
Fw: Communication re: Aurora Airport Master Plan Adoption and Compatibility Process

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Hello,

Good afternoon. Please include within the UAO master plan record.

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Folks-

Since you weren't cc'ed on this email. I am passing this along for transparency purposes. Also note that all of this will be uploaded to the project website for transparency as well.

Kelly- this just popped up so if anything, this would be an update.

TY!

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Dear Mr. Williams,
Director Sugahara forwarded your emails to me to assist in providing a response. As the Director stated, your emails will be made part of the Aurora Master Plan decision record to preserve your statements and to ensure that any member of the public will have access to all of the comments and testimony provided as part of the planning process.

As to your comment below, it appears that you are not asking a question. But, instead stating your interpretation of ODAV and the Board's legal obligations with respect to the process for making a final land use decision, including the final adoption of a master plan and the issuance of the state agency coordination findings supporting that plan. As Dir. Sugahara responded to you below, the Board and ODAV will follow the appropriate process for taking these final actions. I invite you to review ORS 197.180, ORS 836.025, OAR 660, division 30 and OAR 738, division 130 if you have any further questions about the laws that apply to the Board and ODAV's land use planning authority and duties.

I would also like to take this opportunity to correct you on a statement that you made during the last PAC meeting and that you continue to make publicly that the Court of Appeals held that the 2012 Master Plan was never adopted. That is not correct and none of the three tribunals (LUBA, the Court of Appeals or the Marion County Circuit Court) have issued any order or judgment finding that that the 2012 Master Plan was, or was not, adopted. I have attached for your convenience the final judgments by the Court of Appeals in 2021 when it was asked to review LUBA's affirmation of the Board's 2019 State Agency

Coordination Findings, and the 2023 Judgment affirming the Marion County Circuit Court's dismissal of the petitions for judicial review of the 2019 SAC Findings. As I believe you are aware, the Court of Appeals in its 2012 decision found that it was unable to determine whether LUBA's decision was correct because the record before LUBA was not complete. On that basis, it remanded the matter back to LUBA. LUBA in turn remanded the matter back to the Board, at its request. The effect of this remand, as stated in the 2023 attached judgment, was to render the **2019 SAC Decision** ineffective. No decision was entered or made as to the validity of the 2012 Master Plan. I ask that you please review your files which should include the briefing, orders and judgments in the LUBA matter, the circuit court matter and the two court of appeals cases and refrain from misstating the ultimate holdings in these cases.

I hope that this email addresses your comments below and any additional questions you may regarding the 2012

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From: Ben Williams <fofp99@gmail.com>

Date: Friday, February 21, 2025 at 11:02 AM

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Kenji;

Thank you for the prompt response to my last email concerning the approval and adoption process for the Aurora Airport Master Plan. However, the response that my letter will be added to the record does not actually address the inquiry. To clarify, the question I asked is whether ODAV will confirm that the Oregon Aviation Board will adopt the master plan with land use findings pursuant to OAR 738-130-0055(6), and any appeals of that adoption will be completed, prior to ODAV or the OAB signing the Airport Layout Plan and prior to confirming to the FAA that the master plan is consistent with local land use and zoning pursuant to grant assurance number 6.

Please answer yes or no, and include the answer in the record.

Further, to Mr. House:

Will the FAA confirm that it will not sign the Airport Layout Plan or conclude that grant assurance number 6 is satisfied until the Oregon Aviation Board has adopted the master plan with land use findings pursuant to OAR 738-130-0055(6) and successfully resolved any appeals thereof under Oregon law?

Please answer yes or no, and include the answer in the record.

Sincerely

Ben Williams

Friends of French Prairie

On Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 8:43 AM SUGAHARA Kenji <Kenji.SUGAHARA@odav.oregon.gov> wrote:

Mr. Williams,

Thank you very much. Your letter will be added to the ongoing master plan record and both the Department and the Board intend that any final decision made with respect to the master plan, including state agency coordination findings supporting that plan, will be made in accordance with the applicable state and federal law.

Sincerely,

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Chair Stephens and Director Sugahara;

Please see the attached letter regarding the approval and adoption process for the Aurora Airport Master Plan in addition to the process for compliance with local comprehensive plans and statewide planning goals.

The intent is to clarify confusion resulting from what the PAC and Aviation Board have been told versus the statutory requirements that apply.

Sincerely

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