

## Fw: Aurora airport master plan comments

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Good morning, please include in the public record.

Thank you,

## **Tony Beach**

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**From:** BEACH Anthony

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025 7:35 AM

**To:** Josh <jpruzek@aol.com>; brandy.steffen@jla.us.com

**Subject:** RE: Aurora airport master plan comments

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

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Hello Tony,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the ongoing changes to the Aurora State Airport Master Plan. I have flown out of Aurora State since 1996, worked there as a flight instructor and charter pilot for 4+ years, and have based four aircraft there since 2003. I am also the AOPA Airport Support Network volunteer for KUAO and a former AOPA NW Mountain Regional Manager. Aurora is one of the most significant airports in the region and I appreciate the balance needed to guide this critical piece of transportation infrastructure into the future.

Although I have not attended many of the public meetings on the Master Plan, I do remain abreast of it and appreciate the significant improvements made in recent revisions. Here are a few comments concerning the most recent revision:

- Please consider highlighting the importance of maintaining existing infrastructure made by airport tenants as leasehold improvements. These represent major investments made by tenants over the years and critical portions of the existing airport infrastructure. Failure to do so could send an unintended message to current and future leaseholders that airport investments are unwise.
- I support including the 1.1-acre ODAV property purchase of the ramp space currently adjoining the south end of the main UAO ramp, south of the tower, in your "priority purchase" list. This will improve access to the Columbia Aviation Association clubhouse as well as Pacific Coast Avionics, the main public ramp, all the mid-field hangars, and the Aurora Flight training ramp. This ramp and taxi-lane improvement will increase safety, reduce runway incursions, and improve traffic flow much like the prior plan considered via the parallel taxiway but without displacing any hangars.

Thank you again for your efforts to continually improve the KUAO Master Plan. As a 25+ year user of the airport, I am optimistic that you and the ODAV will arrive at a solution that balances the needs of all stakeholders, and better positions Aurora State for the next 25 years.

Best Regards,

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