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Pat Egan, Chair
Oregon Transportation Commission
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Dear Chair Egan:

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is a not-for-profit membership organization that represents the general aviation interests of over 400,000 members nationwide, including nearly 6,300 in Oregon. Since 1939, AOPA has been committed to ensuring the safety, future viability, and development of general aviation airports and their facilities as a part of our national transportation system.

As the Oregon Transportation Commission considers grant applications received under the ConnectOregon IV transportation improvement program, AOPA strongly encourages the Commission to fund the 22 project applications that benefit general aviation activities in the state. As the Commission is certainly aware, the Oregon Department of Aviation's 2007 Aviation Plan notes that airports in the state (exclusive of Portland International) create over \$19 billion of economic impact for the state and its residents. Clearly, that impact would be far less significant without airport infrastructure investments made possible by programs like ConnectOregon.

We appreciate the Commission's recognition of the economic importance of airports and aviation to local communities and the state. Oregon's investment in its airports results in superior facilities that retain and attract business, while creating family-sustaining, highly skilled jobs throughout the region.

Again, we encourage your support of the 22 airport project applications included on the attached list. We look forward to working collaboratively with you and the Oregon Division of Aeronautics staff to maintain the state's outstanding airport infrastructure. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 695-2094.

Sincerely,

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Application Number	Applicant	Project
2A0195	City of Eugene/Eugene Airport	South Ramp Reconstruction
2A0205	City of Newport	Runway 16/34 Rehabilitation
2A0228	City of Corvallis	Air Terminal Rehabilitation
2A0229	City of Corvallis	Air Freight Transfer Facility
2A0230	Port of Tillamook Bay	Runway 13/31 Rehabilitation
2A0244	City of Creswell Airport	Taxilane Improvements
2A0245	City of Creswell Airport	AWOS Improvements
3A0187	City of Roseburg	Taxiway Extension
3A0188	Coos County Airport District	Hangar Demo/Construction
3A0190	Jackson County/Rogue Valley	Runway 14/32 Rehabilitation
3A0208	City of Brookings	Regional Airport Project
4A0178	City of Bend	Taxiway A
4A0181	Flying H Enterprises	Business Office/Hangar
4A0191	City of Redmond	GA Ramp/Taxiways A and C
4A0184	Christmas Valley Parks and Rec	Taxiway and Apron Construction
4A0216	Sisters Eagle Airport	Airport Improvements
4A0220	City of Prineville	Prineville Airport AWOS
4A0243	City of Malin	Airport Fueling Project
5A0198	Grant County	Runway 9/27 Rehabilitation
5A0199	Union County	Runway 12/30 Overlay
5A0224	Port of Morrow	Airport Improvements
5A0241	City of Baker	Baker City Airport Taxiway A