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1. TSA Urges Pilots and Aircraft Owners to Prepare for Inauguration

With the Presidential Inauguration taking place this month, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has issued an advisory to general aviation pilots and aircraft owners. Though the major events are planned in “the other Washington,” WSDOT encourages pilots and aircraft owners in our state to review security guidelines that TSA provides. More information on the TSA advisory and security guidelines is available at: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/News/2005/InaugurationAdvisory.htm>.



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2. Attention Girls in Grades 9-12: Women Fly!

“Women Fly!” is a two-day event on March 11-12 that encourages women to explore both career and non-career related interests in aviation. The Museum of Flight in Seattle will host the event for both days. On Friday, March 11, the program will be specifically targeted toward young women, grades 9-12. “Women Fly!” provides females with the opportunity to meet and interact with more than 30 professional women from a wide variety of aviation and aerospace careers – pilots, engineers, air traffic controllers, mechanics, aviation businesswomen, and more. The event also features nationally known special guests. You’ll learn about the rewards and challenges of working in aviation and aerospace and what it takes to succeed in these exciting careers. More information on “Women Fly!” is available at: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/news/2005/WomenFlyYouthProgram.pdf>.

3. Check Out Aviation Related Bills in 2005 Legislative Session

In the current 2005 legislative session, bills are being proposed that might affect aviation in Washington State. In an attempt to keep the public informed, WSDOT Aviation is updating its web site to include current information on aviation-related bills. Information provided includes the bill number, title, original description, amendments, sponsors, and more. More information on aviation-related bills is available at: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/legislation/default.htm>.

4. Airport Land Use Compatibility Program Evaluation Taking Shape

WSDOT Aviation has contracted with Reid Middleton to evaluate the state's Airport Land Use Compatibility Program. The program was initiated in 1996 after passage of Washington Senate Bill 6422, "General Aviation Airports – Siting of incompatible uses" (later codified in RCW 35.63, 35A.63, 36.70, and 36.70A). This legislation requires towns, cities, and counties to protect general aviation airports from incompatible uses through the adoption of comprehensive plan policies and development regulations. The law also requires WSDOT Aviation to provide technical assistance. In 1998, WSDOT Aviation adopted Airport and Compatible Land Use Guidelines to assist jurisdictions in complying with state law. Other tools and resources have also been developed to help local jurisdictions and airport interests.



The evaluation is intended to assess the program's compliance with the Growth Management Act, as well as provide an analysis and recommendations on program objectives. This month, an electronic survey was sent to airport owners, land use planning jurisdictions, and regional state and federal aviation interests. Based on survey results, an analysis of the program is scheduled for completion in April 2005.