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To: Mayor; scottstarr97070@gmail.com; akervall@ciwilsonville.or.us; Councilor Charlotte Lehan; Councilor Susie Stevens; City Recorder
Cc: Helbling, Tony; Ted Millar
Subject: Aurora Airport Runway Extension
Attachments: Wilsonville Mayor.pdf

Mayor Knapp and Council Members,

I am emailing you with my attached letter to ask for your support for the Aurora Airport and the Runway Extension.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Tod Coombs
Chief Pilot

Saturday, November 24, 2018

Mayor Tim Knapp
Wilsonville City Council Members
29799 SW Town Center Loop E.
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Subject: Improving Aurora State Airport

Mayor Knapp and Council Members,

I am the Chief Pilot for John W. Dixon. We are based at the Aurora Airport and own our hangers and the two Corporate Aircraft that we use for business. We are currently planning on expanding our capabilities and business needs at the Aurora Airport.

In the aviation field, it is ingrained in every pilot from their first training flight, Safety, Safety, Safety! Aviation and Operational Safety is our way of life, it cannot, and is not to be taken lightly at any time. Every decision we make as pilots is based on this premise.

The operations we conduct for our jet aircraft is currently limited due to the existing 5003' runway length. We are unable to load the aircraft with full fuel for trips due to the current runway length. The extension request of 1000' will increase the operational safety of our aircraft and its performance capabilities.

The extra 1000' that we are needing to extend the runway will increase both landing and takeoff safety. It is imperative we get the runway extension for added safety margins.

The runway extension will also improve on the safety of all general aircraft operations conducted in and out of the Aurora Airport.

As a note, for your reference, the 1000' runway extension will be added to the south end of the existing runway. That 1000' is within the existing fence line already. This can be viewed on the already approved Aurora Airport Master Plan.

The airport employs well over 1000 people, many of them Wilsonville residents. Citizens that live, shop, and conduct business in Wilsonville.

Many of the businesses based at Aurora Airport spend millions annually in the local Wilsonville economy, and surrounding communities.

Any improvements made for the runway, or at the Aurora Airport, will increase business and spending in the Wilsonville economy. This is a positive Win / Win situation for the City of Wilsonville and the airport!!

Lastly, by adding the runway extension, it will enable emergency response personnel to use the airport as a base of operations in any unplanned man made or natural disaster in the local area.

You have all seen many natural disasters on the news recently and in years past. In all cases, airports play a critically decisive role in emergency response and in saving lives.

Emergency Supplies and First Responders would be brought in by air, and lives would be saved by air from the Aurora Airport.

The Aurora Airport is a Very Safe Airport, and an Economic Engine in the local community.

Let us all work together to improve on all of these important issues.

It is my hope that you Mayor Knapp, and the Wilsonville City Council Members will put your full support behind the Aurora Airport and the runway extension in the interests of all of the citizens of your city and the surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tod Coombs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tod Coombs
Chief Pilot