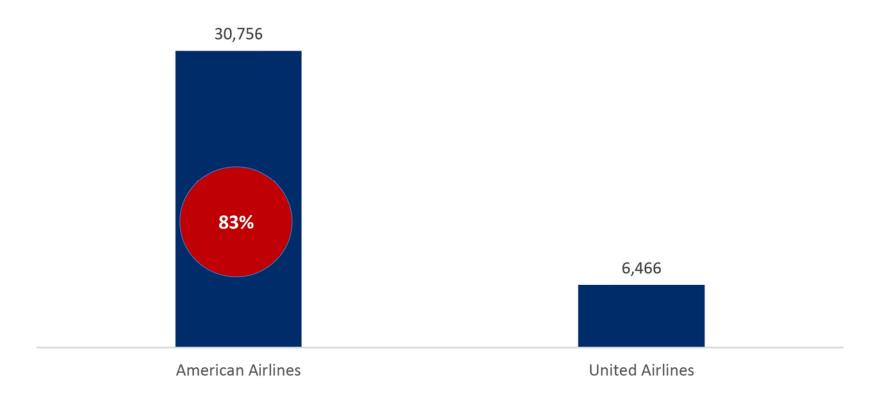


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### **GRK** – Airline <u>Passenger</u> Share 2Q 2021

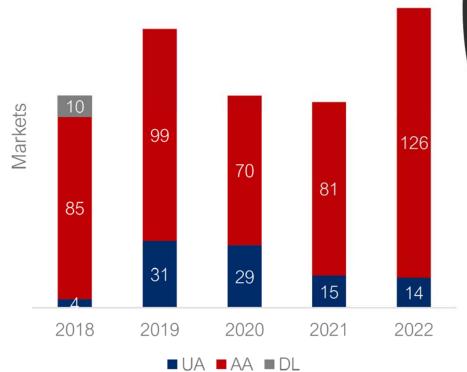




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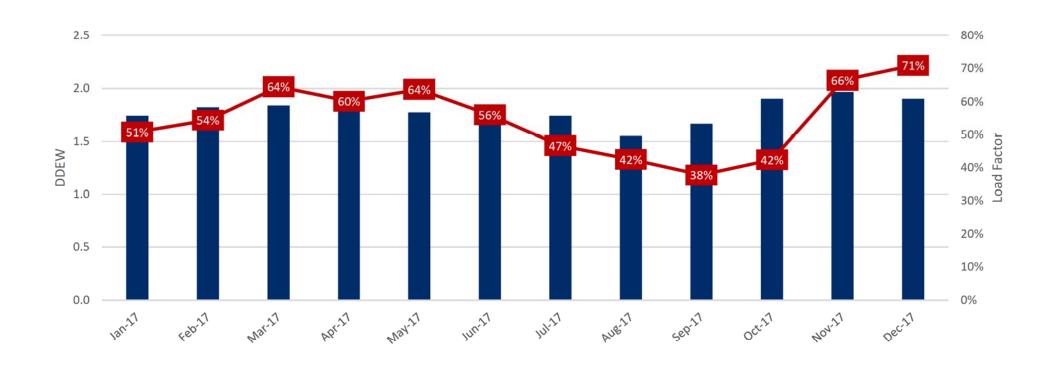
#### GSA - CITY PAIR PROGRAM





# **UA** – Departures vs. Load Factor (CY2017)





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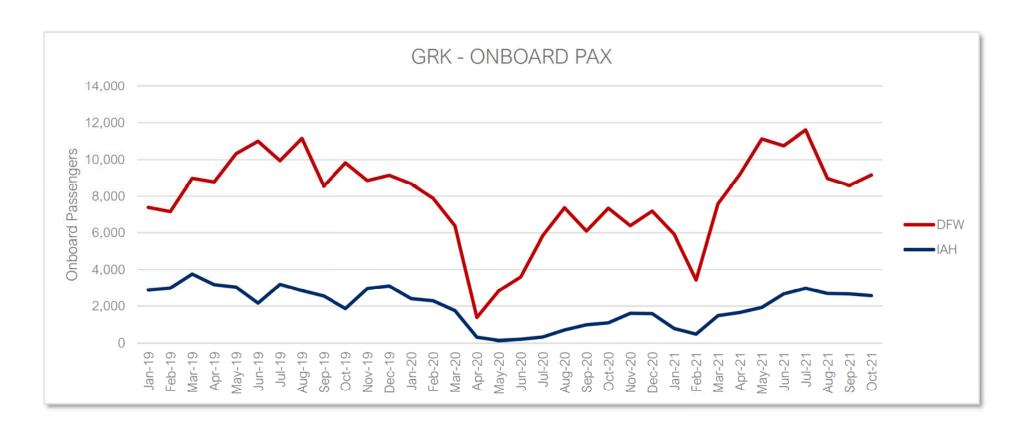


