

From: [Tony Lawrence](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Airport Expansion
Date: Monday, January 9, 2023 3:02:58 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose the "speculative" airport expansion.

Not only do I live in the flight path (Englewood Forest), which is already too noisy, I don't believe the taxpayers of this city should have to pay for an airport expansion that the majority of citizens will never use.

There is a much greater need AND wider public desire to have our tax dollars address other things - like the homeless situation. I am asking you to put the City's needs before a speculative venture that is costly, unknown and has failed at least twice before.

Thank you for your consideration.

Antonia Lawrence

From: [Greg Kornspan](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Fwd: We need your attention
Date: Monday, January 9, 2023 3:21:41 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Greg Kornspan <gregkornspan@comcast.net>
Date: January 9, 2023 at 12:37:52 PM PST
To: citycouncil@cityofsalem.net
Subject: **We need your attention**

We need airport service in Salem now. It's crazy I have to go to PDX to travel. Salem is the State capital and it's embarrassing that we don't have an airport service. Please consider granting this. , Greg Kornspan

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jim Bauer](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Cc: [Chris Hoy](#); [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Testimony for 1/09/2023 City Council Meeting
Date: Monday, January 9, 2023 3:22:36 PM

Dear Salem City Council and Mayor Hoy,

Please accept this note as my testimony of support for adding new financial resources to rejuvenate and operate the Salem Airport. There is substantial community involvement over the last 6 years to get this project to the place that it requires your good judgement and attention.

Resources are scarce. For this reason, it is difficult to decide on the priority of applying funding to need. In this situation, I suggest that using the collected resources on behalf of our community toward investment in the airport, is a sound decision, worthy of praise. Your investment of these resources will serve as a generator for greater economic activity. The investment activity will be a needed catalyst for attracting new businesses and more clients to already existing businesses. The more there is economic growth, the more tax revenue support is available across the economic spectrum.

Locally accessible air transportation will be built by citizens engaging in the available transportation business model. It is a consumer responsibility to make choices about how they choose to receive services. Our renewed airport won't serve everyone's needs. However, it will serve and provide and grow, and change our community in a positive way. However, there is no way that citizens can have the choices and the opportunity, without a municipality like Salem taking responsibility for making investment in infrastructure and support.

I write to encourage you to invest in moving Salem forward. In doing so, you are enabling your community make the choices that create the most useful and affordable air transportation for the Salem area. You are a new group, elected to invest in ideas and enable a vision for Salem. Please take this moment to include the vision of many others who have worked diligently to bring this choice before you, and please place your vote to invest in the airport.

Best regards,

Jim Bauer
[1866 Merritt Street S Salem,](#)
[Oregon 97302](#)

Please excuse any errors. This is a mobile device. In this mobile device a very independent spell checker exercises a persistent desire to substitute words that surprise the reader.

From: [Katie Costic](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: FW: Yes to Air Service in Salem
Date: Monday, January 9, 2023 4:14:07 PM

Please refer to the original email message sent to Salem City Council in the thread below. This is in response to a current agenda item for tonight's meeting:

"Salem City Council,

I humbly request that you please vote in support of bringing commercial air service back to Salem. This has incredible potential for economic development in our region, grants our community members access to more convenient travel accommodations, and will be an area of focus for expansion and growth that will add to the success of our capitol city. Please do not let this opportunity pass us by. I have seen the work that has gone into getting us to this point in time and the incredible efforts that have gathered the information being presented to you this evening. It is worth it and the funds are well spent towards progress.

Thank you,

Katie Costic
Marketing Director

AC + Co Architecture | Community"

From: Tami Carpenter <Tcarpenter@cityofsalem.net>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 4:10 PM
To: Katie Costic <kcostic@accoac.com>
Subject: RE: Yes to Air Service in Salem

****AUTOMATED RESPONSE****

Thank you for your email to the City of Salem, we appreciate you reaching out to us. This confirms your email has been delivered to the City Council.

If you are commenting on a City Council / Urban Renewal / Salem Housing Authority current agenda item would you please send your comments to CityRecorder@cityofsalem.net.

If your email requires a response please know it has been forwarded to the appropriate department and staff will be contacting you.

Thank you.

