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**Fw: Aurora Airport expansion question**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:36 PM

**To:** Karin Grano <kgrano@msn.com>

**Cc:** THOMAS Alex R <Alex.R.THOMAS@odav.oregon.gov>; Samantha Peterson <SPeterson@CenturyWest.com>; Brandy Steffen <brandy.steffen@jla.us.com>

**Subject:** RE: Aurora Airport expansion question

Hi Karin, thanks for your feedback. This correspondence will be included in the public record for the master plan, and will be available on the project website at <https://publicproject.net/auroraairport>

Tony Beach  
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION  
STATE AIRPORTS MANAGER  
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**From:** Karin Grano <kgrano@msn.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:29 PM

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

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**Subject:** Re: Aurora Airport expansion question

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Hi Tony!

Thank you for your quick response. Is it okay with you if I share this information on social media if this subject raises its ugly head again? Even City of Wilsonville officials misrepresented the truth on a city flier for an upcoming open house about the airport expansion back in June 2024, claiming the runway extension would, "allow larger and heavier aircraft to land and take off with more fuel," also saying that your main source of revenue is tax on aviation fuel, which may or may not be true, but that's besides the point.

I just want the truth, and that doesn't seem to be the narrative out there.

Thanks again!

Karin

> On Mar 4, 2025, at 3:57 PM, BEACH Anthony <Anthony.BEACH@odav.oregon.gov> wrote:

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> Hi Karin, thank you for reaching out with your question.

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> The Design Aircraft is explained in Draft Chapter 3: Aviation Activity

> Forecasts:

> <https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpubl>

> icproject.net%2Ffiles%2FUAOAMP%2Faurora-state-airport-wp-1-updated-nov

> ember-2023-opt.pdf%3F37af5f0589&data=05%7C02%7CAnthony.BEACH%40odav.or

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> The runway length analysis is explained in the Draft Chapter 4:

> Facility Requirements for the Aurora State Airport Master Plan:

> <https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpubl>

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> Because the future Design Aircraft for the 20 year planning period is the same as the airports current Design Aircraft, and because the proposed 497 foot extension is needed to accommodate 100% of the forecasted fleet mix at 60% useful load as determined by FAA methodologies, the runway extension is not intended to allow bigger or heavier class of airplanes to use the airport. The runway extension is intended to accommodate the aircraft currently using the airport.

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> Thank you,

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> Tony Beach  
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> From: Karin Grano <kgrano@msn.com>  
> Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 10:34 AM  
> To: Oregon Department of Aviation <mail.aviation@ODAV.oregon.gov>  
> Subject: Aurora Airport expansion question  
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> [You don't often get email from kgrano@msn.com. Learn why this is important at  
> <https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification> ]  
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> To whom it concerns,  
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> I hear a lot of talk that the 500 foot extension to the runway at the Aurora airport will allow a bigger,  
> heavier class of plans to utilize the airport. Lots of folks believe this, but I haven't been able to get  
> anyone to answer that question for me.  
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> It is my understanding that the runway extension is for safety purposes and will allow for more payload  
> (fuel). I'd really like to know the truth.  
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> Thanks for your time to respond.  
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> Best,  
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> Karin Grano  
> Aurora, Oregon