

# A Third Runway for Edmonton



## Building our Future

Edmonton International Airport (EIA) is a community-based, not-for-profit organization mandated to drive economic prosperity for the region. EIA has been the fastest-growing major airport in Canada over the last 10 years with an economic impact of over \$2.2 billion in 2014.

Long-term growth projections for the Edmonton Region and for EIA indicate that we will outgrow our two current runways in about 20 to 25 years. To ensure we have the capacity to continue driving our economy and attracting more flights to more places, we will need a new runway.

Since the 1990s, EIA's 25-year master plan has included development of a third runway. The plan and the runway placement was supported by the Capital Region Board, a group of elected municipal leaders who oversee the development plans of the 24 municipalities within the Edmonton Metropolitan Region.

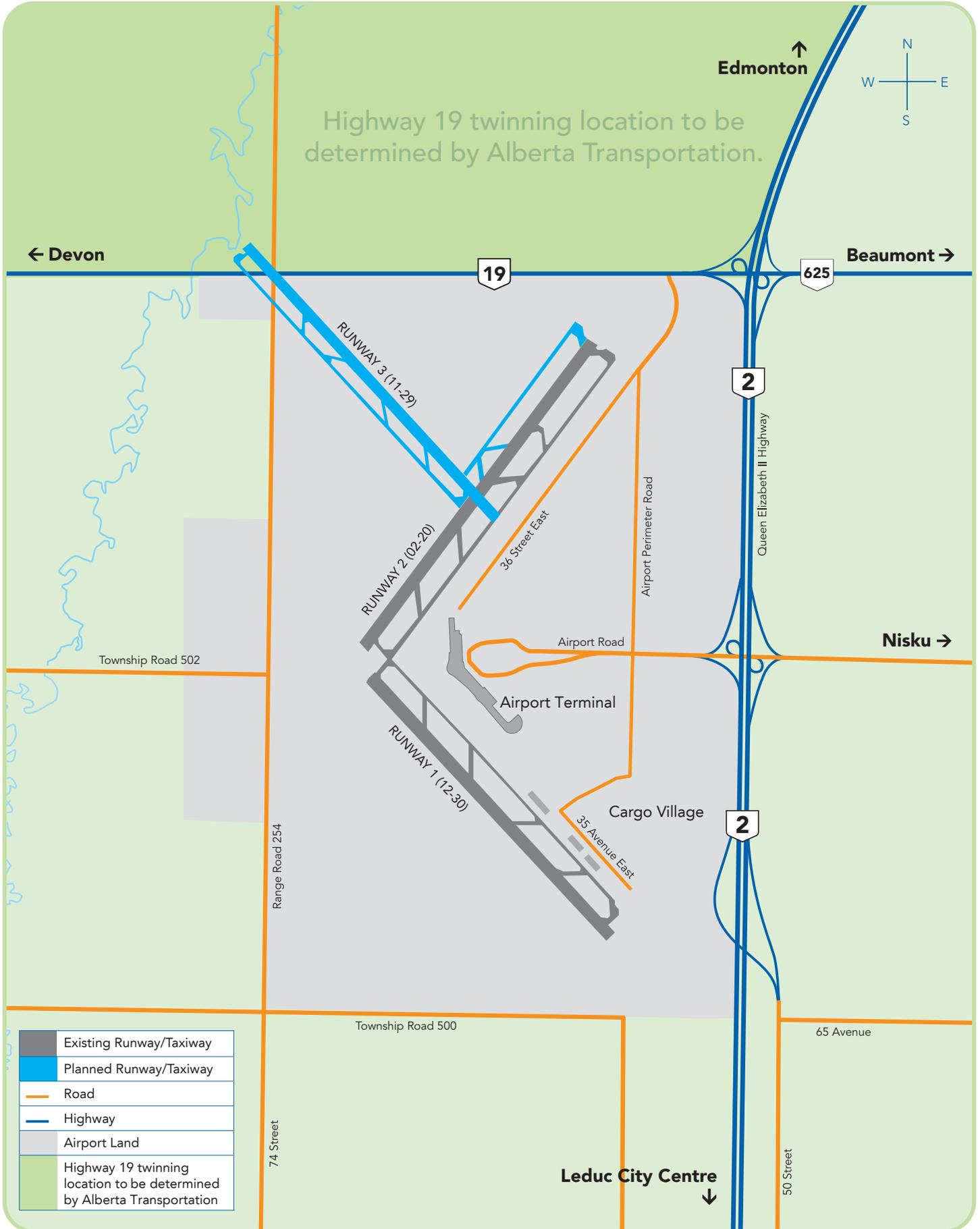
Like other major infrastructure projects, planning and building a new runway takes many years. That process is already underway. EIA is working with landowners, neighbouring communities, residents and others to move forward with third runway development in a way that respects the needs of all stakeholders. Based on these discussions, some adjustments have been made to the runway's location.

