

# Salem Airport Advisory Commission

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City of Salem Mayor and Council  
555 Liberty Street SE, Room 220  
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Dear Mayor Bennett and City Councilors:

During its meeting of October 27, 2021, the Salem Airport Advisory Commission passed the following motion:

“The Airport Advisory Commission hereby restates its support for the community-based commercial air service recruitment efforts and recommends that the Salem City Council support efforts to return scheduled air service to Salem’s McNary Field.”

Such support should acknowledge that the effort has been ongoing for nearly four years and has broad community support, both within the City of Salem and throughout the mid-Willamette Valley; that it benefits Salem’s efforts to promote tourism and visitation; that it benefits Salem’s efforts in economic development; that connectivity to air service at McNary Field will reduce traffic on our roadways and have a net positive effect on local carbon emissions; and that as the state Capital, the City of Salem and the surrounding region should be served by regularly scheduled air service for its citizens and visitors alike.

The Airport Advisory Commission recommends to the Salem City Council that it continue to support federal and state grant opportunities seeking funding to support the community in their effort to recruit commercial air service, including the next round of Small Community Air Service Development grants offered by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this motion and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



John Foley  
Chair, Salem Airport Advisory Commission

Cc: Kristin Retherford, Director, Urban Development  
John Paskell, Salem Airport Manager  
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