



February 23, 2024

To: Oregon Department of Transportation & Connect Oregon

Re: Redmond Municipal Airport – Roberts Field Connect Oregon 9 Application

Deschutes County offers its support of the Redmond Municipal Airport’s (Airport) Connect Oregon 9 application for the Terminal Building Expansion Project (Expansion), estimated at \$155 million.

This project is a top priority for both the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Northwest Mountain Region and the Seattle Airports District Office. The Airport is the only commercial airport serving the Central and Eastern Oregon region (a population of over 300,000 residents), which currently offers five airlines travelling to 13 non-stop destinations, with multiple frequencies daily. Projected to serve more than 1.5 million passengers this fiscal year, the Airport has seen a 130% increase in passenger activity over the past ten years.

The Airport is a regional asset that has direct correlation to the economic success of the business and tourism communities of Central Oregon. The Expansion is projected to create more than 350 jobs during the construction phases and will add more than 200 permanent, full-time positions to the region once completed. The project will also add necessary capacity for new airlines, destinations and frequencies, increased customer options and more competitive fares.

The Deschutes County Board of County Commissioners strongly supports the Airport’s Connect Oregon 9 application and urges the Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation, Oregon Department of Aviation, Oregon Transportation Committee and other review boards to do the same.

Sincerely,

THE DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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