



Airport Accomplishments and 2024 Year-in-Review

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Projects:

-Completed a \$4.1 Million Runway Rehabilitation. Project involved closing the runway for 4 weeks. Improvements included: upgrading the runway pavement, new striping, removing a “hump” on the runway, re-numbering the runway to 17/35, upgrading the taxiway lights to LED, performing pavement maintenance on taxiway alpha and ramps, refencing and regrading the south end of the airport to runway safety area standards and refilling a storm pond. The project was funded 90% by the FAA and 5% WSDOT Aviation. This project is a major improvement to the airport.

-Installation of LED energy efficient lights in the airport office, exterior of Y/Z Hangars and interior of all airport owned hangars. The interior hangar lights are 50% brighter which increases visibility inside the hangars for tenants.

-Installed a new straight-in instrument approach (GPS) with approach minimums down to 400 feet above the ground. This is a significant upgrade and addition to the airport.

-Replaced the 50-year-old roll up canvas doors in J hangar. The roll-up doors were a maintenance issue for staff as parts are no longer available.

-Enclosure of G Hangar from open Ts to the addition of walls and doors. This helped meet demand for enclosed hangar space and increases revenue by \$48K annually. Project was funded by the airport, FAA BIL funding and a WSDOT Aviation CARB loan of \$825K with a term of 10 years at 2% interest.

-Installed video conferencing capability in the airport conference room

-Installed a permanent concrete “H” for the north helicopter operations area. As part of the runway project the south “H” was able to be sloped in all directions, an upgrade from the previous south only configuration.

-Installed a camera that provides a live feed of the entire runway and will be available for customers on the airport website

-Rocked the area behind the office and improved and organized the parking area

-Upgraded the lighting and outlets in hangars F1-F10 in preparation for a future project where the hangar row will have doors and interior walls installed

-ADSB receiver installed on March 28th. Installed a monitor in the lobby that utilizes the new antennae and displays airport aircraft operations. In September installed software which provides airport take off and landing data, noise complaints and the ability to look back at aircraft operations.

-Replaced CPU and keypads in fuel terminal

-Crack sealed a third of the airport’s asphalt. This project will extend the life of the existing pavement on the airport

-The city survey team installed points for a large “S50” in the grass south of the runway. Staff is hoping to install permanent landscaping over the points in 2025.

-Began design for the installation of an Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS), new rotating beacon and emergency generator for the airfield lighting and airport office. Obtained FAA and WSDOT grants for the project

-Upgraded all the door pins for Y and Z hangars

-Installed space themed wraps on the airport office bathroom door



-Installation of 3 new Hangar Murals and benches:



-In August the 99's (female pilot group) installed a Compass Rose on the pavement at A2



Airport Staff Training:

- On May 6-8 the entire staff attended the Washington Airport Management Association Conference. Auburn was the host site with the event being held at the Muckleshoot Casino. As part of the conference staff hosted an airport tour for 120 people and participated in a presentation on derelict aircraft.
- Staff attended AirVenture in Oshkosh Wisconsin, the world's largest aviation event, and spent the week working side-by-side with the airport director
- Staff attended the AAAE General Aviation Conference held August 4-6
- In October Staff attended WSCCA Conference
- Presented at WRAPM Conference in October
- Angela passed the private pilot written exam and has started flight training
- Tim obtained his single engine sea rating

Accomplishments:

- Executed a 50-year lease with FBO Partners for hangar development on the 4 acres on the south ramp. They have 3 years to break ground and 5 years to build a minimum of 35,000 sq ft of new hangar space at the airport.
- Worked with local property owners to mitigate multiple obstructions on the north and south ends of the airport. If these obstructions were not mitigated the new instrument approach would not be available at night.
- Addressed and worked with aircraft owners to bring derelict and unairworthy aircraft stored in airport hangars to an airworthy state. Reached 100% compliance. Conducted the 2024 hangar inspection and had minimal aircraft out of compliance compared to 2023 with over 20 hangars out compliance.
- Angie obtained a grant for \$1000 from WAMA for the airport's internship
- Finished in 1st place in the Fly Washington Passport Program Food Drive for the 2nd year in a row. The trophy is staying at to \$50! The airport collected 8,956 lbs of food and \$2,721 for the Auburn Food Bank
- Tim was appointed to the CARB (Community Aviation Revitalization Board). This board approves low interest loans for airport projects that will assist the airport in sustainability
- Rainier Flight Services increased their footprint in the airport office and started a multi-year lease. They are hoping to continue to grow at the airport.



