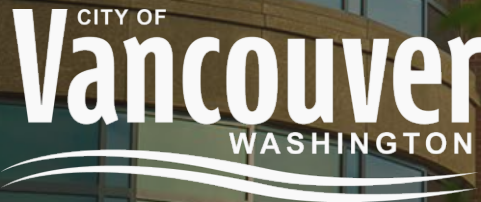


# Pearson Field Airport Status Update



June 8, 2020

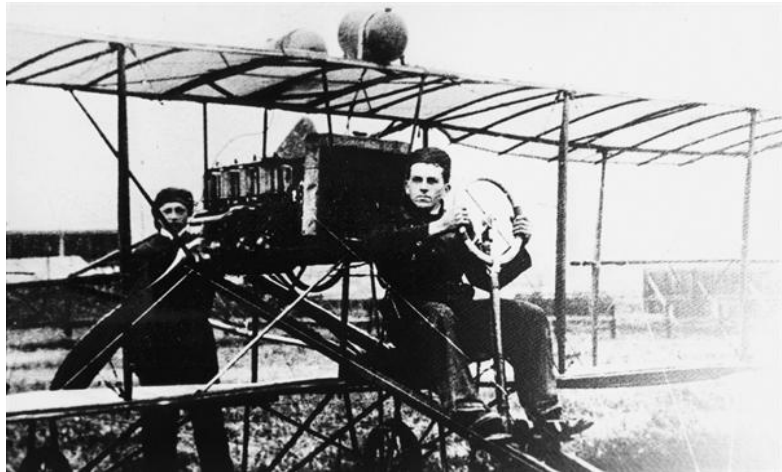
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# Presentation Overview

- Background
- Annual Operations and Budget
- Governance, Operations and Management Assessment
- Capital Projects
- Next Steps

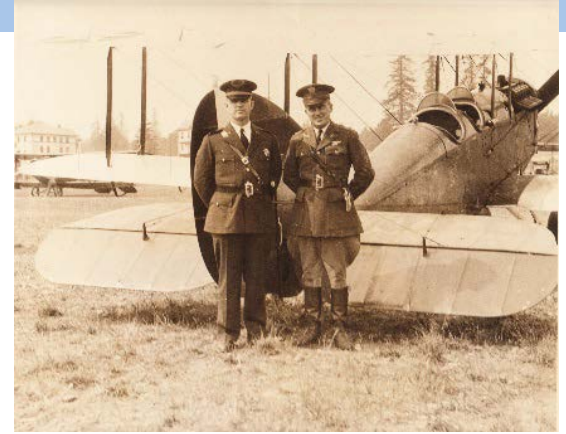


# Pearson Field Background

- 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest operating airfield in the country - first flight in 1905
- Named in honor of Alexander Pearson - dedicated in 1925
- Pearson becomes the City's municipal airport- 1925
- Landing site of first transpolar flight from Russia - June 1937
- City sells the western half of Pearson Field to the National Park Service– 1972

# Pearson Field Background

- Congress creates the “Vancouver National Historic Reserve” which includes Pearson Field- 1996
- City and Park Service sign a 40-year lease for the continued operation of the airport- 2011
- Designated as a “Historic Aerospace Site” by the Am. Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics - 2012



# Facilities at the Field

- Fixed Base Operator (FBO)
  - Flight School
  - Aircraft Maintenance
  - Fuel
- Aircraft Storage (hangars and tie-downs)
- Pearson Field Education Center (PFEC)



# Annual Operations

- 175 fixed wing aircraft based at the Field
- 53,000 annual operations
- 63% operations by based aircraft; 37% by itinerant
- 67% of based aircraft ops, business or commerce related
- 3% public (police, military, environmental, etc.)



# Airport Budget

Annual Revenue (2019) = \$2,031,750

- Land leases
- Hangar and tie down rentals
- Fuel Fees
- FAA/WSDOT Grants

Annual Operating/Capital Expenses (2019) = \$1,917,553

# Airport Budget

- Pearson Field is an enterprise fund which receives no general fund support
- Unusual for a municipal airport of this size to not receive a general fund subsidy
- With 2018 pay off of bond debt from hangar construction – airport is debt free





# Airport Economic Impact

## WSDOT 2018 Economic Impact Study

- The study calculated the economic impact of the aviation industry in Washington and the unique and diverse ways airports contribute to the state and its residents.
- Pearson Field had a \$39,940,000 economic impact to Portland metro region



# Governance, Operations & Mgmt. Assessment

- Financial Audit – August 2018
- Temporary Suspension of Aviation Advisory Committee- October 2018
- Audit Corrective Action Plan Implemented- March 2019
- New Airport Manager- May 2019
- Revisions in policies, procedures and financial management

# Governance, Operations & Mgmt. Assessment

## Financial Changes Since 2018 Audit:

- Revised rental agreements and approval process
- Rental agreements are all current
- Rental rates have been adjust to be consistent for all tenants
- Rental agreements now managed through Workday

# Governance, Operations & Mgmt. Assessment

## Security Changes Since 2018 Audit:

- All new tenants are required to use City issued locks for hangars
- Electronic access gates with card keys
- Upgraded internet access and secured equipment room

# Governance, Operations & Mgmt. Assessment

Written Policies Established for:

- Wait list (over 100 people on the list);
- Hangar rates;
- Eviction procedures;
- Card key control;
- Rental agreement process



# Capital Projects

2019- Repave runway, replace electronic guidance system (90% funded by FAA)

2020- Repave taxiways and aprons(100% funded by FAA)

2021- Repaint commercial buildings (City funded)

2022- Airfield Electrical Upgrades(90% funded by FAA)

# Proposed VMC Updates

- Will be consistent with FAA regulations & City Codes
- Adds the Aviation Advisory Committee
- Institutes "Aeronautical Business Permits"
- Simplifies process for revoking right to use the airport
- Rules & Regulations and Minimum Standards for Commercial Operations will be stand alone documents

# Aviation Advisory Committee

- Provides advice to Council and Airport Management
- 7 members
- 3 year terms, maximum of three terms
- Minimum of quarterly meetings





# Next Steps

- Revisions to the Airport VMC
- Adopt new Rules and Regulations
- Appoint Aviation Advisory Committee
- RFP for Fixed Base Operator

# Questions and Discussion

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