

To: Washington Airport Manager's Association Board
From: Michael Cheyne, Planning Committee Chair
Date: December 8, 2005
RE: Planning Committee's Report

1. This process is related to my role as Planning Chair for the AAAE Operations, Safety and Planning Committee. The attached material is being presented to a wide distribution of aviation professionals.

Dear Airport Planning Directors and interested aviation professionals:

I am the Chair for the Planning Section of the AAAE Operations, Safety, and Planning Committee. As many of you already know, I feel strongly about the need for airports to continually enhance communications among themselves and to increasingly use one another as information resources and advisors. We recently had a telephone conference call with several AAAE members who also believe in this collaborative approach. The call was very productive and we took our first steps in identifying issues that are of mutual interest. The purpose of this e-mail is twofold. First, I'd like to confirm or reconfirm your interest in this type of forum. Second, to set the agenda for an upcoming on-line conference call discussion. I'm looking into our capabilities to conduct the exchange online and will let you know the details in the near future. With that, I would appreciate it if you would confirm that:

- 1) Your contact information is still relevant for discussions of this nature. Some of the contact information we have may be dated and may not reflect a change in your position or interests over the last year or so.
- 2) Are you interested, or do you remain interested, in participating in a discussion of this nature. If not, please let me know and I'll have you taken off the e-mail list. However, if your organization is interested but there is a more appropriate contact, we would be happy to add them to the list.

Finally, I have attached a bullet list of issues compiled from various sources. If you plan on participating in our next conference call discussion, early in January, please pick the three issues that you feel are the most relevant to you or your organization. By doing so, we will identify the three issues that will be of the most interest to the collective audience and set the agenda for our next discussion. The second attachment is an expanded version of the same list to provide more background on each issue if needed.

I would appreciate your response to this e-mail by December 16, 2006. If you have any questions about the intent of the forum or any other questions at all, please feel free to contact me directly at the number listed below. Alternatively, you can contact Dave Smith of my staff at (206) 248-7488. Thanks again.

2. The attached agenda and report is from the WPPA Aviation Committee presented to the WPPA Executive Committee on December 2, 2005.

**WPPA Aviation Committee Report
December 2, 2005**

1. Washington State – WSDOT Aeronautics
 - a. John Sibold presented an update on the Legislative mandate to conduct a Long-Term Statewide Air Transportation Study. The study will take three years. The first two phases were included in a FAA grant totaling approximately \$900K. The three phases of the study include the following:
 - i. Phase 1 – Inventory
 - ii. Phase 2 – Demand/Market Analysis
 - iii. Phase 3 – Future Aviation Needs
 - b. There was an update on the successful US DOT Small Community Air Service Grant (\$180K) which was sponsored by a consortium including WSDOT, ODOT, WAMA, and OAMA. Individual airports will be asked to participate financially in the market analysis. The objectives of the grant, under the titling “Regional Air Service” include:
 - i. Development of a community tool kit that local sponsors can use to understand and use to promote air service.
 - ii. Creation of a market analysis for individual airports involved in the study
 - iii. Development of regional strategies to improve rural air service
2. Federal Aviation Administration – Carol Key presented information from the FAA that focused primarily on funding issues.
 - a. The 2006 Airport Appropriations at \$3.55 billion is the largest appropriation in the history of AIP
 - b. 2006 is the last year for AIP authorization and there is already significant effort behind the reauthorization effort.
 - c. Safety area compliance will be mandated by 2015 for all Part 139 airports
3. Environmental Protection Agency issues that will require special attention from airports includes:
 - a. Aircraft de-icing regulations
 - b. Secondary containment for fuel trucks
4. General Coordination and Communication
 - a. The Aviation Committee received a briefing on Southwest Airlines’ rejected proposal to move their operations to Boeing Field.
 - b. There was a heads up for airports on the potential impact of leasing recreational properties and the requirements of DOT 4(f) could impact future use of airport property for airport uses.