

Veliz, Kim

From: Julie Fitzgerald <julieafitzgerald@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 2, 2018 11:36 PM
To: City Recorder
Subject: Copy of my testimony notes

11/27/18

To: Mayor Knapp and Wilsonville City Council:

My name is Julie Fitzgerald and I served on the Wilsonville City Council from 2012 to 2016. Thank you for holding this hearing. I have heard a lot of people talking about the Aurora Airport plans for expansion, and I think there is a lot to learn. I plan to listen and learn as much as I can.

Like I imagine everyone in this room, I believe in good government. I have three areas of concern regarding the proposed expansion of the Aurora State Airport that need to be addressed before a project of this scale can proceed.

1) **Municipal governance of the Aurora Airport** is necessary for this scale of expansion and development to occur. That will require annexation into a city before any further urbanization. The region has multiple examples of not annexing before development happens and then trying to 'catch-up' after the fact with urban-level service needs outside of cities. This has never worked out well. It is ultimately an expensive path to follow for either the county or a future city to try to correct deficiencies for sewer, water, stormwater, roads, fire, and other services without the help of system development charges commonly paid by every other municipal developer.

2) **Conduct a full Environmental Impact Statement and Alternatives Analysis** before proceeding, and mitigate as recommended any issues that are identified. It is a rigorous, methodical process that will help to anticipate, avoid, and mitigate any adverse impacts on the human and natural environment of the area.

3) **Fix I-5 at the Boone Bridge.** The South Metro area's regional transportation system is at-capacity, and urban development south of the Boone Bridge would only make this worse. The congestion study by ODOT and Wilsonville was completed earlier this year and now the seismic retrofit of the Boone Bridge and addition of the I-5 southbound auxiliary lane are in the state's project queue. Elected officials can and should be in Salem at every opportunity to advocate for advancing this regionally-vital project to a higher priority. Further urbanization south of the Boone Bridge should not occur ahead of this fix.

These three critical items need to be implemented before any proposed expansion of this scale at the Aurora Airport is allowed to move forward.

Thank you.

Julie Fitzgerald

29245 SW Charlotte Lane

Wilsonville, OR 97070

--

Julie Fitzgerald