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Washington State Airport Information System - Phase II Now Available

WSDOT Aviation sent a message to airport sponsors this week introducing the launch of the second phase of the state's [new Airport Information System database](#). This release provides airport sponsors with a tool to keep accurate, up-to-date information about Washington's air transportation system that is accessible to WSDOT staff, airport sponsors and the FAA. The information is used to support various WSDOT programs, including the Airport Aid Grant Program, the Washington Aviation System Plan and the Airport Land Use Compatibility Program. WSDOT uses the information to accurately describe Washington's air transportation system and communicate aviation needs to communities, local elected officials, the state legislature and the FAA.

Login Directions

Airport sponsors must first login to the system in order to view and update information. Airports can request their User ID by emailing aisadmin@wsdot.wa.gov with the following information:

- Sponsor name, address, phone number and email
- Password of your choice
- Level of access requested: Airport Rep or View Only (Airport Rep will allow user to modify data while View Only will not)

After receiving a User ID from WSDOT, sponsors can access their airport information at the [Airport Information System Login](#) page. Once logged in, sponsors can navigate through different airport input screens and update information.

Training and Assistance

WSDOT Aviation will provide training and assistance to airport sponsors throughout the state in the coming months. Training will occur at various aviation conferences and at individual airports. Leading the training efforts will be WSDOT Construction Project Managers, Eric Johnson and Jeff Kvamme.

What's Next?

Phase III of the system, expected to be released later this year, will:

- Include pavement condition information
- Create performance objective comparison detail
- Export airport data for analysis
- Enhance overall system usability
- Enable importing/exporting of airport contact information

Questions and Troubleshooting

To ensure its effectiveness, WSDOT will be troubleshooting the program over the next 30 days. Over this time airports are encouraged to login, review and update their existing data. For more information or to report problems, please contact Airport Construction Project Manager, Eric Johnson, at johnsel@wsdot.wa.gov or 360-651-6303.

Airport Passenger Trends Mixed for Northwest

A recent report for the year ending September 2007 indicates a drop in passenger activity throughout the northwest at small commercial airports with passenger activity less than 20,000. On a positive note there appears to be an increase in activity at commercial service airports in regional population centers such as Wenatchee, Yakima, Bellingham, and Tri-Cities. Sea-Tac experienced an increase of 7.4% for outbound passengers and Spokane indicated a 4.7% increase. These trends validate predictions by experts that airlines will continue to grow service at large HUB airports with substantial population encatchment areas.

Updated Volunteer Training Program Launches This Weekend

This weekend the first revised Mission Aircrew Scanner Course will take place at Boeing Field for Aviation Emergency Services Volunteers. The goal of the course is to focus current information and best practices coupled with performance information from real world incidents to produce the most highly trained aircrew members possible. Scanner trainees will also be cross trained to fly on helicopters, such as the King County Sheriffs office UH-



1N, which are usually the first resource employed in a search area. The curriculum will be instructed by a group of experienced mission aircrew members who also have backgrounds in military training, flight instruction and the education system. The end results will be a predictable training system that produces high quality team members that are same, proficient, and effective. Sgt. Sydney Jackson gives a crew briefing on the King County UH-1H “Huey” to WSDOT Aircrew Instructors before a familiarization flight.

City of College Place Considers Protection Measures for of Martin Field

In 2005, the City of College Place adopted comprehensive plan policies to protect Martin Field Airport from incompatible development. They are now pursuing adoption of development regulations to protect the airport from height hazards and other incompatible land use activity.



The Martin Field Airport is a public use, private owned facility near the Walla Walla Airport. Over the last several years to airport and surrounding area have experienced increasing residential development pressure. In 2005, the airport was home to 53 small single engine aircraft. The airport also provides charter service, aircraft maintenance and flight training. The airport is ranked in the top one-third of the airports within the statewide aviation system.

New Hospital Proposed Near the Runway Approach to the Friday Harbor Airport

Earlier this week WSDOT Aviation learned that a new hospital is under consideration near the Friday Harbor Airport. The proposed location would place the hospital within the approach of Runway 16, north of the airport. Uses that promote large assembly of people, or people that are unable to move away from danger, are considered incompatible development when placed within the aircraft traffic pattern of an airport. Uses in these areas may experience higher levels of noise, fumes, vibrations and aircraft accidents. According to recent aircraft safety data a higher percentage of aircraft accidents occur within the approach and departure ends of an airport, raising concerns from local and state officials on the compatibility of the proposed hospital location. Currently the airport is reviewing the comprehensive plan policies and development regulations to determine if the city or county have met their obligations under state law to address incompatible development activities near the airport.

Lynden Receives Airport Aid Grant Assistance

WSDOT Airport Construction Project Manager, Jeff Kvamme, recently met with Lynden Airport Board and Steering Committee members, and the City to discuss airport planning issues. Lynden Airport is currently developing its airport layout plan (ALP) with assistance from Airside's, David Ketchum. Specifically, the group discussed elements of the first three chapters of the ALP and inspected the airport's recently installed security entry gate. This gate was installed using funds from a WSDOT Security Grant.

