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I have been tracking the developing issue of the FAA airspace restriction affecting flights in El Paso.

I will provide updates in the comments of this post as I learn more and am able to share. I ask everyone to please avoid spreading misinformation or speculation that is unconfirmed.

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-Chris

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City Representative Chris Canales, District 8 ...

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I've been up all night trying to get information to share with the public, but we're just not getting much from the federal government at the moment.

We have no reason to believe that there is any kind of imminent safety threat to El Paso, but we still have no reason provided by the FAA or any federal authority, and that lack of explanation is obviously fueling fear and speculation in our community. FAA contacts, including those at the phone number listed in the notice, have said they also don't know the reason.

What's especially troubling is that there appears to have been no advance notice to local government, airport leadership, or even local Air Traffic Control or local military leadership.

If El Paso International Airport has to close for 10 days, the economic hit to El Paso could be \$40-50 million or more.

I will continue pushing for answers and will share updates in the comments on this post as soon as I am able.

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