

## Washington Department of Transportation Study and Olympia Regional Airport

The announcement of the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) Long-Term Air Transportation Study has generated concerns in our community about future operations of Olympia Regional Airport. The WSDOT study includes questions about potentially using airports—including Olympia Regional—to relieve the congestion expected within the next 20 years at Sea-Tac International Airport. *The Port of Olympia has no plans—and anticipates no proposals—to expand Olympia Regional Airport beyond its current capabilities.*

### How You Can Participate

The Port encourages residents to review the WSDOT study and to make comments (until April 17, 2009) at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation>.

### Olympia Regional Airport Capabilities

- Aircraft are limited by runway length, aircraft weight, and wing and landing gear dimensions.
- The runway is not suitable for regular passenger service by B-737's and larger aircraft because the runway is too short and the planes are too heavy. (Runway is 5,501 feet long and can support a 94,000 lb. aircraft.)
- The airport is designed to accommodate 32- to 50-seat aircraft, or smaller.
- Currently, the largest airplanes that operate at the airport are 19-seat business jets. (When Big Sky was operating here, they were operating 19-seat turbo-prop aircraft.)
- Larger aircraft like B-737's could only use the airport under special circumstances and not on a regular basis.
- The Port will continue to promote utilization of its current facilities and infrastructure.

### Aircraft That Typically Use the Olympia Regional Airport



Cessna 172



King Air 350



Dassault Falcon



Gulfstream V

### Regional Commercial Service Aircraft Capable of Using the Olympia Regional Airport



CRJ 200 Regional Jet



Dornier 328 Regional