

## **2004 Airport Accomplishments**

- Completed north side of airport perimeter fencing project at a cost of \$250,628. FAA provided 95% of the funding. Entire aviation portion of the airport complex is now secured with perimeter fencing.
- Four new aviation ramp access gates and seven new personnel gates were installed at a cost of \$235,415. FAA provided 95% of the funding. Keypad access system replaced with more secure proximity card reader system. Remote computer monitoring system installed at Port office. Installation includes cabling to allow for future video monitoring of gates. Commission approved aviation ramp access policy was well received by the aviation tenants.
- Purchased a new vacuum sweeper at a cost of \$143,653. FAA provided 95% of the funding.
- Acquired a new runway friction tester at a cost of \$4,970 to measure breaking action on the runways during inclement weather. FAA provided 95% of the funding.
- Generator installed at airport fire station at a cost of \$53,345. FAA provided 95% of the funding.
- Completed terminal building emergency generator project at a cost of \$275,000. FAA provided 90% of the funding. Generator worked as designed during a spring power outage.
- FAA agrees to reimburse the airport for aircraft passenger lift system previously purchased by the airport. Reimbursement totaled \$15,800.
- Received a \$250,000 federal air service grant. Walla Walla was one of 40 communities to receive the grant out of 108 applications nationwide. The grant will be used to establish an early morning departure from Walla Walla to Seattle and a late evening departure from Seattle to Walla Walla. Grant funds will be used to provide Horizon Air with an aircrew subsidy and to advertise the new flight schedule. Port to provide \$65,000 cash contribution and a \$10,000 in-kind contribution.
- Re-sided Building 527 (585 E. Cessna Ave.) at a cost of \$12,000.
- Re-sided and replaced windows in Building 528 (525 E. Cessna Ave.) at a cost of \$35,216.
- Re-sided and replaced windows on Building 525 (550 E. Cessna Ave.) at a cost of \$38,400.
- Built second floor offices (1,765 square feet) in the airport terminal building for Nelson Irrigation at a cost of \$122,225. Nelson Irrigation enters into a two-year lease agreement with options for two additional terms of two years each. Rent for the first two years is \$2,000 per month.

- Purchased new Mott flail mower at a cost of \$86,776.
- Undertook a comprehensive review of the airport's rate & charge guidelines. Rental rates were increased for almost every rental category.
- Re-roofed eight buildings at a cost of \$80,221.
- Painted exterior of the airport water tank and installed airport identification lettering at a cost of \$8,856.
- After several years of effort the airport received FAA authorization to sell a small parcel of former Sky View clear zone property to Abajian Motors.
- Replaced a concrete floor in an airport-owned building leased to Wilbur-Ellis Company at a cost of \$20,200.
- Entered into a lease agreement with Jana Freel to operate the airport terminal building restaurant.
- Valley Wine Storage leases all 9,000 square feet within Building 204 (225 E. Aeronca Ave.) Airport to receive \$945 in monthly rent. Valley Wine Storage commits to improvements in excess of \$53,900.
- Commence with process to acquire clear zone property north of the airport. Property appraisal is underway.
- Installed WiFi internet services in the airport terminal building.
- Hosted Washington/Oregon Airport Manager's Association conference. Event was held at the Marcus Whitman Hotel with 107 attendees.
- In an effort to preserve airport history, the former Walla Walla army airbase newspapers were professionally scanned and made accessible via the airport website.
- Acquired carpet cleaning and tile cleaning equipment for the airport terminal building.
- Entered into a new 10-year lease extension with UPS for Building 123 (855 A Street). Rent for the first five years commencing November 1, 2005 will be \$1,720 per month and the second five years will be at \$2,145 per month.
- Drag racing strip used by Bonanza Raceway received asphalt repairs totaling \$6,900. Airport contributed \$2,250.
- Entered into a reimbursable agreement with Pennbrook Homes to determine feasibility of the airport providing water and sewer services to the proposed new development.
- Leased building 408 (145 E. Curtiss Ave.) to Craig Nelson (Ensemble Cellars) for \$410 per month. Tenant to substantially remodel the building for a winery.

- Leased former Mussman Hangar on a month-to-month basis (160 W. Lear Ave.) to Black Tie Limousine at a rental rate of \$1,450 per month.
- Washington State Penitentiary in cooperation with the Airport ARFF/Security Department performed two large-scale prison transfers.