
Re: Aurora State Airport Master Plan Website Comments - John Storey

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Hello John,

Thank you so much for your comments about the Aurora Airport Master Plan. I wanted to let you know that we've received your comments and they have been passed along to the technical team and the staff at the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV). Please let me know if you have any other questions or comments.

Thanks,
Brandy
(on behalf of Oregon Department of Aviation)



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Comments or questions? I SUPPORT AURORA'S AIRPORT AND GENERAL AVIATION

Aviation has become an indispensable component of the world's transportation infrastructure. However like the history of the automobile, growing from an affluent person's luxury to an every person transportation necessity, aviation needs the foundation to grow and continue to fill greater roles in the world's social and economic structure.

Current benefits of an airport like Aurora:
Jobs: Many people work at the airport maintaining the many aspects of aviation.

Taxes: The employees, businesses and pilots using the airport pay various governmental fees and taxes.

Professional pilot training: Many pilots that will someday fly the airline's airplanes are training at the airport.

Disaster preparedness: In the event of a major transportation-impacting disaster, the airport would be a center for transportation support.

Emergency services support: Many of the aircraft used in emergency operations use the airport for maintenance, training and storage.

Volunteer activities: Many non-professional pilots contribute daily to charitable organizations supporting disaster preparedness, specialized medical transportation and other socially conscious efforts.

Critiques to opposition:

Noise: Pilots have special procedures to avoid noise pollution for nearby residents.

Additionally without smaller airport like Aurora's, businesses that might advance less-noisy aircraft would not have a location to progress their technologies.

Climate impacting pollution: Scientific conclusions indicate that general and business aviation are statistically insignificant compared to automobile transportation.

Again technological advancements in cleaner (greener) aviation cannot progress without smaller, supporting airports.

Traffic congestion on I-5: Come on!! Really?!

When driving on I-5, I see selfish and distracted drivers and sheer vehicular volume being the greatest contributors. Besides with futuristic, affordable, accessible transportation network (evolving from local airports like Aurora's) traffic congestion will only get worse. We cannot continue to build more highways to support the growth of ground-based, personal transportation. We must begin to expand vertically, which would need supporting smaller airports for innovation and growth.

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