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Public Comment Topic	Support for continued funding and maintenance for Pacific City State Airport

Public Comment

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Oregon State Aviation Board
c/o Oregon Department of Aviation
3040 25th Street SE
Salem, OR 97302

RE: Pacific City State Airport (PFC) / Oregon State Airport System
My name is Karen Matthews and as the Treasurer of the non-profit organization, Friend of Pacific City State Airport. I am writing this letter to the Oregon State Aviation Board to support the intended use of SOAR (state owned airports reserve) funds designated for KPFC rather than diverting State funds away from their legislative purpose, which is to assist nonNPIAS State airports, to instead cover agency administrative budget deficits. During the April 2026 Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV) Board meeting there was unanimous support to dedicate more than \$1.5 million dollars to repair the damaged drainage system in Pacific City. The money would also fund the expansion of the parking apron and the addition of a road to permit public access for emergency vehicles.

The proposed drainage improvements, apron expansion, and emergency access road are important infrastructure investments that advance airport safety, operational resiliency, emergency preparedness, and the long-term public value of this important state asset. These improvements were previously identified as priorities and, I believe, continue to represent prudent investments in the future of both Pacific City State Airport and the community it serves.

Many pilots enjoy and rely upon KPFC. During my flight training it was one of the airports I frequented and valued. The airport plays a vital role in Pacific City and the Oregon Coast network of airports.

I also am advocating that this popular airport stays in Oregon State ownership. As a volunteer for the Friends of the Pacific City State Airport both as the Board Treasurer and in other roles, I, along with many others, have helped maintain and improve the airport. I believe the airport is important to the Pacific City community for safety and emergency services, for business purposes, and for recreation. The nonprofit "Friends of Pacific City State Airport" (FOPCSA) is working hard to keep this airport in public ownership and in good condition.

I support the Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association's requests that the Board:

- Move forward with the previously approved funding package for Pacific City State Airport.
- Continue efforts to protect the long-term viability of PFC through compatible land use planning and community engagement.
- Strengthen stakeholder outreach, communication, and

partnership opportunities across Oregon's state airport system.
Sincerely,

Karen Matthews

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