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ODAV Board Members,

Friends of Pacific City State Airport thanks ODAV staff for their partnership and persistence as they submitted a land use application to Tillamook County for airport drainage system repairs and airplane parking expansion. The land use application process was made much more complicated with the imminent FEMA rule changes that will affect all development on flood ways. Tillamook County officials approved the land use application October 10, 2025 with conditions. ODAV has two years to complete the proposed work as per County regulations.

We are eager to work with ODAV to secure the necessary funding to repair and improve the State airport. Seasonal flooding is taking a toll on the airport pavement and creates a safety hazard as the broken drainage system impacts flood water levels for an adjacent public road.

We also want to comment on the Administrative Rule changes specific to the SOAR grant funds. We want to see a process that recognizes and supports Public/Private partnerships that form to support the State airports that do NOT qualify for federal funding. **We believe that SOAR funds should be prioritized for the State airports that don't qualify for NPIA funds and which lack sufficient revenue generating opportunities to sustain them.**

Our personal experience with SOAR Funds:
The ODAV Board, during 2020 SOAR funding Round 3, pledged $430,000 for Pacific City State Airport (KPFC) repairs and improvements. Five years later, the funding still has not

been fully disbursed. ODAV instead approved and focused on SOAR Round 4 and 5 projects as priorities. We expressed our concerns with funding priorities for the agency but the issue was not resolved in a timely manner. Our nonprofit organization engaged the assistance of County and Legislative officials to request that the ODAV pledged funding be released immediately in light of FEMA rule changes which could prevent or seriously impact airport maintenance projects in the future.

ODAV Staff has this year indicated that they will not solicit any new SOAR project applications until they return to Round 3 projects for completion.

My personal suggestion is that ODAV staff be allowed to solicit and recommend SOAR funded projects for ODAV Board approval, and that they commit those funds to non-NPIA funded airports. An additional requirement for the SOAR funding process would be the creation of a State Airport advisory committee made up of local pilot/community representatives of every non-NPIA funded State Airport. These local communities and their pilots should have a greater say in how SOAR funds are released and prioritized.

All pending and unresolved SOAR projects should be finished up before any new SOAR projects should be requested.

Thank you for the ability to comment on proposed OAR changes that affect SOAR funding for the smaller rural airports.

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