

Fw: Aurora Airport master plan

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FYI

Thanks,
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From: Joshua Williams <jwilliams@aurorafire.org>

Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 1:26 PM

To: Brandy Steffen <brandy.steffen@jla.us.com>

Subject: Re: Aurora Airport master plan

Thank you for the prompt reply.

Chief Williams

Fire Chief
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On Wed, Aug 28, 2024 at 1:10 PM Brandy Steffen <brandy.steffen@jla.us.com> wrote:

| Good day Chief Williams,

We appreciate you taking the time to review the draft refined preliminary alternatives for the Aurora State Airport Master Plan and providing valuable input. We understand your concern to maintain tax revenues that support the fire district. You are correct, the land the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV) owns is tax exempt; however, the private improvements on leased land (hangars, buildings, etc.) are taxed and invoiced by Marion County to ODAV, which are paid by the lessees.

The refined preliminary alternatives illustrates “priority” parcels that would need to be acquired by ODAV to meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) design standards as well as to support the existing and future facility needs. Property identified as reserve is shown in the event that the property becomes available for purchase, ODAV would be able to utilize federal funding to acquire the land. There is no timeline or requirement to acquire the reserve property.

Thank you again for your review and comments.

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



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Good morning,

I left you a voicemail this morning, but thought I would email you my question. I was reading the alternates for the UAO airport and could not help but to notice there was a lot of property acquisition. Specifically the property acquisition for aeronautic reserve, and the high priority acquisition. All of that property is currently privately owned, thus they pay property taxes. My question is who will be acquiring the proposed property for the reserve? Is it the State of Oregon, because if that is the case the state is exempt from paying property tax.

As an example, I pulled up only 5 parcels contained in the area and those 5 parcels bring the Aurora Fire District over \$100,000 in tax revenue. If this represents only 5 parcels, one could imagine the impact of all of them to be significant.

The loss of revenue from just those 5 parcels alone would cause a devastating cascade of events that may lead to the loss of career staffing and end 24 hour career coverage.

I am looking forward to a response.

Chief Williams

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