OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION

September 7, 2023

Director's Update

50+ Airports Visited

- Astoria
- Baker City
- Brookings
- Burns
- Cascade Locks
- Condon
- Dalles
- Enterprise
- Florence
- Gold Beach
- Grant County
- Grants Pass
- Hermiston
- Hood River
- Illinois Valley

- Joseph
- La Grande
- Lebanon
- McKenzie Bridge
- Mulino
- North Bend
- Ontario
- Pendleton
- Santiam Junction
- Seaside
- Siletz Bay
- Toledo
- Twin Oaks
- Vale
- Wasco

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SIGNIFICANT PRIORITIES

- Oakridge- federal delegation has shown significant interest.
- Resiliency project underway (Statewide Airport Resiliency Assessment).
- Planning position hire anticipated next week.
- RFP sent to potential vendors for strategic planning. Bids expected next week.

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NEW TECHNOLOGIES

- Attended FAA UAS/AAM Summit in Baltimore with Alex Thomas.
- Counter-UAS ARC meetings are still underway.
- ODAV provided feedback to NASAO on Advanced Air Mobility.
- Initial discussions held on planning for Advanced Air Mobility.
- ODAV bringing back UAS Task Group and adding Advanced Air Mobility.

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ADMINISTRATION

- Both WSDOT and ODAV participated in presentation by VirTower. They offer a service that could potentially assist with aircraft registration as well as provide traffic counts at airports.
- Meeting with legislators in district during airport visits.
- With full complement of managers, looking at reviewing programs and areas of responsibility.
- Continuing meetings with stakeholders.

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UPCOMING

- Rulemaking around Vertiports language.
- VPD Rule
- Regulatory review- KPMs, what is working and what is not.

COAR Program Update

- ODAV to begin rulemaking process for OAR 738-124 Aviation System Action Program Fund.

- Rulemaking specifically to address OAR 738-124-045 (3)(b) which states only Project costs incurred on or after the effective date of the Agreement are eligible for grant funds - amend rule to create an exception for Priority 1 grants only.
  - Exception needed in case of unanticipated delay in executing COAR agreement. Sponsor does not have to delay project work, can still receive reimbursement for normally eligible costs incurred prior to executing agreement
  - Request must still meet standard reimbursement requirements, which includes submitting FAA reimbursement documentation for verification alongside COAR reimbursement request

- Review all of OAR 738-124 to make any necessary administrative or clarifying changes

- Present draft of rule changes at October board meeting

QUESTIONS?