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I am Nok Ayala Xu. I live in Keizer, in Marion County. I am deaf, so I am commenting in writing — please reply in writing.

I oppose the part of the Aurora State Airport master plan that moves Highway 551 about 80 feet west and removes at least four homes. A highway does not need to go through people's houses so an airport can grow. The people in those homes did not draw this plan, and they should not pay for it with the roofs over their heads.

I am also against how this was done. The governments of Aurora, Wilsonville, Clackamas County, and Marion County have said this plan does not fit their own comprehensive plans. Nearly a million dollars in federal money was spent just creating this plan, and the state still has not said what the improvements themselves will cost. That is backwards: the paper got funded and the people got a deadline.

Life Flight Network, which flies medical emergencies out of that airport, has asked for this process to pause because its own concerns are not resolved. If the emergency service headquartered there is not settled, the board should not adopt this on December 3.

My asks: (1) Remove the Highway 551 move and the home removals from the plan. (2) Do not adopt any part that the four local governments have found incompatible with their plans until that is resolved in the open. (3) Put the full cost of the improvements in writing, in public, before any vote. (4) Audit how the planning money was spent, line by line, and punish those who misused the funds. The public should not have to pay for this waste twice — once for the plan and again for the damage it would do.

Thank you for reading my comment.

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