

WILSONVILLE

AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

January 21, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Alex Thomas, Planning and Programs Manager
Tony Beach, State Airports Manager
Oregon Department of Aviation
Brandy Steffen, JLA

Re: January 21, 2025 Comment Letter on Behalf of Wilsonville Area Chamber of Commerce for Aurora State Airport Master Plan – ODAV Updated Refined Proposed Preferred Alternative

Mr. Thomas, Mr. Beach and Ms Steffen,

The Wilsonville Area Chamber of Commerce sincerely appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Oregon Department of Aviation's Aurora State Airport Master Plan process.

Our stated vision is to “create and promote economic prosperity for businesses and citizens in the south metro region.” Additionally, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) encourages airport master plans to consider economic impacts.

For this reason, we have repeatedly requested fact-based, meaningful discussions regarding the economic impacts of the proposed alternatives throughout this process. Despite multiple assurances that these discussions would take place, they have not occurred.

As a result, the Wilsonville Area Chamber of Commerce cannot endorse the final report, as it fails to provide any credible analysis of the economic impact upon our regional businesses and communities. The potential consequences for long-standing businesses, their employees, and surrounding areas are significant and must be thoroughly evaluated before advancing any preferred alternatives.

We remain committed to addressing this critical concern and welcome the opportunity to continue these discussions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kevin Ferrasci O'Malley, CEO

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