The runway will intersect Highway 19. Safety and security on this road is a key priority for EIA. Our emergency crews are first responders to incidents on this highway, which is a major transportation route for our workers, our passengers and our partners. EIA has been working with Alberta Transportation to align runway development with provincial plans to twin the highway. EIA has committed to paying for extra costs associated with realigning the highway when it is twinned, completed research, and provided Alberta Transportation with all requested information. Alberta Transportation has sole jurisdiction over highway development and makes all decisions related to the twinning of Highway 19.

## Did you know...?

- As a not-for-profit organization, all revenue from EIA is reinvested towards better air service for our region.
- EIA is a major economic driver, creating over 12,600 jobs and contributing \$1.1 billion to the Edmonton Region's GDP, with a total economic impact of over \$2.2 billion.
- EIA moved 8 million passengers in 2015, compared to 4.4 million passengers in 2004, making EIA Canada's fastest-growing major airport over the last ten years.

# THIRD RUNWAY DEVELOPMENT MAP



\*This map may not be to scale. Plans are subject to change.

## A snapshot of just some of the work that needs to take place before a new runway is built...

- Consult with area landowners and communities
- Coordinate land use plans and zoning with surrounding municipalities
- Purchase land
- Complete engineering assessments
- Conduct environmental evaluations
- Undergo regulatory evaluation and permitting
- Design and seek approval for runway approaches
- Coordinate construction schedules to minimize traffic disruptions
- Forecast and plan the airport's finances and budgets to minimize the cost and need for borrowing
- Design work schedules to minimize the impact of potential weather disruptions

## Why is a third runway needed?

Considering future growth estimates for the Edmonton Region, over time our two current runways will be pushed to their maximum capacity for safe and efficient runway operations. A new runway will be needed to meet future needs and allow EIA to continue to be a major economic driver for our region.

## Why has planning already started?

Like many major infrastructure projects, planning and building a new runway takes many years. Substantial foresight and planning is necessary so we can meet the future needs of northern Alberta's economy and determine the best way to grow in coordination with our neighboring communities. The Anthony Henday ring road is an example of how and why we need to begin planning and acquiring land now for a project that may be 20 or 25 years away.

Long-term planning also allows us to plan budgets, schedule work and purchase materials at the most opportune times. This approach helped to save over \$300 million in completing the airport's 2012 expansion.

## Where will the third runway be located?

The third runway will be built parallel to one of the two existing runways, running from southeast to northwest. Its location was shifted slightly northeast from the original plan to better reflect the needs expressed by the community and area landowners. As per the Master Plan approved by the Capital Region Board in the 1990s, the runway will extend across the current location of Highway 19. EIA is working with Alberta Transportation to align plans for the runway with those for the twinning of Highway 19. EIA will also optimize the existing runway system to meet forecasted demand for larger planes.

### Are plans for the new runway interfering with the twinning of Highway 19?

EIA supports plans to accelerate Highway 19 twinning and shares community concerns about the safety of the highway. EIA staff are first responders to incidents on Highway 19 and many of our workers and customers are major users of the highway. EIA has confirmed its funding commitment to the province to pay for extra costs of realigning Highway 19 when it is twinned. We have also concluded research, and given Alberta Transportation all requested information on the runway location. Alberta Transportation makes all decisions on Highway 19 twinning.

The Government of Alberta has announced \$90 million in funding to begin twinning Highway 19, and has also announced that it has protected the area needed for the runway. Alberta Transportation has divided its Highway 19 into three phases, with work on the eastern phase beginning in August 2016. We look forward to the completion of the twinning project as soon as possible.

### Where can I find more information on the third runway?

Visit our website at [flyeia.com/thirdrunway](http://flyeia.com/thirdrunway).

### What about the landowners in the area where the new runway is planned?

EIA has contacted all directly impacted landowners, and has provided updates to those in adjacent areas that may be affected. EIA recognizes the history and importance of the land to owners and their families, and to the community. That is why we want to ensure the impact of future airport development is mitigated as much as possible in the area. Through our consultations, we have adjusted the plan to better reflect the community's needs.