The Washington Aviation System Plan is a guide for the next twenty years of air transportation in Washington, moving our state toward a more integrated, multimodal transportation system that can meet the needs of growing and thriving communities. The plan seeks to add significantly to the toolkit of transportation options available to the people of Washington.

In the 21st century, we are challenged to use all our transportation assets in more sustainable and cost effective ways. In this context, air transportation does far more than simply transport people from one place to another. It functions as an economic driver, a community builder and a tool to preserve and maintain our environment:

- Giving people more options for long distance work or personal travel
- Enabling commerce through the transport of goods and delivery of services
- Increasing community accessibility
- Enhancing economic growth and vitality
- Enabling and improving emergency services
- Caring for our environment through reduced carbon emissions

Air transportation is a partnership between federal, state, local and tribal governments, communities, and the aviation industry. All must work together to provide a system of diverse, integrated air transportation options. Emerging technology can allow for new kinds of collaboration. Leadership and innovation will be required at all levels and from all sectors to meet our growing and changing needs.

I invite you to review the Washington Aviation System Plan. It provides a framework for creating an integrated, multimodal system and it will drive the actions necessary to make that system a reality.

Best,

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