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State Airport Pavement Investments Paying Off

Over the last three years WSDOT Aviation has made pavement maintenance a priority at airports statewide. Our revised airport aid program has targeted the majority of state grants for pavement improvements including runways, taxiways, and parking areas. Recently, WSDOT Aviation's consultant, Applied Pavement Technology, reported that the overall system has improved by four points since 2000. Typically pavement analysis is conducted every three to five years. In January 2006, we will be reporting this good news to the Legislature highlighting examples of airport pavement projects.

Classification	Overall System	Runway System
WA airports-ALL	77.39	80.22
NPIAS airports	77.34	80.23
NON-NPIAS airports	77.94	80.12
NON-NPIAS PUBLIC airports	82.28	82.99
NON-NPIAS PRIVATE airports	61.01	68.08

WSDOT's Seaplane Base Directory Now Available Online

Seaplane pilots around the state can now enjoy an exciting new online tool. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation is pleased to unveil an updated version of its Seaplane Landing and Seaplane Base Directory.

Users of the directory will find information on the 12 designated seaplane bases in the state, as well as the dozens of docks and beaches available for seaplane use. Information available includes:

- Maps or aerial photos
- Navigation
- Communication
- Water Landing Length
- Docking Type
- Hazards

- Special Operations
- Services
- Contact Information

WSDOT Aviation thanks the local communities and seaplane pilots who assisted in updating the directory. We ask that those using the seaplane directory will also help to keep it current by contacting WSDOT with updates at aviation@wsdot.wa.gov.

You can find the Seaplane Landing and Seaplane Base Directory at:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/SeaplaneBases/.

Enter the 2006 International Aviation Art Contest

If you are interested in aviation and art, live in Washington State and are between the ages of 6 and 17, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is pleased to invite you to enter the 2006 International Aviation Art Contest. This year's art contest challenges kids to explore the theme Air Sports and Nature in Harmony.

All youth between the ages 6-17 are encouraged to participate even if they are related to officials or employees of any city, state, federal or international aviation organization. The top three state winners will go on to compete for the national and international awards.

To enter the contest, print out and complete the [application form](#) (pdf 128 kb). If you don't already have Adobe Reader, you can [download Adobe Reader here](#). If you would like us to mail an application form to you, please e-mail [Nisha Hanchinamani](mailto:Nisha.Hanchinamani@wsdot.wa.gov), or call (360) 651-6310.

Then mail the application and your artwork to:

WSDOT Aviation
PO Box 3367
Arlington, WA 98223

Entries must be postmarked by **January 10, 2006**.

WSDOT Aviation looks forward to receiving many creative works of art from young aviation enthusiasts. More art contest information is available at: [NASA Center for Aviation Research and Education Web site](#).