



## WSDOT Aviation Monthly Report July 2011

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### **2011 - WSDOT awards \$1,118,675 in first round of 2011-2013 Airport Aid Grants**

Twenty-six Washington airports are slated to receive \$1,118,675 in the first round of state Airport Aid program grants for the 2011-2013 biennium. These funds will cover 32 airport projects across the state in the areas of pavement, safety, planning and security.

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation also used about \$433,290 in state funds to leverage more than \$9 million in federal grants for Washington airports.

#### **Funding Breakdown**

Federal	\$9,314,561
State	\$1,118,675
Local	\$1,125,624
Other Sources	\$432,941
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,991,801</b>

WSDOT places a priority on maintaining strong airport pavements to preserve facilities and improve safety. Sixty-seven percent of these first round grant projects are focused on pavement.

#### **Projects awarded**

17 pavement	\$751,904
8 safety	\$245,270
4 planning	\$ 95,000
2 security	\$ 7,500
1 other	\$ 19,000

Exact grant amounts are subject to change according to final project bid totals.

WSDOT's grant program is funded through an 11-cent-per gallon fee on aviation fuel, along with aircraft registration fees.

More information is available at:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/Grants/GrantRecipients/2011.htm>.

## **Aviation receives AASHTO Award**

WSDOT Secretary of Transportation Paula Hammond was in Oklahoma City recently for a meeting of the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. At the meeting she accepted on behalf of Acting Aviation Division Director John Shambaugh, the AASHTO President's Award for Aviation. The award recognizes John's leadership in long-term aviation planning and economic impact studies that make connections between economic recovery, jobs and local airports.

## **See a plane falling out of the sky? We might be able to explain why.**

So you're driving on I-5 enjoying an usual blue-sky day. All of a sudden you approach the Smokey Point exit near Arlington and see a plane shoot up straight into the air, stall, then spiral toward the ground leaving a trail of thick white smoke behind. Sounds alarming, doesn't it?

Maybe not.

If this happens between July 6 – 10 it is likely one of the many air shows scheduled to take place as part of the annual Arlington Fly-In. The fly-in is the **third largest in the nation**, attracting thousands of people to the Arlington Airport year after year.

[See air show schedule.](#)

Along with the air show, visitors can enjoy airplane rides, displays, workshops, vendors, food and family-friendly movies every night at dusk.

[Visit the fly-in website.](#)

Drivers may experience increased congestion in the Smokey Point area, especially along 172nd Street.

And, if you are already at the fly-in, stop by our Aviation office located in the same building as the Arlington Airport Office to pick up an [airport reference guide](#), [register your aircraft](#), or [learn what we are doing](#) to help preserve the state's system of 138 public use airports.