

# NEWS RELEASE

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PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY  
Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, May 28, 2008

May 28<sup>th</sup> Port of Chelan County Regular Commission Meeting Highlights:

## **Orondo Street Moorage Project – Partnership with City of Wenatchee**

Allison Williams, Executive Services Director for the City of Wenatchee, provided an update on the Orondo Moorage project. The city's engineering staff is completing final plans, and she expects the project to go out to bid by June 11.<sup>th</sup> Since the plans are nearing completion for bid, the original cost estimate has been increased from \$650,000 to \$950,000. The Port had budgeted \$260,000 to match grant funds for the completion of this project, but due to the City's ability to secure other funding sources, the City reduced the amount requested from the Port to \$200,000. Williams asked the Port Commission to consider restoring funding to the earlier approved amount in the event that bids come in higher than originally anticipated.

The Commission noted this request and asked that the City keep the Port apprised of the outcome of the bid process and to come back if additional funds may be necessary.

Williams also provided an update on the waterfront development project, reporting that the Wenatchee City Council is looking at establishing an LID for Riverside Drive development. The Orondo Moorage and the Riverside Drive projects will provide the infrastructure necessary for the future commercial development.

## **JOINT SESSION WITH PORT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY**

The Port of Douglas County Commission joined the session to consider the following agenda items:

### **Pangborn Airport**

Airport Manager Pat Moore previewed the latest Horizon Air press release announcing the upcoming Horizon flight schedules for the new Q400's that will begin to serve our community, as well as the single Q200 flight that will serve the Wenatchee area daily. She noted this change, which begins August 25<sup>th</sup>, will increase Pangborn's passenger capacity by 80%. She and her staff are working closely with Horizon and the Transportation Security Administration to prepare the terminal for the larger aircraft.

### **AIP projects funding**

The FAA Seattle District Office has informed the airport that funding is in place this year for existing approved grant projects. Moore reported that she has placed the Q400 terminal improvements into the 2009 budget. Interim modifications to the terminal will be made in advance of the August 25<sup>th</sup> commencement of Q400 scheduled service. However, the TSA is still evaluating various types of equipment

for baggage screening, and until they determine the type of equipment that will be chosen (and its size and configuration), the permanent expansion of the secured passenger boarding area will not take place.

The terminal expansion has received a priority ranking by the FAA for funding and construction by Spring, 2009. They have also approved major improvements to Taxiway B as a 2010 project.

**Efforts to Secure Additional FAA Funding for Pangborn Terminal Expansion**

The Commissioners received an update from Commissioner Craig Larsen and Commissioner Mark Spurgeon on their lobbying efforts for Pangborn Airport terminal expansion funding in Washington DC earlier this month. They met personally with Senator Patty Murray and presented letters of support from a broad cross-section of the two-county region, as well as a letter from the Transportation Security Administration validating the need for enhanced terminal security improvements needed to accommodate larger passenger aircraft such as the Q400.

The two commissioners also met with Representative Dave Reichert who serves on the Aviation Subcommittee of the House Homeland Security Committee. Reichert is interested in helping to secure additional FAA funding. Commissioners Larsen and Spurgeon later met with Representative Doc Hastings and with staff from Representative Reichert and Senator Cantwell's offices to brief them on the need for and importance of the terminal expansion.

Senator Murray complimented the Commissioners for their leadership in demonstrating a broad base of support for the project and expressed her support.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was called to discuss real estate matters. No action was taken.

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