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#### **GRK** – Onboard PAX Trend





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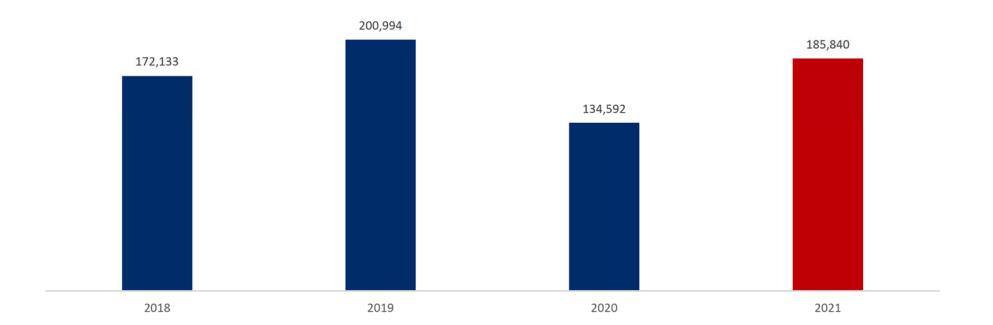


Q1-2019	Q1-2022		
Total Seats	Total Seats	<b>Change of Total Seats</b>	% Change of Total Seats
42,684	38,653	-4,031	(9.44%)

Destination Airport Code	Month	Total Seats	DDEW
DFW	8	12,402	6.3
DFW	9	11,344	6.1
DFW	10	12,538	6.4
DFW	11	10,967	5.7
DFW	12	11,618	6.1
IAH	8	4,000	2.6
IAH	9	3,850	2.6
IAH	10	3,850	2.5
<mark>IAH</mark>	11	<mark>2,950</mark>	2.0
<mark>IAH</mark>	12	<mark>2,400</mark>	1.5

## GRK – Capacity Comp (11.16.21)



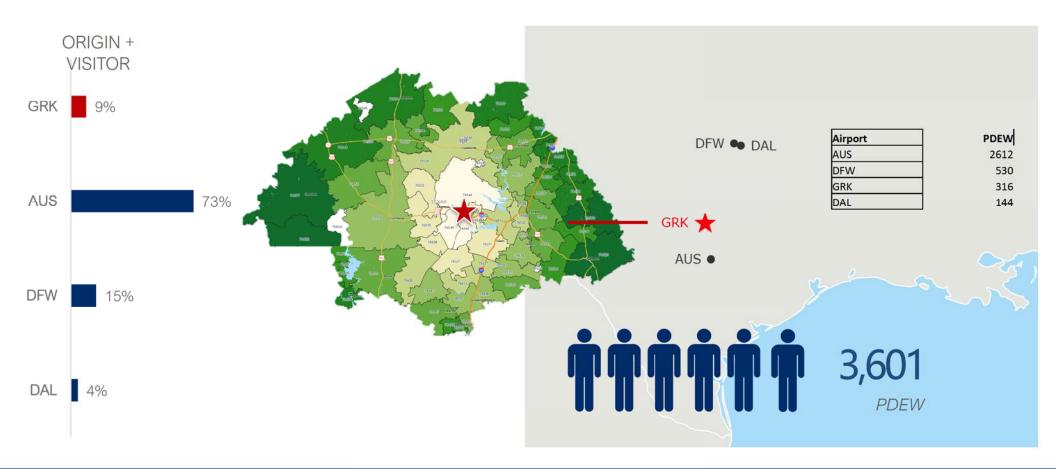


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#### TRUE Market Size (custom catchment) CY19