- Awarded 21 jackets as part of the Fly Washington Passport Program
- Tim was selected to be civic leader for Air Mobility Command and the representative for McChord AFB

Events:

- 1/2 John Deere Gator purchase
- 1/3 Upgraded fuel hoses at fueling facility
- 1/5 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 1/16 Aircraft accident. Aircraft departed the airport and landed on Auburn Way and 40th street. No significant injuries.
- 2/02 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 2/24-25-Booth at NW Aviation Tradeshow
- 3/13 Aircraft Incident, flat tire. Staff responded and had the aircraft mobilized in record time.
- 3/22 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 3/27 EPA inspection
- 4/2 Airport User Group meeting
- 4/5 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 4/9 Aircraft Incident, flat tire.
- 4/10 Helicopter Operations Group meeting
- 4/11 Aircraft accident a Cessna 210 had a main landing gear issue, landed damaged a runway sign, pilot was uninjured
- 4/18 Green River College tour
- 4/30 shared a booth with Spanaflight at Muckleshoot Career Day. Had a flight simulator to interest kids in the aviation industry and promote the airport.
- 5/3 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 6/ completed the fair market value appraisal of airport land
- 6/6 Fatal accident of an RV-12, occurred less than a mile south of the airport. Staff assisted 1st responders.
- 6/10 Presented annual airport update to City Council
- 6/12 Hosted an Airport Managers of the Puget Sound meeting
- 6/14 Runway Reopening Party
- 6/17 Veteran's mural unveiling ceremony. Well, attended event, airport received many compliments on presentation. Mayor Backus and Colonel David Morales, commander of the 62nd Airlift Wing from McChord AFB, spoke to the audience. The McChord color guard presented the colors while city staff sang the national anthem. Colonel Joe Jackson's son David and daughter Bonnie attended where airport staff presented them with a framed picture of the mural. Additional Jackson family attended along with many veterans.
- 6/21-23 Model aircraft line control event on south ramp
- 6/25 met with the FAA Airport District Office, discussed grant funding, future projects and gave an airport tour
- 7/3 Emerald Downs Fireworks Show. Runway closure
- 7/13 Auburn Airport Day (AAD). Another successful event in hosting the community at the airport. Over 1,000 community members participating. Incredible success with 198 Young Eagle flights flown, 85 helicopter passengers and 1,187 gallons of 100LL sold.
- 7/23 hired Brian Kruml as a part-time airport mower
- 7/31 hosted an airport management intern tour and BBQ, gave interns from around the area a tour of the airport and its business and served them lunch. As part of this program, Auburn Airport's intern will tour area airports to see that all airports are similar but very different
- 9/6 Airport Intern's Adrien Hagele's last day. Adrien was an Aviation Management Student from Central Washington and started with the airport in 12/2025, she completed many quality projects for the airport during her time here.
- 9/6 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 9/6-8 Model aircraft line control event on south ramp
- 9/28 Staff presented to Washington State's Legislative Aviation Caucus on S50 challenges and accomplishments
- 10/4 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 10/5 hosted and gave a tour for 14 of the students for the City of Auburn Civics Academy
- 10/16 airport tour for 37 Foreign Exchange ATC Green River students from Japan
- 11/01 Aloha Friday Lunch
- 11/12 Veteran's Day Chili feed. 20 people attended. Angela did an excellent job of coordinating the event.
- 11/16 Provided a tour to the new legal team for the City



- 12/ Airport purchased a high-powered tow behind blower for the use of FOD removal.
- 12/5 New PAPI's flight checked and commissioned
- 12/5 Staff met with the FAA on the process of placing a control tower on the airport
- 12/6 Annual Holiday Open House, overwhelming success with strong attendance
- 12/11 Airport Staff presented to Auburn Valley Fliers
- 12/20 Rainier Flight Service introduction and airport overview meeting

- Airport Board Meetings: 3/20, 5/15(tours), 9/20, 11/15