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Good day, Trang,

Thank you for providing the Port of Camas-Washougal's comments regarding the Council Hearing to select the Preferred Alternative for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

This will be added to the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record.

Best regards,



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Jeffrey –

Please find attached the Port of Camas-Washougal's public comment for Monday's Public Hearing.

Thank you for distributing this to County Councilors. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Trang

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April 23, 2026

Clark County Council
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Re: Support for Inclusion of Grove Field Airport in the Camas Urban Growth Boundary
*(Public comment submitted via email for April 26, 2026 Clark County Council hearing
regarding selecting a preferred alternative for the Comprehensive Plan Update)*

Dear Clark County Council:

The Port of Camas-Washougal (Port) respectfully reaffirms its strong support for including Grove Field Airport (Airport) within the City of Camas Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), as proposed by the City of Camas (City).

In March 2024, the Port formally requested that Clark County and the City of Camas include 12 of the 13 parcels comprising Grove Field Airport within the Camas Urban Growth Area. This request aligns with the City's and Clark County's Growth Management Act (GMA) Comprehensive Plan update processes and associated land use alternatives under consideration. Since then, the Port has remained actively engaged in the process, including submitting public comment for the January 8, 2026 joint Clark County Council and Planning Commission hearing.

The Port's Strategic Plan prioritizes organizational resilience and meaningful community engagement. A key initiative supporting this goal is the establishment of Airport and Marina Advisory Committees, which were formed in late 2025 and began meeting bi-monthly in February. These committees bring diverse community perspectives into Port decision-making, helping to ensure that future planning for Grove Field aligns with community values, supports long-term resilience, and reflects the needs of residents and stakeholders across the region.

In February, the Port secured Federal funding to complete an Airport Master Plan, which will provide a strategic framework to advance the Port's and City's shared goals for economic development, infrastructure readiness, and long-term community resilience.

- **Advancing equitable economic opportunity:** The Airport provides a ready employment site that can support new and expanding businesses, create family-wage jobs, grow the local tax base, and provide closer-to-home work opportunities for residents. The Port's Industrial Park in Washougal demonstrates how Port-led investments can successfully attract and sustain private-sector employers and investment in the region.
- **Supporting job growth and investment:** Inclusion of the Airport within the UGB will allow the Port and City to plan and entitle additional employment lands for modern industrial and

commercial uses. Strong occupancy at existing Port facilities highlights strong market demand and the need for additional space to support growing firms that want to remain or locate within Port-owned properties.

- **Leveraging infrastructure and funding partnerships:** UGB inclusion positions the Port and City to pursue public and private funding for critical backbone infrastructure in the North Shore Subarea, including transportation connections and utility systems that will serve both the Airport and surrounding employment lands. Coordinated infrastructure planning reduces costs, shortens development timelines, and ensures that new employment areas are served by reliable, efficient, and environmentally responsible systems.
- **Strengthening emergency readiness and resilience:** Grove Field is located on upland ground outside FEMA-designated and local floodplain maps. Enhancing the Airport will ensure it remains a safe, reliable facility capable of supporting emergency management. Airports planned with emergency access, communications, and staging capabilities play a vital role in regional disaster response and strengthen community resilience.

The Port appreciates its strong working relationship with the County and your continued consideration of this proposal. The Port stands ready to continue partnering with the County, City and community stakeholders to ensure that inclusion of the Airport within the UGB delivers lasting economic, infrastructure, and quality-of-life benefits for Camas and East Clark County.

Sincerely,



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