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Public Meeting for Grove Field Airport Study set for September 9

The Port of Camas/Washougal is embarking on the first phase of the Grove Field Airport Environmental Assessment and invites the community to learn about the project, ask questions and share their ideas. A public information meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Camas High School Auditorium.

The purpose of this Environmental Assessment project is to bring Grove Field Airport into compliance with Federal Aviation Administration design standards for the Airport's existing Airport Reference Code of A-I (small), while complying with Federal and State environmental regulations. The current airport designation for Grove Field allows for aircraft with approach speeds of less than 91 knots, wingspans up to 49 feet and a maximum weight of 12,500 pounds. There will be no change in the size of aircraft typically using Grove Field Airport as a result of this project.

WHPacific and Jeanne Lawson & Associates will be working together with the Port of Camas/Washougal to conduct the Environmental Assessment and engage the public throughout the process. The proposed project includes re-aligning the runway to the south and extending it to the east approximately 350 feet. This will require the relocation of Delp Road. In addition, the existing parallel taxiway will be extended to match the runway. The project will result in an Draft Environmental Assessment for public and agency review in the fall of 2009 and an environmental finding from FAA in late 2009. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2010.

This Project is being funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (95%), WSDOT Aviation (2.5%) and the Port of Camas/Washougal (2.5%).

The Port of Camas/Washougal values and encourages input from the community about this project and other Port initiatives. For information, please visit the project website at www.grovefieldalp.org or contact David Ripp, Executive Director, at (360) 835-2196 x101 or david@portcw.com.