

Oregon Aviation Board Meeting Agenda

Date: August 19, 2010

Location: Teleconference

Dial in: (866) 244-8528

Participant code: 576475

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Presenting Agenda: Board Chair, Mark Gardiner and Director of Aviation

<u>BOARD INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS #</u>	Type	Start	End	Item	Lead(s)
1	Action	2:00	2:30	Executive Session	Gardiner
2	Info	2:30	2:40	Call to order & introductions	Gardiner
3	Action	2:40	2:45	Approval of minutes from last board meeting	Gardiner
4	Info	2:45	3:00	Public comments – Limited to 2 minutes per speaker	Gardiner
5	Action	3:00	3:45	Budget Report (Board input and approval)	Wilfong
6	Action	3:45	4:00	Aurora Tower discussion	Hedlund

REPORT by Mark Ottenad, Public/Government Affairs Director, City of Wilsonville.

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Members of the ODA Board and ODA staff attended, as did members of public Ted Millar (Aurora Jet Center at Aurora State Airport) and myself.

Chair Gardner modified the agenda to move item 4) public comment up before item 3, since I had identified myself.

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chair invited me to offer City comments pertaining to the COIII App for the Aurora Airport Tower. I provided a condensed version of our testimony, noting both City and County favor safety, but have concerns over issues pertaining to potential land-use and surface transportation impacts and mitigation strategies of increased activity at the airport induced by a new tower. And that the County and City sought a forum such as the IGA for planning prior to construction of tower.

The Chair responded that the Airport master planning PAC provided the avenue for participation by City and County. I countered that the ODA staff said that the master planning process would Not address nearby land-use and surface transportation impacts, which were the subject of concern to city and county. Mitch Swickart, Aurora Airport manager, said that ODA did not have jurisdiction to do planning for other jurisdictions. I agreed that City and County did not want ODA to do planning for us; rather, we were looking for a multi-jurisdictional forum to conduct joint discussions and planning.

Vice-Chair Chris Corich of the Port of Portland said that general aviation airports do not generate much traffic, according to the international traffic engineers manual, and that it was laughable to think that there

was any impact on I-5 due to traffic generated by the Aurora Airport. I said that while that may generally be the case, area jurisdictions would like a site-specific study; e.g., if there are 1000 employees at the Aurora Airport, that there are at least 2,000 trips per day, and more with deliveries of supplies, etc. And that the ODA predicts an increase in activity at the airport with an installation of a tower, and so there would be more trips than currently.

Ted Millar said that he was listening but had no comments.

AGENDA ITEM: AURORA TOWER DISCUSSION

Director Hedlund said that ODA had no actual cost estimate for air traffic control tower at Aurora. ODA does not know if the COIII funds of \$2.6M is sufficient or not for building the tower. He said that ODA would have to design to the amount of funds available from COIII or seek additional funds.

Aviation Planner Chris Cummings said the FAA agreed to let ODA use any amount of future entitlement funds, known as the Aurora AIP (Airport Improvement Program), to be used for tower construction. HOWEVER, he said that FAA said that ODA can No longer continue to “take funds from other airports” to be used at Aurora. The ODA has borrowed or taken FAA funds designated for other airports and used those funds for Aurora on too many occasions in the past. “The FAA thinks we are already spending too much on Aurora.”

Director Hedlund said that ODA “has 180 days to sign the IGA, assuming that funds are available.” The nature of this IGA was not discussed; however, I understood it to mean an IGA with the FAA for construction of the control tower.

The Board then passed a motion to approve designing the tower to budget and to use future Aurora AIP entitlement funds as needed for tower construction.

Next ODA meeting is tentatively 9/23 at PDX.