



City of Aurora Wins Airport Ruling (Again)

“The Court has considered the petition for review and orders that it be denied.”

With those 14 words, the Oregon Supreme Court has affirmed the June decision of the Oregon Court of Appeals granting the City of Aurora a sweeping victory in its appeal of the Aurora Airport’s Master Plan.

The expedited ruling came in just six weeks compared to the customary six months.

The master plan was previously approved without a full land use review by the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA), and now goes back to LUBA with instructions from the Court of Appeals.

“LUBA caused this round-trip journey by claiming it lacked jurisdiction,” said City of Aurora Mayor Brian Asher. “But the speed and clarity of the Supreme Court decision are an unmistakable message that the old way of doing things no longer works.”

Asher noted that the actions of the Aurora Airport are finally being judged through a land use lens. “It is time to recognize that the airport should annex into the City, and be connected to a public wastewater system, which is what Oregon's land use system requires.”

A copy of the Supreme Court decision can be found [here](#).