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Members of the Oregon State Aviation Board,

I am writing to express my support for retaining the SOAR funding previously approved for improvements at Pacific City State Airport.

I am an Oregon pilot, owner of multiple general aviation aircraft, and an active user of Pacific City State Airport as well as Oregon's broader network of state-owned and public-use airports. From that perspective, I believe airports like Pacific City are an important part of Oregon's aviation infrastructure.

Pacific City provides useful general aviation access to the Oregon coast and is exactly the type of airport that makes the statewide system valuable to aircraft owners and pilots. I have personally used the airport and would like to continue seeing it maintained and improved for future use.

The planned drainage improvements, emergency access, and aircraft parking improvements are practical investments in the continued usability and condition of the airport. I also understand that changes to floodplain requirements expected in 2027 may make this type of work more complicated and expensive to complete in the future, which makes moving forward with the current project particularly worthwhile.

I understand that ODAV has concerns regarding encroachment and land-use issues surrounding the airport. Those concerns deserve appropriate attention, but I hope they can be addressed separately without delaying needed improvements to the airport itself.

As an aircraft owner and pilot who actually uses Oregon's airport system, I support continuing the SOAR funding for Pacific City State Airport and allowing the planned project to move forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chad McDowell
Oregon Pilot and Aircraft Owner