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## Public Comment

I respectfully request that the Oregon Department of Transportation fully fund and support the ongoing repair and maintenance of the Pacific City Airport, KPFC.

As with many small town airports, KPFC brings investment to the community in terms of tourism, ownership, and investment. The airport has factored in many decisions to call Pacific City home, either primary or secondary, to make it a stop for a lunch at a local restaurant or a longer weekend stay, or as a home for a business. The airport is built and functional, all that's needed from ODOT is the help and support to keep it in good working order and free of overly-restrictive regulation.

Once the airport is allowed to fall in to disrepair or sold, it'll be gone forever. A modest investment now will keep the airport alive and in the public domain for years to come.

I write this as a private pilot based in Sisters, Oregon. I like to visit the coast, and in particular, Pacific City, traveling by airplane. KPFC is a simple, welcoming, safe strip and an easy gateway to enjoy everything that the town and coast have to offer. Without the airport I'd visit less frequently, if at all.

My understanding is that the airport is encumbered by a few key factors that you all can help rectify:

- Lack of funding for basic maintenance / repair of the airstrip, especially drainage issues,
- Overbearing setback and building restrictions, and
- Resistance to volunteerism and "sweat equity" investment in the airport by those who treasure it.

Please make the modest investment in the Pacific City airport to ensure it's longevity and vitality.

Kind regards,

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