

Aurora Airport Meeting

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Wilsonville City Hall

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I'll be brief. I have four points in opposition to the runway extension at Aurora Airport. We will be, by far, the most affected community if this poorly thought out project is approved.

1. We have over 4.5 hours of daily congestion on the Boone Bridge backing up traffic to I-205 when speed drops to below 25 miles per hour. One of the main reasons for this is we have an average of 129,000 vehicles per day pass this area. Because we have just 4% less traffic than the river crossing between Portland and Vancouver the lane changing and weaving in and out have caused 148 accidents over a recent 4 year period. It's worse now. Imagine the impact of extended use of the Aurora airport on this transportation corridor. Salem is four minutes away by air and they **want the extra use.**
2. Health and wellbeing are important part of our livability. I'm not going to go into the health issues regarding the exhaust from regular aviation fuel that still contains lead. This is already poisoning our environment in Charbonneau by raining toxic waste on our seniors, our pets, our garden

like community, and those with lung or breathing issues. It is no secret that even low levels of lead affect children's health and airports are still the major source of lead pollution. Jet fuel exhaust can be even more toxic. Sulfur in jet fuel exhaust is a major killer. Indeed the findings may someday influence U.S. policy, according to Lourdes Maurice, the U.S. [Federal Aviation Administration](#)'s chief scientific and technical adviser for environment.

3. Infrastructure for the airport isn't adequate now. What will happen when use is extended for more passengers and freight? There are just four cesspools for the whole airport currently. What about water and other necessities?
4. I believe the worst thing about the airport extension is that in order to extend the runway a thousand feet you clearly need a taxi way. A taxi way will use EFU (Exclusive Farm Use Land) and Rural Reserves. The Rural Reserves have a fifty year window before they can be considered by the public for other uses. Imagine what happens with the first crack in our hard fought battle against moneyed interests attempted encroachment on EFU Land or Rural Reserves. A stampede of exception requests? The only benefit of extending the airport is the bottom line of few business owners.

Finally, I've always learned to try to argue the other persons point of view when working on a decision. I use a pro and con techniques you all might be familiar with. I listed all the cons above. For the first time I can remember, I was not able to find a single reason this extension should move forward.

Respectfully,

Wayne Richards