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Tony Holt, Vice President
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Dear Mr. Holt:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding French Prairie, Arndt Road, and the Aurora State Airport. As you noted, Clackamas County is engaged in several conversations regarding these areas, most of which are focused on addressing the needs that accompany economic and population growth, both present and potential, for these and surrounding regions.

Regarding the French Prairie Rural Reserve, Clackamas County presently has no plan to seek a legislative or legal change to the rural reserves designation south of the Willamette River, including the Exit 282 area. This was a unanimous decision of the Board of County Commissioners at a policy session on December 3, 2014.

We understand and recognize the importance of preserving the County's high quality agricultural lands such as those located in the French Prairie area. To this end, *Performance Clackamas*, the County's newly adopted Strategic Plan, sets a goal of achieving a five percent annual increase in Gross Domestic Product from agricultural lands in Clackamas County by 2020. In support of this goal, the County's existing Agricultural Investment Plan provides a blueprint to help guide our efforts in creating new emergent markets for the County's agricultural base.

Concerning Arndt Road, Clackamas County has long supported the need to improve the connection between I-5 and Canby. In 2004, Clackamas County received approval to extend Arndt Road from its terminus at Barlow Road to Hwy 99 near Canby Ford. Presently, the County Transportation System Plan (TSP) identifies the need to: "Conduct an alternatives analysis and land use study to identify and consider roadway improvements to address access to I-5 within the southwest portion of the county and address capacity deficiencies." There are no current plans to add an additional exit to I-5. As you indicated, the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration would need to be engaged in any process or study considering that option. To your question about the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Arndt Road does not exist within the Metro boundary and therefore would not be subject to the RTP.

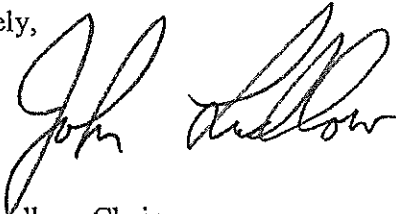
Finally, you are correct that Clackamas County is not a signatory on the most recent IGA established by the Aurora State Airport. The two development improvements to the airport you mention, water provision by the City of Aurora and extension work to one of the runways, are

land use matters that fall outside the jurisdiction of Clackamas County. As the third busiest airport in Oregon, Aurora State Airport is an economic growth indicator for the region. Even though the airport is not situated within Clackamas County, they have been a good neighbor and a valuable resource to Clackamas County businesses and residents.

We appreciate your feedback and encourage your organization to continue engaging with our County Commission on issues of interest and concern. Agendas for all County business meetings, planning meetings, and policy sessions are posted on the County website.

Thank you again for your interest in and attention to the efforts of Clackamas County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ludlow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "L".

John Ludlow, Chair

On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners