

Fw: Aurora Airport - Suggestions for Current Refined Alternative

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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 8:49 AM

To: Jonathan Buss <jbuss@bussmold.com>

Subject: RE: Aurora Airport - Suggestions for Current Refined Alternative

Hi Jonathan, 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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Dear Mr. Beach,

Thank you for taking the time to consider the input from Aurora airport users and property owners, including members of the Columbia Aviation Association (CAA), and for the positive changes made in the current plan.

The improvements over the previous proposal are greatly appreciated.

One key issue we would like to highlight is the importance of maintaining the septic systems and their associated leases. These systems are owned by airport tenants and are situated on airport property. They are a vital part of the airport's infrastructure and represent substantial investments. We respectfully request that these systems be carefully considered in the final design.

Additionally, we urge you to prioritize the purchase of the 1.1-acre ODAV property, currently adjacent to the south end of the main UAO ramp (south of the tower). This acquisition would significantly enhance access to CAA, Pacific Coast Avionics, the main public ramp, mid-field hangars, and the Aurora Flight Training ramp. Incorporating this improvement would enhance safety and flow without the high costs and disruption associated with the previously considered parallel taxiway and road, which would have required hangar displacement.

Finally, we ask that you minimize any expansion of the airport boundaries. Any significant addition of real estate to UAO would be costly and is highly unpopular with our neighboring communities. We encourage the use of all FAA-approved mitigation measures to ensure the airport's operations remain safely within its current boundaries.

Once again, thank you for your consideration of these points and for your commitment to improving the plan.

Best regards,

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