Tami Carpenter

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From: Katie Costic <kcostic@accoac.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 3:20 PM
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Yes to Air Service in Salem
Importance: High

Salem City Council,

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Thank you,

Katie Costic
Marketing Director

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From: [Laurie Dougherty](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Comment 1-9-23 City Council Meeting Agenda Item 5.b.
Date: Monday, January 9, 2023 3:16:27 PM

Comment for January 9, 2023, City Council Meeting Agenda Item 5.b. 23-15 Transfer of funds in 2023 Budget for airport-related costs.

Mayor Hoy and Members of the City Council, my name is Laurie Dougherty. I live in Ward 1. I am a Co-Coordinator of 350 Salem OR and in full support of comments submitted by Co-Coordinator Phil Carver. I want to make a few remarks of my own.

For Salem to subsidize commercial air service at McNary Field is expensive, unnecessary, and in contradiction to Salem's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Air travel has the highest emissions per capita of any form of travel. For the benefit of a small number of travelers, the proposal would take millions of dollars from programs that are much more urgent and worthy of city funds.

By far most air travel from Salem will still happen via Portland International Airport. It would be much better for the city to work on improving shuttle service to PDX. At some point it will be possible to use electric vehicles as shuttles. The Salem Climate Action Plan urges large employers to provide incentives for reducing emissions for transportation. Employers can use digital technology to reduce the need for travel. When business travel is necessary, employers can subsidize employees' fares on a shuttle to PDX as a benefit. There are ideas under discussion for commuter rail service and better inter-city bus service in the Willamette Valley. The City of Salem needs to get its priorities straight, to get serious about lowering emissions from transportation, and to get creative about policies and programs that truly serve the needs of our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

From: [Mark wigg](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: comments on airport passenger service
Date: Monday, January 9, 2023 3:33:52 PM
Attachments: [airport.docx](#)

I plan to testify tonight and have attached a written copy of my testimony.

Mark Wigg

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Thank you for your service to our community.

Please do not approve spending millions on this speculative drive to get commercial air service in Salem. The City is being asked to spend millions of general fund dollars to upgrade the airport when we do not have a contract with an airline to provide service. These are general fund dollars that could be spent providing safe places for unsheltered people to live. People are dying on our streets because they are unsheltered and we are proposing to spend millions of dollars so that wealthy people can fly to Salem to taste wine.

The staff report is filled with optimistic projections of benefits and underestimates of costs a bias that is expected from advocates. For example, the staff report says the parking lot will not need to be expanded and will have 75 percent occupancy the first year, i.e. 113 spaces. In the next paragraph, it says we can expect the number of flights per week to increase by 50 percent in the second year and to double by the third year without having to increase the size of parking lot. Doubling the flights will mean we need a parking lot for 226 cars. That would cost millions of additional dollars.

When the City begins negotiations with airlines to obtain service, the airlines are likely demand additional things such as expanding the terminal so passengers don't need to wait in the rain and cold. The strategy for advocates is to get the City hooked on the idea with sunk costs before real negotiations begin.

About 30 percent of Salem residents have never been on a plane, yet they will be asked to subsidize the travel convenience of all the people in the area including residents in Keizer, Stayton, and those wealthy people in mansions just outside city limits. This is not fair. The wineries will benefit but we have only one winery within city limits. The biggest beneficiary will be Brent Dehart who owns the company that will fuel the jets. He is likely to make thousands of dollars a week in additional fuel sales; no wonder he is such a strong advocate.

The City is facing a budget deficit. When was the last time the airport raised fees for leasing space and using the airport and by how much? My friends are facing 14 percent increases in rent for their apartments. We need to stop subsidizing the airport and make it a revenue source. Does the city have a fuel tax for jet fuel? Pilots and plane owners are overwhelmingly rich, white men. They do not need to be subsidized by lower income women and people of color. Have the airport conduct a demographic report on those that use the airport to see how inequitable this is.

From: [Rob Gould](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Fw: Airport funds not needed
Date: Monday, January 9, 2023 2:29:32 PM

From: Rob Gould <rob27@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 2:20 PM
To: citycouncil@cityofsalem.net <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Airport funds not needed

My name is Rob Gould from Ward 7. I participated with a large group against funding airlines in Salem some time ago. All our objections are still valid, as nothing has changed since the last effort. Portland is still too close and the noise and pollution over neighborhoods was detrimental. The city lost a lot of money on the terminal improvements and subsidies, which still sit empty. Any economic gains to Salem are questionable, other than to Brent DeHart's Aviation Fueling business, who is the main backer.

These funds could be spent more wisely on other city improvements.

Please vote against this waste of money.

Thank you.

Rob Gould

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