

CITY OF SALEM

585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301

Meeting Agenda City Council

Monday, August 18, 2025

6:00 PM

Loucks Auditorium / Salem Public Library

City Council Work Session - Air Service Update

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1. OPENING EXERCISES:

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

1.1 APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1.2 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE **AGENDA**

2. DISCUSSION: Air Service Update

2.a. 25-302 Future of Commercial Air Service at Salem - Willamette Valley

Airport and Update on Airport Plans, Projects, and Development.

Ward(s): Ward 2 Councilor(s): Nishioka

Neighborhood(s): SEMCA, SESNA

Result Area(s): Strong and Diverse Economy.

Recommendation:

Information only.

Summary:

As part of a broader corporate realignment across the western

United States, Avelo Airlines ceased operating commercial passenger flights out of Salem-Willamette Valley Airport on August 10, 2025. Avelo had served as Salem's only carrier since October 3, 2023, operating 820 flights and carrying about 90,000 passengers to and from Burbank, California, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Santa Rosa, California. In its first 19 months, the service generated an estimated \$32.5 million in new visitor spending. Recruiting a new airline will likely require financial incentives from community partners to help underwrite an airline's revenues during its initial operational period.

This report also provides an update on several ongoing and planned airport initiatives, including plans, studies, projects and hangar developments scheduled over the next several years.

Attachments: Public Comments received by August 13, 2025

MEMORANDUM regarding use of TOT for airline service

Salem TOT revenue analysis memo 8.15.25 (00961129xB8084)

Additional Comments Received by 7am 08-18-2025

Additional Comments Received by 3:30 pm 8-18-2025

Additional Comments Received by 5pm 8-18-2025

Add - Written Testimony Add - 2 Memoranda

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