

Hello, and thank you for allowing me to speak. I'll be brief.

My name is Roy Hansen, and I am addressing the critical importance of Pacific City Airport for emergency services.

I am a lieutenant in the Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District.

I am a firefighter and EMT.

I am also a resident of Pacific City as well as a commercial pilot and flight instructor.

I have first-hand knowledge of the importance of our airport for emergency services, because we use it to land both Life Flight and Coast Guard helicopters.

We do this when our patients have critical conditions that require us to transport them to hospitals that have the resources necessary to deal with the patient's condition.

These are conditions such as traumatic injuries, serious illness, stroke, and burn victims, to name but a few.

This usually means hospitals in the Willamette valley, such as those in Portland.

PC airport is the absolute best place in the Pacific City area for landing helicopters, where we can quickly transfer our patients from our rescue vehicles, or from the local ambulances, to the helicopter.

In addition to our daily types of calls for Life Flight, the airport also has strategic importance for all types of rescue flights in the event of a natural disaster.

As you are probably aware, in the event of a major earthquake and tsunami, it's expected that all of our bridges and roads will be compromised, and in the immediate aftermath the airport will likely be the only link for evacuating people in distress and bringing in supplies.

Currently to gain access to the airport with our emergency vehicles, we are required to cross private property. My understanding is that some of the funds you are discussing had been planned for building a dedicated access road to the airport. This would be a much-needed improvement, and would help us to give the best, life-saving, service for our patients.

The central location of the airport makes it ideal for our daily emergency calls requiring Life

Flight, but the same is true for all other types of emergency access.

Thank you for listening.