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Why is this Study Necessary?

- In 2005, a WSDOT-sponsored airport pavement study estimated a backlog of nearly $163 million in essential pavement maintenance in our state.
- In 2009, the Governor’s Aviation Planning Council determined that Washington’s aviation system suffers from a significant funding shortfall stating that $600 million is needed to bring all public use airports into compliance with state performance objectives.
- In 2012, WSDOT conducted an updated pavement study released in July 2013. Study findings: Pavement conditions have declined statewide; with current funding the backlog will increase to $257 million and pavement conditions will decline to 71 by 2020.
- In 2012, the FAA Modernization and Reform Act increased the required state and local match from 5% to 10%. This placed a greater financial burden for airport investments on state and local governments.
- In 2012, WSDOT’s Airport Aid Grant program, which typically has $1 million available per year, fell far short of funding the $4 million requested. This change alone could require an additional $1.7 million biennially in state matching funds.
- In 2013, initial, unrefined State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) data indicates airports identifying nearly $500 million in projects during 2014-2018.

Airport Investment Study Overview

WSDOT’s Aviation Division has partnered with the consulting firm CH2M Hill, to produce an Airport Investment Study that will evaluate the need for preservation, safety, and other capital projects at the state’s 136 public-use airports.

The study will accomplish these major objectives:

- Evaluate current funding levels for airport preservation and safety projects
- Assess short-term and long-term airport improvement needs
- Determine consequences of doing nothing in terms of economic and aviation system impacts

Study Advisory Committee

WSDOT will invite representatives from commercial and general aviation; airport associations and organizations; airport sponsors; state and local agencies; and the airline, aerospace, emergency medical air transport and aerial agricultural industries to participate in the Airport Investment Study.

This advisory committee is scheduled to meet two times:

Wednesday, October 30
9 a.m. to noon
Boeing Field, Seattle, WA

Funding Forecast

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