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Rainse Anderson, Director of Aviation
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9755 SW Barnes Rd, Suite 300
Portland, OR 97225

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Re. Delp Road and Grove Field Expansion

We have looked at the various alternatives for mitigating impacts to Delp Road from expanding Grove Field to the west. Delp Road is a rural county local access road immediately north of the City of Camas' growth boundary.

Clark County Public Works considers Environmental Assessment Alternative #7, the road tunnel, to be the only acceptable option to mitigating impacts to Delp Road for the following reasons:

1. Alternative 6 reroutes Delp Road from its existing diagonal alignment to a right angle alignment to the west of the airfield with approximately 1/4 mile legs on each side of two new, 90 degree turns. These legs would encourage speeding and the two sharp corners between the legs will likely become accident locations.
2. The additional length of roadway in Alternative #6 versus Alternative #7's tunnel would require County maintenance, which will add up to a considerable amount when considering periodic overlays, seasonal vegetation clearing and necessary maintenance of the new stormwater treatment facilities required by Alternative 6.
3. Although there are no current plans, Delp Road may eventually become an urban arterial, supporting planned Business Park and Light Industrial land uses in Camas. Altering the alignment with two right angle curves will not enhance traffic mobility on this road.

We appreciate your taking our input into consideration in the Environmental Assessment. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Peter Capell, PE
Public Works Director/County Engineer

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