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Subject: Public Recommendation for Renaming of Airport Way

Mayor and Council,

The below message is from the City's GOGov App-

"In my opinion, the two adjacent roads named "Airport Way" & "Airport Rd." has always been a somewhat confusing issue for many visitors. After some deep thought on this issue, I have some proposals.

Why hasn't anybody considered the idea of changing the name of "Airport Way/Wy." instead to something like one of my following suggestions:

Airplane Access Parkway/Pky.
Airplane Access Road/Rd.
Airplane Lane/Ln.
"Airplane Way/Wy."

rather than changing the adjacent road's name of "Airport Rd.," which would be a whole lot cheaper for the city or for the Hermiston Municipal Airport to change their own records, & that of the records of Hermiston Municipal Airport's - and to any records listed with the FAA (and any other agencies involved). I would think it would be less costly to make those necessary changes to just their own records - by changing the address of the only MAJOR entity/business/resident on that road using this new address, than to inconvenience everyone else on "Airport Rd."

In the simplest form of change, if the city chooses to go with the EASIEST name change for "Airport Way" to something else, consider changing the road's name to just "Airplane Way." All that would have to be changed would be to remove three letters of "ort" & four letters "lane" to add to "Air" in the name, to make it "Airplane Way," to accommodate the new name change. Especially since the physical sign name would be very easy to fix. Although, I am not naive to think that the physical infrastructure costs are the most expensive thing to think about.

So, in my opinion, my vote would be to just use either of the following three:

"Airplane Lane"
"Airplane Access Road"
"Airplane Access Parkway"

In my opinion, keeping that same concept of keeping a difference of only "Way" & "Road/Rd." has NOT worked well enough in the past, to distinguish the difference between the two roads, ever since the two road names have existed together on any maps of the area.

I also think it would be less confusing to parcel delivery drivers if the road's name had something that more closely resembles a road name for an airport, if it has the word "airplane" embedded in the name for the road that

accesses an airport. Also, if I was a delivery driver needing to deliver anything to an airport, I would certainly think the name should be something that correlates to an airport if the road's name was "Airplane Lane," which, with an ending name of "Lane" kind of indicates that it may "end" in a dead end road, which it does do - as it does end at an airport.

The proposal of changing the name of a road, which has multiple residents/businesses on it, & forcing the resulting name changing issues, on to the local tenants of that roadway, in my opinion, does not seem like a prudent road to go down - pun intended! To pass on the cost of making those necessary street name changes to their addresses, to the multiple residents & business owner's located on Airport Rd. is not fair to those local residents, whom already may be inconvenienced by packages not arriving on their doorsteps.

I also think leaving the road's name of "Airport Rd." alone would still be beneficial to the visitors & vendors of EOTEC, as it could instill in the back of their minds, EOTEC's proximity of a local airport to any future new vendors and/or visitors, in case access to EOTEC from afar, could be helpful if needing to fly in to the Hermiston area for nearby access to EOTEC or other facilities/businesses.

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