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Oregon Department of Aviation, Aviation Board

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Aviation Board Members:

I would like to voice my support regarding the allocation of approximately $430,000 in State SOAR funds toward the Pacific City State Airport. The airport is an integral part of the small community, provides recreation and access to recreation, supports the local businesses through tourism, and provides critical access for Coast Guard and Life Flight operations.

It is my understanding that funds will address public access to the airport's ramp, to address drainage issues, and to improve pavement and parking issues. Addressing these items will improve safety and encourage airport use, both having a positive impact on the Pacific City community.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the potential Oregon Department of Aviation funding to support several improvement projects at the Pacific City State Airport. These improvement projects would encompass public access to the ramp for emergency vehicles and pilots loading aircraft, increased parking for aircraft, and fixing or replacing the drainage system. Life Flight Network operates rotor-wing bases at the Warrenton-Astoria Regional Airport, the Aurora State Airport, and the Newport Municipal Airport. Rotor-wing aircraft from these bases all utilize the Pacific City State Airport to meet local emergency medical service (EMS) vehicles bringing critical care patients requiring transport to Portland and Salem area hospitals. Having these projects completed would greatly improve the safety of the patient transfer process for all involved parties while also saving precious time by not having to use more distant and less secure sites. Please let me know if there is anything else you need from Life Flight Network to show support for these worthy proposed access, ramp and drainage improvement projects. I can be reached at (503) 678-4364.

Thank you,

Mac Garrison

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Director of Operations

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February 3, 2020

Mary Buell
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Dear Mary,

On behalf of the members of the Oregon Pilots Association this is a letter of support for certain safety and functional improvements at the Pacific City State Airport. OPA has contributed to and supported all of the initiatives to make certain improvements at the airport by ODA and airport volunteers during the past two years.

My fellow board member Mr. Scott Lane and I recently participated in the development of the very proposal for those improvements that this letter endorses, which include:

- Provide public access to the ramp. This affects pilots and passengers loading aircraft, emergency vehicles interacting with the Coast Guard and Life Flight, and adjacent property owners that experience trespassing and property damage in the wet season.
- Repair and improve the airport's drainage system. Periodic extreme high tides result in flooding, which leads to a marked increase in water foul on the airport and increases hazards to aircraft. It also makes inadvertent deviations of aircraft off the runway more hazardous. The existing drainage system has failed.
- Aircraft ramp parking expansion. Presently the ramps has 5 parking spaces and two of those are likely to disappear with expected development. The airport needs about 10 spaces for a common summer's weekend. The ramp is also too narrow to allow a taxing aircraft to pass by a parked aircraft and remain on the paved area.

The Oregon Pilots Association has represented Oregon general aviation pilots since 1938. We have hundreds of active members all around the state, including members that have a direct stake in the Pacific City State Airport, as pilots, aircraft owners, airport tenants and local business owners.

Sincerely,

Kim Muinch

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January 29, 2020

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

RE: Pacific City State Airport Funding Request

The Pacific City – Nestucca Valley Chamber of Commerce is an organization of over 100 businesses and individuals representing the business, economic, political and social interests of its members in Tillamook County, Oregon and throughout the region.

The Chamber was formed in January 2003 by merging the Pacific City – Woods Chamber which had been in existence since the 1950s and the Nestucca Valley Chamber, which had been in existence since the 1980s.

The adopted BY-LAWS of the organization state as its purpose "...an organization of business people, professional people and citizens working together to stimulate a prosperous business environment as well as civic, social, cultural and educational aspects for a more vibrant community."

The chamber, its members and the larger community of South Tillamook County are keenly aware of what the state owned and operated airport in Pacific City means to our residents and visitors alike.

- ✓ The current partnership with ODA and Friends of Pacific City State Airport has benefited the town of Pacific City and surrounding area.
- ✓ Chamber members have noticed an increase in planes using the airport this past summer and the pilots express appreciation for the new restrooms, complementary bicycles and information board.
- ✓ The Chamber will continue to get information to pilots about the numerous recreation activities available in South Tillamook County. Camping, surfing, beach combing, paddle boards, kayaks, fishing, boating, kite flying and more continue to make the greater Pacific City area a premier destination on the magnificent coast of Oregon.
- ✓ The town has accommodations of every style and price range. Camping, motels and hotels are easily accessible from the airport.
- ✓ Restaurants are also within walking distance of the airport.

Your help with further improvements will be greatly appreciated.

The airport currently has no legal public access. Fire department equipment and ambulances must go through private property to access runway and life flight helicopters, which are frequently required to serve an older population and our many visitors.

Friends picking up pilots and passengers landing at the airport have no way to meet planes.

There are two small lots for sale on the west side of the airport that won't always be available and would meet this requirement. The lots would require clearing and paving

Drainage continues to be a problem during the raining season and high tides. The old drainage system has collapsed.

The addition of more paving for tie downs is especially needed in the summer.

Any improvements that can be made to the airport to increase safety and usage will be well received by pilots, the Pacific City business community and the many full-time residents and visitors to South Tillamook County.

Respectfully,

Susan Amort, President

c: Tillamook County Commission
PCNV Chamber Board of Directors
Pacific City SUN