
Re: Aurora State Airport Master Plan Website Comments - Kirsten Newbury

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 **Aurora State Airport Master Plan Website Comments**

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Comments or questions? I logged into the Master Plan presentation last Tuesday evening.

I was dismayed by the obvious lack of collaboration between the Planners and the airport tenants. The meeting grew somewhat contentious, primarily due to airport tenants not believing their objections or ideas were listened to. And, it seemed to me the tenants didn't believe ODAV had served as an advocate for them.

Several airport advocates provided examples of airports in the PNW that do not conform to FAA requirements but do have authorized variances. Several tenants cited areas where they disagree with the preferred plan but offered alternative ideas instead. Tenants again cited the historical public-private cooperative partnership enjoyed by the airport that sadly does not appear to be recognized in the Plan. And what happened to apparently reasonable ideas like moving the airport fencing west rather than the much more expensive option of building more road surface, much less invoking eminent domain and actually moving the road west.

On a good note, I see this as a leadership opportunity for Kenji Sugahara to step in and

bring the two sides together with a goal of tweaking the current plan through in-person discussion, brain storming, and consensus building to achieve a workable Master Plan.

Hurray for the Mayor of Canby who submitted a statement attesting to the economic value of the airport to his community. Hurray for the on airport business owners willing to partner with ODAV for workable solutions. Hurray for the government-business partnerships that already exist, like with providing the Civil Air Patrol with permanent headquarters. Or for providing hangar and hub operations for ODART.

Please, I urge ODAV not to turn away from the voiced dissatisfaction we heard Tuesday night but to embrace it as an impetus to move forward, together. The Aurora Airport is too important a resource to allow these dissents to fester.

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