



City of Albuquerque Aviation Department Carbon Policy Statement

Albuquerque's unique southwestern beauty and environmental attributes have been significant factors in the establishment, growth, and development of the city and its airports. The Aviation Department commits to measuring and monitoring its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions with an eye toward responsible stewardship and the continued enhancement and protection of all that makes New Mexico special.

The Aviation Department has already made great strides in implementing carbon reduction measures at both the Sunport and Double Eagle II, including:

- Partnering with airlines to convert the majority of ground support equipment (GSE) from traditional gas and diesel-powered vehicles into sustainable electric-powered units.
- Installing solar photovoltaic panels over Sunport parking facilities, harnessing Albuquerque's 300+ days of annual sunshine to power the airport.
- Developing a Vehicle Electrification Plan to reduce gas and diesel consumption in our fleet vehicles. This includes the implementation of electric buses for transport to and from the Sunport's rental car facility.
- Pursuing Airports Council International (ACI) Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA). This internationally recognized program is a framework for carbon management that will deepen the Aviation Department's understanding of our carbon footprint and provide our stakeholders with verified updates on our progress.
- Developing the airfield maintenance facility at Double Eagle II, which was awarded LEED Gold certification in 2011 for its achievements in sustainability. This was the City of Albuquerque's first Green Path Program public project. The Green Path Program encourages, and facilitates, the voluntary design and construction of energy-efficient buildings that substantially exceed minimum code. Only the most energy-efficient buildings meet Green Path criteria.
- Refurbishing instead of replacing our jet bridges at the Sunport. With the reuse of existing steel as a sustainable alternative to the procurement of new materials, we are effectively reducing CO2 emissions of embodied carbon through the reuse of existing infrastructure.

Through these and other sustainability efforts, the Aviation Department will implement proactive sustainable management and practices that continually improve the environment, and contribute to the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the City of Albuquerque and the region.

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