
Fw: Regarding the Aurora Airport - Current Refined Preferred Alternative

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From: BEACH Anthony <Anthony.BEACH@odav.oregon.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 7:37 AM

To: Samantha Peterson <SPeterson@CenturyWest.com>; Brandy Steffen <brandy.steffen@jla.us.com>

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Subject: FW: Regarding the Aurora Airport - Current Refined Preferred Alternative

Good morning, please include in the public record.

Thank you,

Tony Beach

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From: BEACH Anthony

Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 7:28 AM

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

Subject: RE: Regarding the Aurora Airport - Current Refined Preferred Alternative

Hi John, thank you for your input, I've forwarded it to the master plan team and it will be included in the public record.

Tony Beach

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From: John Dierks <john.dierks.pilot@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2025 9:48 AM
To: BEACH Anthony <Anthony.BEACH@odav.oregon.gov>
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Dear Tony,

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.

Finally, please eliminate or reduce to an absolute minimum the amount of airport boundary increase, adding additional real estate to UAO would be extremely expensive and is very unpopular with our neighbors. Please use any and all FAA approved mitigation measures to keep the airport safely in its current boundaries.

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

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