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Good day, Trang,

Thank you for providing the Port of Camas-Washougal's comments regarding the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Confirming receipt of these comments from Planning. They will be added to the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record.

Best regards,

Jeff Delapena
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Oliver,

Please find attached the Port of Camas-Washougal's public comment for tomorrow's Council 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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THE PORT
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September 30, 2026

Clark County Council Members
Mr. Oliver Orjiaka, Community Planning Director
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Re: Support for Inclusion of Grove Field Airport in the Camas Urban Growth Boundary
(Public comment submitted via email for October 1, 2026 Clark County Council public hearing regarding 2025-45 Comprehensive Plan Update)

Dear Council and Mr. Orjiaka,

The Port of Camas-Washougal (Port) respectfully submits this letter in support of the County's draft plan as it relates to the City of Camas's preferred land use alternative, which would bring Grove Field Airport into the City of Camas Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

In April 2026, the Port submitted a public comment supporting the preferred alternative for the Comprehensive Plan update presented at the April 26, 2026, Clark County Council public hearing. That comment described how the alternative would advance the Port's and City's shared goals:

- Advancing equitable economic opportunities
- Supporting job growth and investment
- Leveraging infrastructure and funding partnerships
- Strengthening emergency readiness and resilience

In May 2026, the Port launched the Grove Field Airport Master Plan (AMP) project with funding from a Federal Aviation Administration grant. Public engagement and input from the AMP Technical Advisory Committee and Airport Advisory Committee have helped shape the following draft vision statement and goals. The Port Commission is expected to consider them for adoption in October.

Draft Vision Statement:
Through strategic modernization, Grove Field will strengthen its role as an essential, self-sustaining community asset – balancing aviation, emergency readiness, job creation, workforce development, and infrastructure improvements while maintaining its local, rural character.

Draft Goals:

1. Design the airport as a welcoming community asset by incorporating flexible spaces for public events, gatherings and recreation.
2. Expand the usability of the airport to support aviation-related education and workforce opportunities.

3. Strengthen the airport's role as a catalyst for sustainable economic growth by advancing partnerships with local businesses and community organizations, supporting workforce development, and expanding opportunities for investment and job creation.
4. Develop an Airport Master Plan that prioritizes environmental stewardship, preserves the area's rural character, incorporates effective, targeted safety enhancements, and complies with FAA standards.

Together, this community-informed draft vision and goals provide a framework for modernizing Grove Field while delivering public benefits and supporting jobs. They also align with the City of Camas's assessment of the airport's existing character and potential. In a September 24, 2026, letter to Clark County Community Planning Director Oliver Orjiako, Camas Community Development Director Alan Peters described why Grove Field is more consistent with an urban public facility and employment use than with surrounding rural or resource lands:

> *"The 83.79-acre proposed Grove Field expansion area is unique in that it is owned by a public entity, the Port of Camas-Washougal, and includes an existing operating airport. While currently located outside of the UGA, the airport exhibits characteristics much more consistent with an urban public facility and employment use than with the rural or resource lands ordinarily located outside UGAs. The site is already substantially committed to airport infrastructure and economic activity, including a paved runway and taxiways, public and private hangars, a fueling facility, a flight school, an aircraft mechanic, and other airport-related operations.*
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> *The proposed land use and zoning designation for the property is Mixed Employment, a jobs-focused zone that allows a broad range of employment uses, including light industrial, advanced manufacturing, research and development, office, technology, and compatible artisan or commercial uses. Inclusion of Grove Field in the Camas UGA would provide the Port of Camas-Washougal with urban zoning and infrastructure options more appropriate for its long-term operation and development."*

The Port asks the County to retain the proposed inclusion of Grove Field in the Camas UGB in its final plan. This action would recognize the airport's existing role and provide a more appropriate planning framework for its long-term operation. Through the 18- to 24-month Airport Master Plan process, the Port will continue working with the City, County, airport users, and community members to shape Grove Field's future in a way that supports jobs, public benefit, environmental stewardship, and the area's valued character.

Sincerely,

Trang Lam
Executive Director
Port of Camas-Washougal