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**From:** Coralee Clark <coraclark72@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:40 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Cc:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** SCASD grant testimony

Dear Salem City Council:

I request that you not approve a grant application be submitted for commercial air service development in Salem for the following reasons:

- 1) Commercial air service development in Salem will harm our ability to lower our city's greenhouse gas emissions. We want to lower emissions, not add a new source of them. Commercial air service will exacerbate the issue of transportation-caused greenhouse gas emission.
- 2) If Salem had a working Climate Action Plan, it would commit us to a goal to reduce our emissions and fossil fuel use. For example, the City of Eugene has pledged to reduce fossil fuel use throughout the city by 50% from 2010 levels by 2030. The State of Oregon is pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon by 45% below 1990 levels by 2035. Salem's inaction on this account doesn't mean we should resurrect commercial air service. It obviously would not be consistent with an aggressive goal to reduce our emissions.
- 3) Please focus on transportation that is more friendly to the atmosphere. Please put your effort into more City electric vehicles, and enhancing mass transit.

Thank you very much,

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**From:** Daniel Rouslin <drouslin@willamette.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:01 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Air service to Salem

Dear City Council,

I urge the council to learn from history and not pursue a Small Community Air Service Development Grant. Previous attempts to sustain air service in Salem have been short-lived. There simply is not a sustainable market here. Between the Covid 19 pandemic and increasing climate change, our transportation dollars would be much better spent on increasing and improving rail service.

But we have more important fish to fry, namely recovery of our local economy, especially aid to those who have lost work and may not get it back. Please consider prioritising help for those who were most affected by the shutting down of small businesses in Salem.

Thank you.

Daniel Rouslin  
Ward 2



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**From:** Jeanne Collins <traingal2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Cc:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Former airline pilot opposed to Small Community Air Service Development Grant

Dear Salem City Council members,

I was a pilot for Horizon Air for a number of years, and I well remember the history of air service to Salem. At least three airlines have provided brief service to Salem, including United Airlines and Delta Airlines in addition to Horizon. In all three cases, service was initially subsidized, and in all three cases the loads did not support the service once the subsidies ended. I believe that it would be both foolish and irresponsible to use the very limited resources of the city to pursue this course for a fourth time, given that history clearly shows us that it can't work. As philosopher George Santyana said, those who cannot learn from history are destined to repeat it. I urge the council to learn from history and not pursue a Small Community Air Service Development Grant.

Respectfully,  
Jeanne Collins  
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**From:** Jim & Jo <jimjohock@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:38 PM  
**To:** citycouncil; CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Salem air service

I am opposed to any agreement to begin air service to/from Salem, OR. This is a time to recoup our finances and rethink our future plans for city services. I think air service is way down on the list.

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**From:** Katherine Daniels <khdaniels51@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:06 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Cc:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Air Service Development Grant

Dear City Councilors,

I urge you to not authorize the submission of a grant application for commercial air service at Salem's airport. Commercial air service in Salem in the past has not been shown to be self-supporting once subsidies have ended, and there is even less reason now to think that commercial service could be sustainable. Nor could Salem afford to subsidize such service itself on top of its other many service obligations. Beyond this, there is no compelling reason for Salem to provide commercial air service, when the Portland International Airport is a little over an hour away. Finally, growing greenhouse gas emissions should be of concern to the Council, with a goal set to decrease, not increase potential new sources of emissions.

Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Laurie Dougherty <lauriedougherty@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:02 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Cc:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Opposing commercial air service in Salem

To Mayor Bennett and Salem City Council:

I am opposed to Salem applying for a Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) Grant. Salem has started along the path of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Encouraging more air traffic in Salem violates that goal. Even though city funds will not be used, the City of Salem will be an enabler of increased air traffic and emissions.

The minimum revenue guarantee specified in the term of the grant is a blatant subsidy to the airline industry and by extension to the fossil fuel industry. This misuse of funds from whatever level of government needs to stop.

Spend your time seeking funds for affordable housing, public transit, and safe infrastructure for walking and bicycling.

I notice that this request is linked to Ward 2. I used to live in Ward 2 under a flight path. There are already far too many low-flying aircraft over that neighborhood. They don't need any more.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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**From:** Mady Kimmich <madykimmich@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Cc:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** testimony related to Air Service grant application

Dear Salem City Council,

I am writing to request that the Salem City Council tonight take a stand in opposition to the proposed application for a Small Community Air Service Development Grant from the US Department of Transportation. My family has lived in Salem for over 25 years. The minimal commercial airline service available at McNary Field has never been an issue for us, and indeed now, with the movement restrictions related to the pandemic, commercial flights are clearly not needed. Life will be different when the COVID-19 concerns reduce later this year. It is not the time to invest in unnecessary development when so much of our existing commercial activity will need to be re-established in more sustainable ways. Less use of fossil fuels during the past two months has given us cleaner air, quieter neighborhoods, and the opportunity to reassess how we want to live. Please help the Salem community come together to discuss ways to be kinder to our earth and all the people on it, rather than assuming we all want and need to resume previous ways of doing business. Air travel will be very different after our pandemic experience. Let us be part of carefully rethinking what Salem and Oregon and the rest of our interconnected world really needs.

Sincerely yours,

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