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**Subject:** FW: Airport expansion comment

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From: Steve Bakke [mailto:sbakke190@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 3:03 PM  
To: City Recorder <cityrecorder@ci.wilsonville.or.us>  
Subject: Airport expansion comment

I am a 14 year resident of Wilsonville. I live in the Arbor Crossings subdivision. I have been employed most of that time as a corporate jet pilot flying out of the Aurora airport. As a pilot and a resident I cannot imagine why you would object to this expansion. The longer runway will make operations safer for existing users. It will also make Wilsonville more attractive to the many companies that operate corporate jets. Having more runway does not mean that bigger jets will be landing at Aurora. There is not room to park any bigger jets than are already using Aurora. There might be a few more jets coming in but those numbers would be insignificant. The modern civil jet is very quiet because many airports have severe noise restrictions. The jets landing at Aurora from over Wilsonville, landing South, make very little noise. I frequently don't even notice them. The traffic on Boeckman Road is far noisier. For as long as I can remember, jets taking off from Aurora to the North, have been turning to avoid flying over Charboneau and Wilsonville. So takeoff noise is not a factor. Lastly I doubt the community of Wilsonville realizes how many hundreds of people are employed at the Aurora Airport. An investment in the Aurora Airport will definitely have a positive economic impact on Wilsonville.

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