



Good Evening Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek and Committee Members,

My name is Dorinne Tye, I live on a small farm on the east side of Bend. I'm a founding member of HARNES OR (Helping Aviation Respect Neighbors, Environments, Sustainability and Silence) which is part of 91 Communities participating in the AICA/Aviation Impacted Communities Alliance. I support comments other communities and forums, including Oregon Aviation Watch, 1000 Friends and Commute Options.

We have become increasingly concerned about an annual ton of ultrafine lead raining down on our region with crippling noise and synergistic health impacts from an excess of unnecessary general aviation activity. Very few people ever ride in a general aviation aircraft and even less have ever used as transportation, thus the number of benefactors is less than 1% of the population.

Noise and general aviation lead pollution (see annual lead emissions Exhibit A) is harming our outdoor lovers environment and its devastating to our crops, human health, habitats, children's behavior, IQ and wildlife. FAA's Airman Statistics reflects less than 5% of GA flights are for essential services. We can thank Connect Oregon and Oregon reps for large culpability in this excess of unnecessary, unjust and detrimental aviation activity, especially in our rural communities with little to no adequate tracking capabilities nor oversight, think barn storming.

I attended Connect Oregon's August 15th hearing. It appears Connect Oregon is funding an excess of projects that benefit only the wealthiest demographic and the dirtiest forms of transportation. They've distributed nearly a half billion dollars and facilitated access to more than a billion dollars through fund matching opportunities at great expense to human health, prime farmland, communities, disadvantaged communities, waterways and public funds. The inflated ROI metrics on airports with no cost metrics such as environmental, community and health costs, road maintenance and infrastructure through our farms and communities needs to be remedied prior to further funding of these. Then there's the issue of ongoing dishonest and double accounting of return such as the obviously incorrect four jobs per hangar Bend Municipal Airport claims, while college aviation programs, airport owners, municipalities, counties, visitors associations and commerce departments all create double and triple accounting for contributions. Meanwhile, it's worth asking the question, out of this more than a billion dollars. (See Exhibit B Connect Oregon airport distribution and leveraged list) how many of these projects facilitating highly carcinogenic



and neurotoxic pollutants, removal of habitats and heavy culling of wildlife have had a finding other than a FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact)? Just because airport sponsored consultants and the FAA find issue a FONSI doesn't mean lives, private investments, crops, water and wildlife aren't devastated from this. (See Exhibit C Map) How many healthy life years does each airport steal from our economy and families? How many acres of prime farmland is injured and lost? How much redistributed lead and black soot is circulated through crops which uptake these poisonous neurotoxins?

The good news is that you can do something about this scourge across our rural farms and wild places. What if you invest these dollars into programs like Safe Routes to School, vanpool subsidies and other safer, affordable and sustainable transportation options which are desperately needed especially in our rural communities and help them 'leverage' funding opportunities as is done with this glut of airports and federal dollars? It is important we find ways to fund accessibility and shortfalls without further harm to our working-class families and farms. Prudence in redirecting Connect Oregon dollars could go a long way in regaining trust, while addressing multimodal transportation with a focus on safety, which benefits **all** Oregonians, not just the wealthiest demographic.

Please take this opportunity to help rural communities suffering under a glut of unnecessary aviation activity and toxic marine projects and redirect Connect Oregon funds to facilitate REAL connection and transportation solutions. Due to the nature of grant opportunities, redirecting these funds could provide necessary tracking and accountability, regain some public trust and offset growing gaps in gas tax vs inflation and fuel efficiency. Please redirect Connect Oregon dollars to benefit ALL Oregonians.

Thank you,

Dorinne Tye with

H.A.R.N.E.S.S. OR, AICA, Quiet Communities, Stay Grounded



Exhibit A

Annual Lead Emissions from Bend Municipal Airport

YEAR	100LL	GRAMS OF LEAD PER GALLON 2.12	LEAD EMITTED/ RELEASED 95%	GRAMS TO POUNDS of LEAD 453.592	POUNDS TO TONS 2,000
2013	215,294	456,424	433,603	956	0.478
2014	262,121	555,697	527,912	1,164	0.582
2015	328,550	696,526	661,700	1,459	0.729
2016	293,817	622,892	591,747	1,305	0.652
2017	257,663	546,246	518,933	1,144	0.572
2018	268,241	568,671	540,237	1,191	0.596
2019	281,160	596,059	566,256	1,248	0.624
2020	257,238	545,345	518,077	1,142	0.571
2021	321,482	681,542	647,465	1,427	0.714
2022	321,296	681,148	647,090	1,427	0.713
2023	247,722	525,171	498,912	1,100	0.550



