

**Fw: Update Re: KUAO 8/21/24 Master Plan Input**

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Please include in the public record.

Thank you,

**Tony Beach**

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On Wed, Nov 6, 2024, 9:46 AM BEACH Anthony <[Anthony.BEACH@odav.oregon.gov](mailto:Anthony.BEACH@odav.oregon.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Mark, I appreciate your perspective and suggestions.

Thank you for your comments, we have forwarded your email to the master plan team.

## Tony Beach

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Hi, Anthony-

I'm writing again to share additional input on the most recent version of the Aurora State Airport (KUAO) master plan (Refined Preliminary Alternatives Summary dated 8/21/24) being progressed by the Oregon Department of Aviation.

The current plan involves the removal of hangars closest to the east side of the runway. I am opposed to the demolition of this existing, useful infrastructure. Their existence provides commercial value to the airport and I believe the cost of their removal would outweigh the value they bring to the airport. An alternative to the addition of a full length parallel taxiway and vehicle service road directly east of Taxiway A should be sought to address/provide runway access issues while preserving the existing infrastructure. This approach could satisfy the needs of airport expansion while preserving the existing improvements (hangars) on the airport.

I am a private pilot who earned my pilot certificate at KUAO thanks to the existence of the airport and Fixed Based Operators (FBO's) like Willamette Aviation and Aurora Aviation at a location that was convenient for me with instruction and aircraft rentals that were affordable to me.

I am an active member of the [Columbia Aviation Association](#), an aviation community of pilots based at KUAO that are united by a passion for aviation. Our mission includes fostering aviation safety, education, mentoring and outreach, and we provide opportunities to expand our members' aviation expertise.

I support maintaining the existing runway, taxiways and control tower such that any future plans do not interrupt airport operations. And as a safety professional, I support the promotion of safety improvements for ground and air operations. However, I am compelled to share this viewpoint in support of the rights of the existing property owners on the airport.

Please register and make part of the master plan record my opposition to the eminent domain-like intentions currently planned.

Thank you,

Mark Tipperreiter  
6 November 2024