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**Return Receipt Requested**

Betty Stansbury, Director  
Oregon Department of Aviation  
3040 25<sup>th</sup> Street SE  
Salem OR 97302-1125

**RE: Aurora State Airport Master Plan Process**

Dear Ms. Stansbury:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Director of the Oregon Department of Aviation. The City of Wilsonville looks forward to establishing a cooperative and congenial working relationship with you, with open lines of communication.

As you are aware, the City of Wilsonville has had serious concerns about the lack of a meaningful public process in past Aurora State Airport Master Planning processes. We understand that, to date, the latest 2012 version of the Aurora State Airport Master Plan has not been legally adopted by the Aviation Board. Therefore, we now have the time and opportunity to rectify that situation and improve relationships. To that end, when the Airport Master Planning process gets back on track, Wilsonville renews its long-standing request that both Wilsonville and Clackamas County be included meaningfully in that process.

Under both the previously binding ODOT State Agency Coordination Program and the more recently adopted program, Wilsonville is both an impacted and interested party with respect to future Aurora State Airport Master Planning and the potential expansion of a runway to accommodate larger aircraft and ancillary development of adjacent farmland. Wilsonville city limits are in close proximity to the Airport and the numerous residents of one of our largest and oldest communities, Charbonneau, are significantly impacted by Airport operations. Additionally, the roads in and out of Charbonneau and the I-5 on- and off-ramps are over capacity and, thus, of serious concern to both the City and the County.

Substantial changes have been made to the draft Aurora State Airport Master Plan since the public process closed in 2012. For whatever reason, however, Wilsonville and Clackamas County were effectively excluded from that process in the past. That being said, when the Master Plan process is reopened, we are confident that under your leadership the ODA will

seek participation and input from Wilsonville and Clackamas County. It is always better to work cooperatively up front in order to avoid taking adversarial positions late in the process.

In the meantime, we hereby request that Wilsonville be notified of all agenda items and pending actions by the ODA or the ODA Board relating to the Aurora State Airport or any master plan. After the 2019 legislative session concludes, we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you personally and discuss ideas to best improve collaborative relationships going forward. I understand you have already had a good conversation with City public-affairs consultant Greg Leo, and we would like to continue that dialogue. May I contact you to arrange for a meeting time and place so we can get better acquainted and discuss matters of mutual importance and concern?

Sincerely,



Bryan Cosgrove, City Manager  
City of Wilsonville