

the tarmac to board their flights.

The last flight out of Concourse A, Alaska Flight 3368 to Spokane, was scheduled to leave at 10:50 p.m. Wednesday. Meeker said PDX officials would mark the occasion by passing out cookies and glow sticks symbolizing a brighter future.



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A commuter walks past a sign advertising the closure of Concourse A at Portland International Airport on Wednesday morning, the concourse's last day of operation.

Starting today, all Concourse A flights will shift to seven parking spots served by three gates at the west end of Concourse C, PDX's busiest, which serves its

A sketch shows the exterior of the expanded and remodeled Concourse B, which will replace Concourse A.

biggest carriers, Alaska Airlines and Southwest Airlines.

A temporary tent with metal stairs and ramps has been erected for arriving

passengers. Departing travelers will use jet bridges fitted with ramps to walk down to the tarmac. An elevator is available for passengers with disabilities.

Meeker said workers will begin removing chairs and other furnishings shortly after Concourse A closes.

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C-Tran adds hate crimes to conduct rules

Agency says some drivers have been targets of racial slurs

By **JEFFREY MIZE**
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C-Tran, in response to isolated clashes between minority drivers and passengers, has modified its rules to specifically include hate crimes in its list of prohibited activities.

The C-Tran Board of Directors approved the amendment with little discussion Tuesday night.

In November 2013, C-Tran adopted "rules of conduct" that outline prohibited behaviors by passengers that could result in them being barred from C-Tran vehicles, buildings and other facilities.

The change incorporates state law for hate crimes, RCW 9A.36.080, into the conduct rules.

Scott Patterson, C-Tran's chief external affairs officer, said there have been a few incidents where minority drivers have gotten into fare-related disputes with passengers and have been subjected to racial slurs.

"What we have heard from some of the drivers is they didn't know how to deal with them," he said before Tuesday's meeting.

Patterson said there has been no recent spike in these types of incidents.

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C-Tran's chief external affairs officer, referring to disputes in which drivers are subjected to racial slurs

Someone who engages in what is considered a hate crime under state law could be excluded from C-Tran vehicles and facilities for 365 days to forever.

The agency's conduct rules list numerous prohib-

ited activities, including:

- laying hands or verbally intimidating an agency driver or employee, including spitting on them.

- smoking or using chewing tobacco, except in designated places.

- discarding litter on C-Tran property, except in designated receptacles.

- playing a radio or other sound-producing device, except when using earphones.

- carrying flammable liquid, explosives, acid or other hazardous substances.

- throwing items at C-Tran vehicles and employees.

C-Tran spokeswoman Chris Selk said the agency will post the rules prominently on all of its buses.

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County plans for rural industrial land bank nixed

Eligibility for state funding for projects key reason for vote

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Clark County's plans for a rural industrial land bank in Brush Prairie are officially dead.

The county council reluctantly but unanimously voted Tuesday to remove the land bank from its

20-year comprehensive growth plan. Following an Aug. 22 state appeals court ruling that the land bank violated state law, the council opted against further appeals.

The council's decision will again make the county eligible for state funding as it eyes millions of dollars of investment in its transportation infrastructure.

"It's really with sadness that we're removing this,

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Land bank

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because I think Clark County was right," Clark County Council Chair Eileen Quiring said. "It's reluctant, but we do need to be in compliance because it's prohibiting the grant funds and loans, etc."

Shortly after the county council approved the growth plan in 2016, local environmental group Friends of Clark County and Seattle-based Futurewise filed appeals, arguing in part that the land bank aided sprawl and failed to protect farmland. The appeal alleged that the county improperly rezoned agricultural land by designating the land bank on the Lagler and Ackerland dairy farms

in Brush Prairie.

The quasi-judicial Growth Management Hearings Board issued an order in 2017 finding that the rural industrial land bank violated state law, and the appeals court later agreed.

The rural industrial land bank would have included 602 acres around state Highway 503 near Northeast 119th and 149th streets. Under Washington's Growth Management Act, such land banks allow industrial development in rural areas, with the exception of heavy industrial uses, according to a 2014 news release from the county.

But the act also directs counties and cities to designate and conserve agricultural and natural resource lands.

Clark County Councilor John Blom said Tuesday

that the appeal decision was "challenging and frustrating" because it focused largely on the fact that the county didn't conduct an areawide agriculture assessment. The councilor said that state laws don't describe what that assessment should entail and called on the Legislature and courts to better define it.

"So we were guilty of not doing something, but no one will actually tell us what it was that we were supposed to do," Blom said.

On the same day as the appeals court finding, the county council approved a plan to fund \$66.5 million in road improvements that will allow development on 2,000 acres north of Vancouver. Funds will come from a mix of private, county and state sources, but the Growth Management Hearings Board's ruling

had made the county ineligible for millions in loans from the state Department of Commerce's Public Works Trust Fund.

With Tuesday's decision by the council, the land will be reclassified from light industrial to agricultural.

The land could have provided work sites near the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad. While a change to the Growth Management Act passed by the Legislature allows development along a rail line, there is a disagreement about whether the law allows the extension of needed sewer and utilities to the area, Quiring said in August. A legal dispute between the county and the operator of the rail line has also halted development.

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Bond

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McCann said the district is eyeing land on the southern part of the district boundary near that development around 179th for the new 5-8 campus.

The View Ridge-Sunset Ridge campus opened for the start of the 2018-2019

school year. This year, the campus is already at capacity and has two portable buildings, each of which has two classrooms. The campus will most likely need more portables for next school year, McCann said recently.

If the bond doesn't pass, the district will need an estimated 57 portable buildings — 114 classrooms — to house all of the projected students. The district will have to pass a bond to buy land specifically to house portables.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Marriage licenses

APPLICATIONS FILED

Aleksandr Vasilyevich Orlov, 67, Vancouver, and Yekaterina Gomenyuk, 65, Vancouver.
Brian Jared Lull, 26, Vancouver, and Sophia Tasha Ramsay, 24, Vancouver.
Brian Keith Fick, 63, Washougal, and Randall Eugene Franklin, 59, Washougal.
Elijah Anthony Duncombe, 20, Vancouver, and Ashley Palabrica Buenabrazo, 19, Vancouver.
Kaylee Saige Bays, 23, Vancouver, and David Alan McKibben, 24, Vancouver.
Lashea Michelle Griffis, 25, Vancouver, and Benjamin Douglas Wall,

27, Vancouver.
Samantha Ann McGath, 36, Washougal, and Ricardo Jose Johnson, 45, Washougal.
Taina Caetano Coimbra, 29, Camas, and Fernanda Dias, 32, Camas.
Theodore Leo Froeber, 72, Vancouver, and Teri Sharon Woollum, 56, Vancouver.

Marriage dissolutions

PETITIONS FILED

Analise Henjum and Alan Llamas.
Erika Martinez and Salvador Tapia.
Scott M. Schwitzer and Nhi Amy Tran.
Vinh Quoc Ngo and Minh Chali Le.
Wesley Allen and Yuliya Smith.