

2007 Airport Accomplishments

- Successfully obtained a \$500,000 state appropriation to construct two additional wine incubator buildings. Wine incubator program receives positive regional press. Visitors include Speaker Frank Chopp in December 2006 and Governor Gregoire in May 2007.
- Airport and Walla Walla County Fire District #4 finalize a five year contract to have the fire district provide ARFF services at the airport. Airport ARFF employees will become employees of FD #4. Agreement provides the airport with a more cost effective means to provide ARFF coverage for commercial flights.
- Airport and Federal Aviation Administration reached agreement on the Olson property transaction. Port cleared by FAA regarding grant submission. The Walla Walla Union-Bulletin concluded "It was the FAA, not Port of Walla Walla that made grant errors. FAA officials were aware of the Port's intention for use of the Olson land and its water."
- Completed work to replace the rotating beacon on Hangar 118 with a new beacon installed on the control tower. Low bid provided by Power Pro at \$72,850.
- Sewer line extension on Lear Avenue at a cost of \$14,500.
- Landau Associates completed an environmental site characterization study of the Walla Walla Gun Club at a cost of \$16,049. Walla Walla Gun Club commences with lead mining.
- Entered into a new ten year lease agreement with the Walla Walla Gun Club. Rent to incrementally increase from \$650 per month to \$1,400 per month during the last year of the lease.
- Successful passed FAA Part 139 certification inspection conducted on June 13 and 14. Inspector impressed with airport's detailed record keeping system.
- Commenced with general ramp rehabilitation design work with Reid Middleton at a cost of \$188,756. FAA paying 95% and Airport 5%. Phase I ramp rehabilitation scheduled for 2008.
- Airport enters into a 50-year land lease with Elegante Cellars. Airport maintenance staff extends water and sewer utilities to the property. Elegante Cellars builds new state-of-the-art winery.
- Airport enters into a 50-year aviation land lease agreement with James Hanson. Mr. Hanson has commenced with constructing a 100' x 100' aircraft hangar.
- Passenger boardings remain strong. Approximately 28,500 passengers will enplane in fiscal year 2007.
- ARFF Department and management conduct a "Live Drill" as required by FAA Part 139.