
Re: Regarding the Aurora Airport - Current Refined Preferred Alternative

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Thank you so much for your comments John. I will pass these along to the rest of the team.

Thanks,

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From: John Dierks <john.dierks.pilot@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2025 9:53 AM

To: Brandy Steffen <brandy.steffen@jla.us.com>

Subject: Regarding the Aurora Airport - Current Refined Preferred Alternative

Dear Brandy,

Thank you for considering us airport users' and property owners (as Columbia Aviation Association members) input and for the significant improvements in the current plan over the previous.

Please consider highlighting the importance of maintaining the septic systems and their leases, these are owned by airport tenants and located on airport property as we feel these are a critical piece of the airport infrastructure and represent major investments.

We ask that you include the 1.1 acre ODAV property purchase of the ramp space currently adjoining the south end of main UAO ramp (south of the tower) in your "priority purchase" list as this will significantly improve access to CAA as well as Pacific Coast Avionics, the main public ramp, all the mid-field hangars and Aurora Flight trainings ramp. This notable ramp and taxi-lane improvement will increase safety and flow much like the prior plan considered via a parallel taxiway and road but without displacing any hangars or the huge cost.

Thank you again for listening and your recent improvements to the plan.

Sincerely,
John Dierks, pilot and Columbia Aviation Association member.