

Hi Rep Lewis,

My name is John Maletis and I operate a Global Express out of the Aurora State Airport. I wanted to contact you because we are having huge operational constraints going in and out of Aurora given the size of the aircraft and the relatively short margins at Aurora. I work with Ernie Sturm and our operation has grown from a small fleet of Citations and King Airs to large, ultra long range business aircraft and we anticipate steady growth for 2018 and additional long range aircraft.

I'm concerned that due to the short length of the runway at Aurora, we may have to reconsider our base in the future if something is not done about the runway at Aurora. We need at least 6,000' to operate with full fuel...both Hillsboro and PDX are more than adequate for the type of operation we conduct and they would love our business, especially given the high vacancy rates for hangar space at Hillsboro currently. This is a move we are seriously considering at this point as Aurora makes less and less sense as we continue to grow and acquire larger turbine aircraft.

I really like Aurora, I've been here for 10+ years, and I am hoping that the runway will be lengthened to a more safer length however I'm worried that time is running out and if progress isn't made soon on this issue, our fleet will be moving out of Aurora, along with tens of thousands of jet fuel purchases every year and our wonderful staff that we employ to help run our fleet.

I can be reached at 503-341-5719 if you have further questions.

Best  
John Maletis