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During the recent senior management meeting, a new tool was introduced to track implementation of the department's Strategic Plan. Aviation has long advocated that strategic objectives be tied to department performance and drilled down into staff performance plans. As a result, Aviation has been selected as one of five departments to participate in a pilot program to test this new tool. We will be measuring the following objectives:

• Safety - Remove physical obstacles that intrude into critical airspace at state operated airports.
• Preservation - Preserve and improve runway surfaces at the state operated airports.
• Mobility - Develop capital improvement programs for airports and identify future capacity investments.
• Mobility - Work with local governments and planning organizations to improve the availability of multi-modal travel options for new developments.
• Stewardship - Improve multi-modal transportation accessibility.

Under the pilot program Aviation will be expected to identify milestones for each objective to be reported to headquarters on a regular schedule.

WSDOT Aviation Attends Fall Community Airports Association Meeting

WSDOT Aviation was well represented this last weekend at the Community Airports Association's fall meeting in Wenatchee. WSDOT's John Shambaugh updated the group on progress made with the Long-Term Air Transportation Study; Eric Johnson gave an

update on the Airport Information System and distributed a newly developed User Manual for the airport sponsors; Jeff Kvamme discussed the Local Airport Aid Program, reminding the airports and consultants to complete their projects and start discussing projects for the next grant cycle with WSDOT Aviation. Carter Timmerman discussed the land use technical assistance program that WSDOT offers to airports and jurisdictions to protect airports from incompatible land uses.

WSDOT Planner Attends Kelso Airport Layout Plan Meeting

This week WSDOT Planner, Carter Timmerman, and Project Manager, Jeff Kvamme, traveled to Kelso and attended a technical advisory meeting for the Kelso Longview Regional Airport Master Plan. The meeting focused on the draft aviation demand forecast, and reviewed national and regional trends that may impact future market conditions. The aviation demand forecast predicted based aircraft, aircraft fleet, operations and critical aircraft. To accomplish this task, the demand forecast examined multiple variables including: previous forecasts, historic activity and national trends. The draft aviation demand forecast, generated by the consulting firm URS, predicted an increase from 74 based aircraft in 2007 to 109 by 2027. Timmerman also stopped in Chehalis and met with Airport Manager, Allyn Roe, of the Chehalis Centralia Airport. This provided an excellent opportunity to promote WSDOT's technical outreach program, and to learn about the land use challenges that his facility faces.

Volunteers Complete Aircrew Survival Training

"They made it through some rigorous training that may save their lives one day," stated Tom Peterson, Aviation Emergency Services Coordinator. He was speaking about the recently concluded Aircrew Survival Training Course that all emergency services aircrew members are being required to complete. The training is designed for the missions, the equipment, and the environment that these crews specifically operate in. The course consists of classroom training over two full days and then three days in the field to put what they learned into practice. That includes two nights in a shelter that the students build themselves. The field training is conducted at the Bandera State Airport near Snoqualmie Pass, which is an ideal site because of the undeveloped property, the river and the mountain weather.