

Fw: IN OPPOSITION Current Aurora Airport Master Plan

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Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 8:32 AM

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Good morning, please include in the record.

Thank you,

Tony Beach

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From: BEACH Anthony

Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 8:32 AM

To: Jonathan Buss <jbuss@bussmold.com>

Subject: RE: IN OPPOSITION Current Aurora Airport Master Plan

Hi Jonathan, thank you for your comments, I have forwarded them to the master plan team and they'll be included in the record.

Tony Beach

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From: Jonathan Buss <jbuss@bussmold.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 11:08 PM

To: BEACH Anthony <Anthony.BEACH@odav.oregon.gov>

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Subject: Objection to Proposed Removal of Privately Owned Hangars

Dear Mr. Beach and Committee Members of the Oregon Department of Aviation regarding the Aurora Airport Master Plan,

I am writing to formally register my strong opposition to the proposed removal of privately owned hangars and properties as part of the ongoing Aurora Airport Master Plan.

As you are aware, there is already a significant shortage of hangars at Aurora Airport. The hangars currently slated for destruction are providing critical services and employment to local businesses and aviation professionals. The proposed "taking" of these properties would not only disrupt the local economy but also exacerbate the existing shortage of hangar space.

I understand that the proposal aims to enhance airport safety and efficiency, but I believe that the justification for the destruction of privately held hangars is insufficient. Specifically, the two key motivations for this proposal—1) relocating a vehicle lane closer to the taxiway, and 2) the creation of a parallel taxi lane—are both questionable.

1. The first motivation, to move a vehicle lane closer to the taxiway, could be achieved more effectively and safely by locating the lane further away from active flight paths and other sensitive areas. The proposed site of the lane, near the hangars, does not appear to be the most strategic or safest location.
2. The second motivation, the construction of a parallel taxi lane, is unnecessary. It is my belief that the same safety and operational benefits could be achieved by acquiring only a small portion of land—perhaps no more than one acre—from a willing seller, rather than displacing entire hangars.

Therefore, while I fully support airport safety improvements, I strongly urge the committee to reconsider any plan that would result in the destruction of privately owned hangars. There are alternatives that would allow for necessary improvements without harming local businesses or further contributing to the hangar shortage.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that the committee will carefully weigh these concerns as part of the decision-making process.

Sincerely,

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