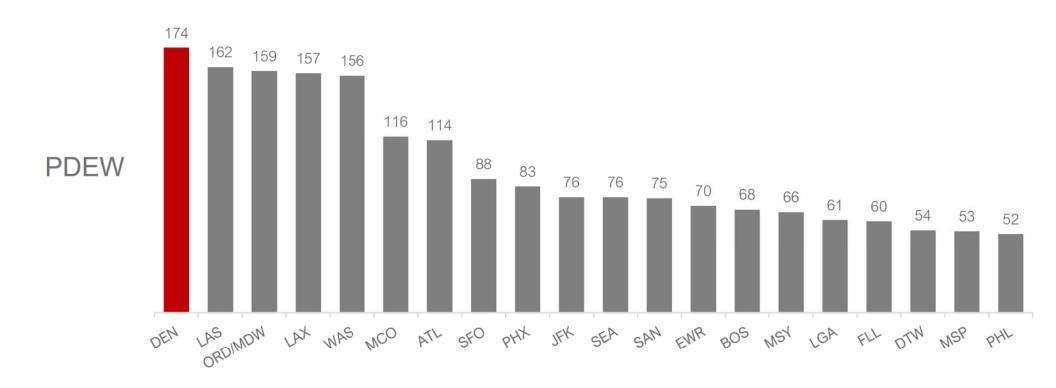


Information Classification: General

Source: GRK Catchment Analytics Study - CY 2019

#### **TOP** 20 Markets (ORIGIN + VISITOR) CY19





Information Classification: General



#### **DEN** Radius Traffic



**CATCHMENT** 

134/42-PDEW

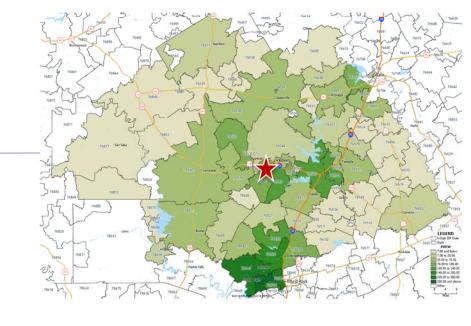
Origin and Visitor

**TOTAL** 

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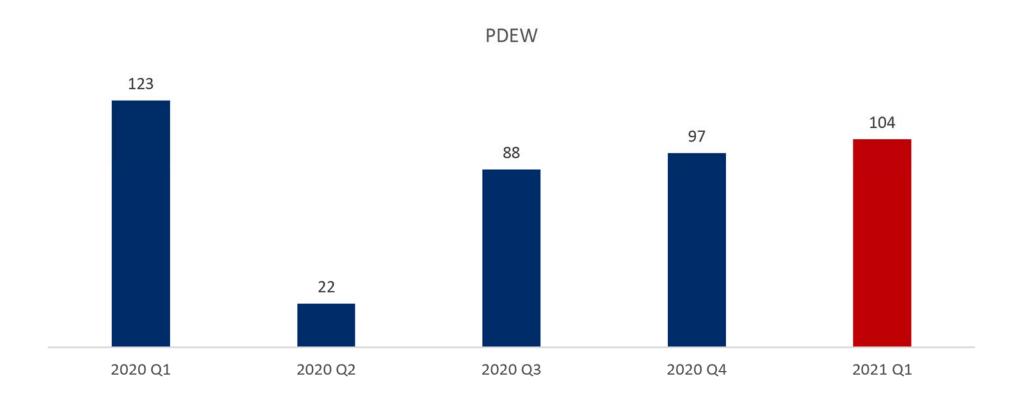
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GRK CAPTURE PDEW - 4



# **DEN/COS** (ORIGIN ONLY)







# **AIRPORT** & Airline Share (Origin ONLY)

#### DEN - 132 PDEW

Southwest – 51% United – 22% Frontier – 11% Spirit - 9% AUS – 89%

GRK,AUS,DFW,DAL (CY 2019)

U.S. General Services Administration Federal Acquisition S							tion Se	ervice
City	Pairs Program	Airline City Pair	rs				Back	Help
AUSTIN	DENVER	Southwest	N	169.00 11	<b>5.00</b> 0.00	10/01/2020	09/30	0/2021
AUSTIN	DENVER	Southwest	С	129.00 8	<b>9.00</b> 0.00	10/01/2021	09/30	0/2022

