

Seaside Municipal Airport Property usage facts

Over the years proposals have come forth to re-purpose airport property for various non-aviation uses. The following should be considered when having those discussions.

- Airport improvements are funded by FAA and state airport grants. Each of those grants comes with a set of contractual obligations that the recipient (the city) agrees to as a condition of receiving the grant, including keeping the airport open and operating as a public airport for at least 20 years from the date of completion of the project¹. Non-aviation use is disallowed. The obligations apply to the entire airport property.
- FAA and / or state funded projects were completed in 2004, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016 and 2018.
- The airport property is zoned AD (Airport Development), which restricts its use to aviation and related uses.
- An aircraft hangar building is located on airport property with a 50 year lease on the land.
- The airport supports approximately 2500 operations per year, including military / coast guard, ODFW, charters, training, air tourism, life-flight and emergency use.
- A 2007 economic impact study by the Oregon Department of Aviation estimated that the Seaside municipal airport generates \$819,000/yr in direct and indirect economic benefit to the area². Adjusted for inflation, that's over 1.1 million in today's dollars.

Anyone with questions is welcome to reach out to me.

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1 https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/grant_assurances/

2 <https://www.oregon.gov/aviation/plans-and-programs/Documents/OAP/2019/10OAP-Ch8-Economic-Impact.pdf>