

Veliz, Kim

From: Jill Smith <jillsmith@yoyodyne.com>
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 10:24 PM
To: Mayor; scottstar97070@gmail.com; Councilor Kristin Akervall; Councilor Charlotte Lehan; Councilor Susie Stevens; City Recorder
Subject: Aurora State Airport Runway Extension
Attachments: Letter regarding UAO Rwy.pdf

Attached is my letter regarding the Aurora State Airport Runway extension.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Very Sincerely,

Jill D Smith
Chief Pilot

Monday November 26, 2018

Mayor Tim Knapp
Wilsonville City Council Members
29799 SW Town Center Loop E
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Regarding Improving the Aurora State Airport

Dear Mayor Knapp and Council Members,

I am writing in regard to your consideration of adding 1000' of runway at the Aurora State Airport. My name is Jill Smith and I am Chief Pilot for David Kashtan. Mr Kashtan owns a business aircraft based at the Aurora State Airport.

Adding the 1000' to the runway at the Aurora airport would greatly improve the airports safety and efficiency. As a flight instructor and a corporate pilot, I understand the need for all aircraft to work together. Since Aurora only has the one runway, the easiest option to increase the safety there is to extend that runway. Having a longer runway means better safety margins for all operations. Since it's already over the existing flight path, the noise impact would be minimal. This action would not be enough to bring in such equipment that would adversely effect the area but only enhance it. It would allow better, safer planning and approaches to the runway for all aircraft flying in and out of the area.

The Aurora State Airport is also vital to the economy in the Wilsonville, Canby and Aurora areas. I have many pilot friends from out of the area that utilize area businesses on and off the airport on a weekly if not daily basis when they fly in. The businesses at the airport and surrounding areas can only benefit from extending the runway as this will make the airport safer, and it turn making it more versatile.

I was previously based at an airport that was the only airport in the county at the time of an earthquake. The airport where I was based was vital for the emergency personnel that needed to get to the area and also at other times for fire fighters and other types of emergency personnel. Extending the runway at Aurora also would help put the airport in a better position to help the area residents in times of crisis. It would help by allowing a better selection and amount of equipment to be brought in for any natural or manmade disasters that should arise.

I urge you to consider these enhancements to better improve our community. I deeply appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Best Regards,



Jill D Smith
Chief Pilot

Veliz, Kim

From: Ottenad, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 10:35 AM
To: Veliz, Kim
Subject: FW: Aurora State Airport Runway Extension

For last email I believe.

From: Mayor Tim Knapp
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 10:05 AM
To: Jill Smith <jillsmith@yoyodyne.com>
Cc: Ottenad, Mark <ottenad@ci.wilsonville.or.us>
Subject: Re: Aurora State Airport Runway Extension

OK, got it. Thx / TK

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 27, 2018, at 9:54 AM, Jill Smith <jillsmith@yoyodyne.com> wrote:

Mayor Knapp,

I'm sorry about that! Here you go.

The address for me and David Kashtan's business correspondence is:
2021 SW Main St
Portland OR 97205

There is no physical business address other than the hangar at Aurora State Airport so my address is used.

Thank you so much.

All the Best,
Jill

On Nov 27, 2018, at 9:37 AM, Mayor Tim Knapp <knapp@ci.wilsonville.or.us> wrote:

Hi Ms. Smith- Thanks for your letter. Would you please advise your residence address, and the name and address for Mr. Kashtan's business, so we may fully include your letter as part of the public record? Thx / Tim Knapp, Mayor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone