Oregon Department of Aviation Aviation Modal Review Committee

Grant County Regional Airport Widen & Reconstruct Runway 17-35

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Grant County Legional Airport





Widen & Rehabilitate Runway 17-35

→ Needed:

- Current runway width of 60' does not meet FAA Airplane Design Group II standard of 75'.
- Required by the Critical Aircraft (Air Tractor 802A) for both width and pavement strength.
- Critical Aircraft supports wildland firefighting efforts of Oregon
 Department of Forestry and U.S.
 Forest Service.
- Upgraded runway improves the safety and usefulness of the Oregon multimodal transportation system in Eastern Oregon.





→ Justified:

- Recommended by 2018 Airport Master Plan.
- ✓ Justified by 2022 FAA Environmental Assessment and FONSI.
- Top ranked Connect Oregon aviation project and #3 overall project ranking by Southeast Area Commission on Transportation.
- ✓ Approved by FAA Seattle ADO.
- Supported by Oregon Department of Forestry for aerial firefighting operations.
- ✓ Supported by U.S. Forest Service for aerial firefighting operations.







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- Henefit to Oregon Transportation:
 - ✓ Connects remote Eastern Oregon to population centers to the west.
 - ✓ Supports U.S. Forest Service jobs and infrastructure.
 - ✓ Supports Oregon Department of Forestry jobs and infrastructure.
 - Provides an airport that safely serves light business jets.
 - Provides redundancy in the Oregon transportation system during a potential Cascadia event.



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- Funding:
 - ✓ FAA will provide a 90% grant match for project construction.
 - ODA grant match will leverage the FAA grant for a significant impact to Oregon aviation.
 - Project construction is programmed by FAA for FY 2023 construction.
 - ✓ FAA and ODA funded design of the project in FY 2022.





THANK YOU!

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