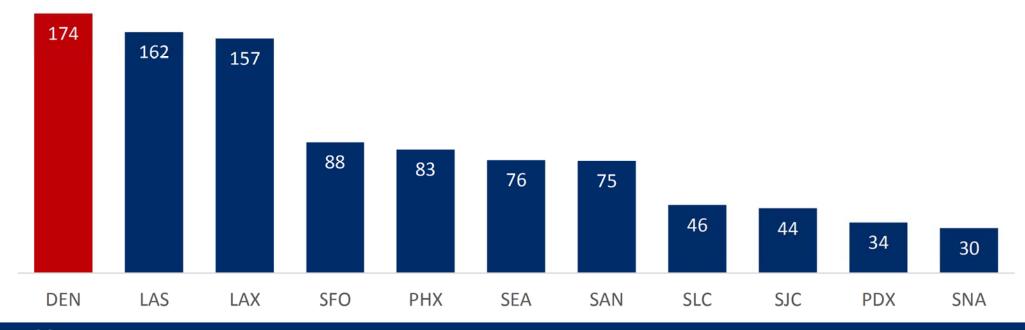


#### **DEN** Hub Flow Demand

**PDEW** 

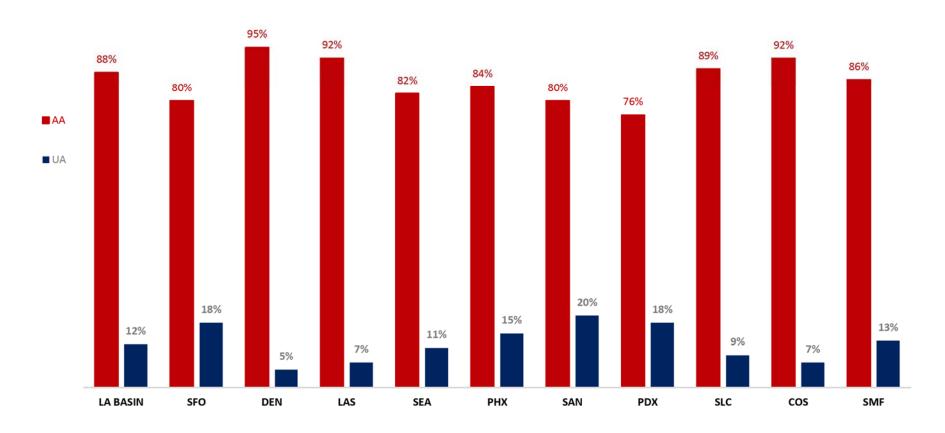
#### Total Pax flow 969 PDEW (TOP MKTS - WEST)

\*66% circuity applied



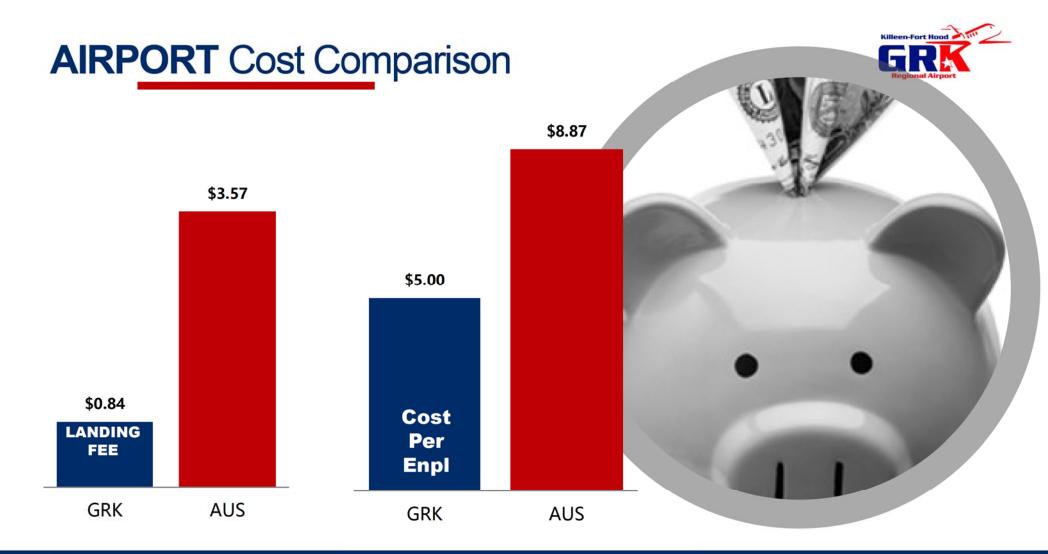
#### **AIRLINE GRK** Market Share (West) CY19





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Note: GRK Originating Source: Airline Data Inc., DB1B





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#### **AD Creative Examples**









#### SCOPE

# DOT Small Community Air Service Development Grant (FY2019-20)

Minimum revenue guarantee (MRG), associated marketing program and start-up costs to recruit, initiate and support new air service to **Denver (DEN)**. Alternatively, **Charlotte**, **Washington-Dulles or Chicago-O'Hare**.

#### **AIRPORT INCENTIVES**

# Airport Fees

Waived landing fees / Ground handling support

Marketing Support Funds

\$MRG

2019/20 SCASDP grant proposal

DEN or similar hub

Federal	Local	Total
\$1,000,000	\$200,000	\$1,200,000
	\$10,000 (1% match)	\$10,000
	\$100,000	\$100,000
	\$20,000	\$20,000
	\$50,000	\$50,000
		\$1,000,000 \$200,000 \$10,000 (1% match) \$100,000 \$20,000

TOTAL

\$1,380,000

















#### **NEXT STEPS**

- 1) Define additional air service support mechanisms.
- Communicate opportunity with targeted air carriers.
  - United Airlines
  - 2) Frontier
  - 3) Sun Country
  - 4) Breeze Airways
- 3) Patience and persistence...





# Thank you