



September 3, 2021

City of Auburn
25 West Main Street
Auburn, WA 98002

RE: City of Auburn Aviation Consultation

Dear Alexandria Teague:

This correspondence is to confirm that the City of Auburn has formally consulted with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation Division regarding the comprehensive plan update. WSDOT appreciates the city's efforts and recognizes the substantial time and resources this represents.

RCW 36.70.547 and 36.70A.510 requires local jurisdictions to formally consult with airport owners, managers, private airport operators, general aviation pilots, ports, and the Aviation Division of WSDOT prior to adoption of comprehensive plan policies or development of regulations that may affect property adjacent to public use airports. The main goals of the formal consultation are to avoid, minimize, and resolve potential land use conflicts with airports through the comprehensive plan and development of regulations. WSDOT recommends that local jurisdictions initiate formal consultation as early as possible in the planning process. This is to assure that all parties have an opportunity to work together to find comprehensive solutions of mutual benefit that fulfill the intent of the legislation, consistent with local jurisdictions' land use planning authorities and obligations under law.

The following is a general summary of recommendations discussed during the formal consultation meeting:

- The City of Auburn with the support of WSDOT Aviation has committed to implementing airport compatibility zoning to prevent incompatible land use near the airport.
- WSDOT Aviation is available for consultation and technical guidance.

We appreciate the City of Auburn's commitment to working with stakeholders to achieve a compatible outcome and adopt zoning to protect the Auburn Municipal

Airport. It is critical that every effort be made to discourage incompatible land uses that impair the airport's ability to operate as an essential public facility. We thank you again for the opportunity to comment, and remain available to formally consult and provide technical assistance. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 360-890-5258 or max.platts@wsdot.wa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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