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To: State Aviation Board members

From: Betty Stansbury, Director

Re: Aurora public comments

Date: October 9, 2019

At the upcoming October 30-31<sup>st</sup> Board meeting, we will be holding a public hearing on the Aurora State Airport Master Plan, and the Board will be asked to consider adopting findings of compatibility with Marion County's Comprehensive Plan, findings of compliance with statewide planning goals, and adoption of the final facility plan. These steps are needed to comply with ODA's State Agency Coordination (SAC) Program.

The Board took these same steps when it approved the Lebanon master plan in August, and over the next twelve months you will be asked to do the same for the Aurora, Bandon, Mulino, Cottage Grove and Independence State Airports Master Plans.

As part of the SAC process, we solicited comments from the public on the findings of compatibility with Marion County's comprehensive plan and compliance with statewide planning goals. We solicited input through both direct mail notices, legal notices, and through our website. We also held a public meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> in Salem to accept input from people who cannot attend the October 31<sup>st</sup> hearing.

Attached you will find the public comments we have received to date. For ease of review, we are providing you a print copy of the comments, which is also available electronically at the Board's Google drive. The audio recording of the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting is also available on the Board's Google drive.

Also attached is a copy of Marion County's findings of compatibility with their comprehensive plan. We are still waiting on a response from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) on findings of compliance with statewide planning goals, and will forward that to you as soon as we receive it.

As you may be aware, the attorney for the Friends of French Prairie has filed a notice of intent to appeal with the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA), on the grounds that my letter of August 21, 2019 (clarifying that the Board did in fact approve the Master Plan in 2011) is a land use decision. We have filed a motion to dismiss, but do not have word yet on when LUBA will consider our request. Regardless of the legal challenge, in order to comply with our SAC program, the Board still needs to take final action with the Aurora Master Plan, and those actions will be presented to you at the October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

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Attached are the public comments we have received to date:

- 1) Aurora Airport Improvement Association attorney Kellington letter dated October 4<sup>th</sup>, and associated documentation
- 2) Friends of French Prairie Attorney Kleinman letter dated October 4<sup>th</sup>
- 3) City of Wilsonville letter dated October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 4) Aron Faegre letter dated October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 5) Mark Gardner letter dated October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 6) City of Aurora emails dated October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and list of attachments
- 7) Ben Williams email and associated documentation dated Sept 27<sup>th</sup>
- 8) City of Wilsonville letter dated Sept 24<sup>th</sup> plus associated documents
- 9) Attorney Kleinman letter dated Sept 24<sup>th</sup> plus associated documentation
- 10) Introduction, sign-up sheet, and 12 comments submitted in person at the Sept 24<sup>th</sup> meeting (other than those listed above)
- 11) 128 comments submitted via email to the dedicated web page and by regular mail

NOTE: Not included in the printed documents package are the attachments from the City of Aurora (item #6) due to size (1,193 pages, including 312 pages from the Salem Airport Master Plan). Please refer to the link on the Board Google page to review those documents.

I recognize this is a significant amount of material for you to review prior to the October 30-31 meeting, and I thank you for taking the time to review it. The meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> will be for staff reports and administrative actions, and the meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> will be the public hearing and Aurora action items. At the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting in Salem, we had about 30 attendees, with 19 offering their comments. I would expect a similar or larger turnout for the October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to review the attached materials. If we get more comments prior to October 30<sup>th</sup>, we will forward them to you for your consideration. Comments may also be submitted during the public hearing on the 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (503) 378-2340.