

ConnectOregon III Rural Airports

Basics

New Acronym: *ConnectOregon III Rural Airports (CORA)*

- All project applications should be prioritized. When prioritizing, consideration shall be given to the need to provide matching funds to projects receiving federal grants through the end of the 2009-11 biennium.
- Highest priority projects shall be Rural Airport projects that receive federal grants on or after July 1, 2009 and prior to July 1, 2011, where the applications are for matching funds to the federal grants and that have been completed or are under construction. This doesn't necessarily preclude FAA grants awarded prior to July 2009. Only that those applications will receive a lower priority.
- Board **may** establish a second round of applications for CORA projects if all of the available funds are not committed during the first round of selections.
- Board is to provide the Commission with a Rural Airports Recommendation Report of projects to be funded in priority order.
- OTC will consider the Board's recommendations but ultimately will be responsible for the final decision.
- ODOT has requested up to \$250,000 to administer the CORA grants once they are awarded, reducing the total available funds to \$4,750,000.

Specifics

Burns

Burns submitted four applications to CORA. Three relate to primary runway rehab. One is a CO III application requesting 80% funding with a 20% match for a fire suppression system. There is no federal grant for this project and as such it has been given a lower priority.

Baker City

Baker City submitted the identical application to both CO III and CORA, as well as an application for match for the federal grant for the same project. They have written a letter requesting withdrawal of the CORA application in the event that the CO III application is funded.

Aurora and Madras

Each has submitted applications under both CO III and CORA for the same projects. Each will be requested to withdraw their CORA applications should the CO III applications be funded.

Klamath Falls

Four of their six applications were deemed ineligible as they appeared to be FAA grant amendments funding cost overruns. CO III policy is not to fund overruns. A protest letter from Klamath Falls was received on June 22.