Exhibit B – Connect Oregon & Leveraged Funds

* Questions remain as to 'Leveraged' since Round VI- Bend 1.1 M did not appear to open 4.873 as suggested but rather 17MM

Mercy Flights	3,723,763	4,654,704
Life Flight Network, LLC	665,000	950,000
Dept of Aviation	2,695,200	3,369,000
Sensis Corporation	1,615,681	3,365,681
Astoria	480,000	5,095,450
Baker City	1,610,394	4,198,760
Bend	1,968,920	17,667,224
Brookings	400,000	16,000,000
Burns	291,600	2,916,000
Christmas Valley	659,100	1,659,100
Corvallis	642,222	6,422,222
Cresswell	160,000	348,744
Dalles	3,503,184	5,975,184
Eugene	4,554,572	6,223,133
Grants Pass/Illinois valley	341,900	452,000
Hermiston	300,000	2,944,444
Hood River	1,364,900	2,166,900
John Day	6,755,535	9,594,419

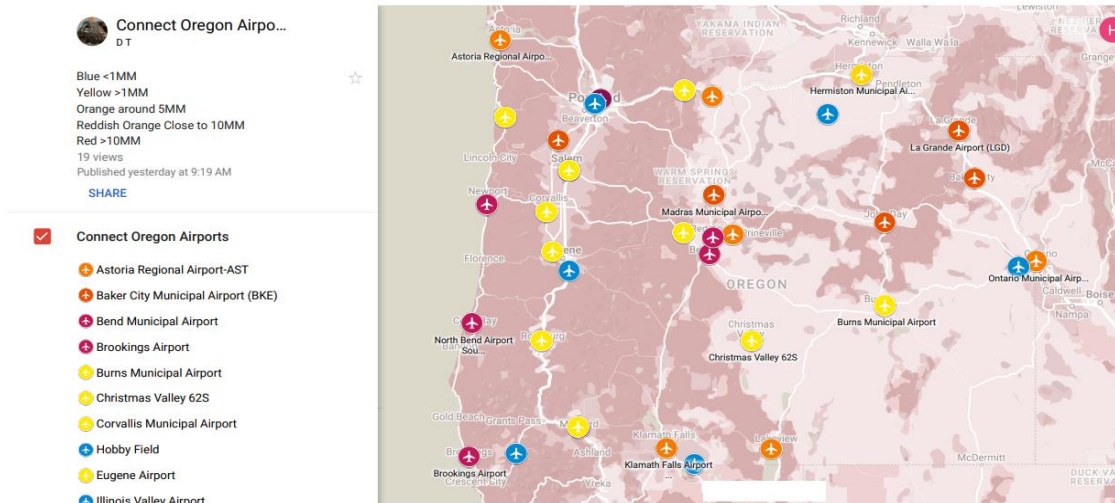
Klamath Falls	3,800,000	5,250,000
LaGrande	1,351,200	9,747,155
Lakeview	1,323,509	6,009,862
Madras	4,654,373	9,329,466
Malin	592,000	740,000
McMinnville	786,083	7,860,833
Medford	10,994,118	34,575,718
Morrow	133,926	169,408
Newport	4,073,500	13,510,000
North Bend	3,656,811	9,082,070
Ontario	4,606,377	5,757,971
Portland	17,750,000	168,736,841
Prineville	2,110,000	9,154,192
Redmond	10,835,187	69,904,540
Roseburg	1,200,512	5,884,751
Salem	1,200,000	1,500,000
Sisters	1,332,969	2,399,471
Tillamook Bay	163,296	3,265,914
Vale	400,000	500,000



Exhibit C - Map of Connect Oregon Projects

Link to Mapped Projects

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1QQVVFkOvaBGAHqM RPvEB67dbgxTCWGo&usp=sharing>



Blue <1MM

Yellow >1MM

Orange around 5MM

Reddish Orange Close to 10MM

Red >10MM