



"This success belongs to everyone," says KCIA Senior Engineer Rick Renaud of the NAPA Quality in Construction Award for the runway project.

Runway project wins Asphalt Association award

Last summer's successful project to remove and replace 116,000 tons of hot-mix asphalt on the main runway at Boeing Field received a coveted National Asphalt Pavement Association Quality in Construction Award. The award, which recognizes exemplary hot-mix asphalt (HMA) pavement projects throughout the U.S., was presented to KCIA staff in San Francisco during the annual NAPA conference in March.

In addition to experiencing normal wear from more than 300,000 flight operations annually, the runway — last overlaid in 1985 — had been significantly damaged during the 2001 Nisqually Earthquake. While some repairs were made immediately following the quake, soil under the runway had liquefied, causing more cracking, depressions and grade changes that had to be fixed before more damage occurred.

Completed ahead of schedule and under budget in August 2006, the rehabilitation project was done in phases to keep full runway closures to a minimum. The runway

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Important Dates

**Thursday, Aug. 2-
Sunday, Aug. 5**

**Seafair Air Show practice
and performances**

**Monday, Sept. 10
5-6:30 p.m.**

**Airport Roundtable
(Airport Terminal Building)**

**Note: No Roundtable
meeting in August.**

Message
from the
Airport
Director



Bob Burke

Be prepared for a busy summer

Summer is upon us. We hope that it brings increased activity for airport businesses and plenty of sunny days for recreational flying.

This is also the busiest season for airport staff as they address the following projects:

- Routine runway maintenance and repairs;
- Taxiway Alpha pavement repairs;
- Various building repairs, including HVAC replacements and exterior upgrades;
- Terminal ramp paving;
- Demolition of the South Arrivals building; and
- Special "good weather" projects.

If you have questions about how any of these projects will affect your flight activities, please contact airport operations at 206-296-7334 and you will be connected with the duty officer.

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KCIA = King County International Airport
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Jerrell Wills

Wills appointed rescue, firefighting chief

Jerrell Wills, a 19-year veteran of the King County Sheriff's Office, has been named KCIA's Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting chief.

During his Sheriff's Office career, Wills has been an entry team member of SWAT, a public information officer and a patrol sergeant. He was promoted to captain and assigned to KCIA in December 2006. Wills has also been a volunteer firefighter with Duvall Fire Department District 45 for nine years.

"I am thrilled that Director Burke selected me as his ARFF Chief, and I hope that my energy and enthusiasm for the Fire Service will create a positive and everlasting impact on the KCIA ARFF operations," he said.

A single father of three — sons Elliott, 12, and Lakota, 9, and daughter Logan, 11 — Wills enjoys spending time with his children, "coaching soccer and baseball and acting as their personal trainer during their off season." During the summer, he admits to "chasing my rodeo dreams as a steer wrestler, also known as bulldogging." Wills said he logs over 10,000 miles each summer on the rodeo circuit. "My boys love traveling with me to my local rodeos, but my daughter does not see the appeal of sleeping in a horse trailer," he added.

A California native who spent his formative years in Los Angeles and San Jose, Wills had dreams of living on a ranch or farm. "Not only did my parents refuse to buy me a pony, they were unwilling to move to the country where I could fulfill my dream of being a country boy," he said. "Although Duvall is not as rural as it once was, it will have to do until I can retire to a place like Idaho, Wyoming or Montana."



CAVU Café owner Max Choe provides a variety of fresh menu items for employees and travelers.

CAVU provides delicious fuel for the body

The U.S. Department of Defense defines the acronym CAVU as "Ceiling and visibility unlimited." But many employees and travelers at Boeing Field will tell you CAVU is the name of the café tucked just inside the main terminal at King County International Airport.

Open for breakfast and lunch — and great coffee and snacks — CAVU provides a great place to refuel the body for anyone on the fly. With an assortment of sandwiches, salads, a soup-of-the-day and delicious sweets, there is something for everyone.

CAVU is recently under new ownership, and the very friendly guy behind the counter is Max Choe, a seasoned restaurateur with more than 15 years of experience as the owner of the Chestnut Café, located near IKEA in Kent. Max and his wife Bony prepare the menu items with an eye for freshness and quality.

CAVU is also available for catering and take-out orders. Call by 10 a.m. and lunch will be ready to go at your requested time. The phone number is 206-762-1243 or visit them online at www.cavucfe.us.

I-5 repairs expected to increase traffic congestion on Airport Way in August

KCIA employees should note that traffic congestion will increase on Airport Way in August, the result of repairs scheduled on northbound Interstate 5 between Spokane Street and Interstate 90.

The Washington State Department of Transportation is planning to replace expansion joints and resurface 1.13 miles of freeway on the northbound bridge deck between I-90 and Spokane Street from Aug. 10-29. Existing expansion joints will also be replaced on southbound I-5.

The construction will reduce I-5 northbound from five lanes to two or three lanes during construction. A portion of the traffic will be routed to Airport Way South, with the northbound outer lane of Airport Way reconfigured to handle transit and truck traffic only.

Drivers are likely to face lengthy backups and delays on all freeways and city streets during the construction period as traffic moves to alternate routes. For more information, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i5/SpokaneStreetBridgeRepair. You can also sign up for email alerts at: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Northwest/EmailUpdates.

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Runway project wins award

was closed to all air traffic from Aug. 13-24, requiring tenants and other users to rely on other regional airports during that time.

The project, which was completed in phases to minimize full runway closures, also was the subject of a six-page article in the Spring 2007 issue of *Asphalt* magazine. Author John Duval, field engineer for the Asphalt Institute, noted the project's complexity, from working with airport tenants to develop scheduling options; to overseeing the contract with ICON Materials, a local asphalt paving and earthwork contractor; to ensuring that the removal and replacement work was done within the tight 20-day timeframe.

The article specifically cited the partnership between KCIA staff, ICON, the Federal Aviation Administration (which provided grant money for the project), and URS, the company hired by KCIA to administer construction activities. "It took careful planning, ongoing communication among team members and flawless execution on the part of the construction crews," Duval wrote.

The article also quoted FAA Project Manager Karen Miles, who concluded: "The end result was the runway was able to open 24 hours ahead of schedule, there were no construction or aircraft accidents, and the project will close out at or under the FAA grant amount." The project, which cost approximately \$27 million, received FAA grant funding of \$24.5 million.

"I want to express my appreciation to everyone involved for their sacrifices and effort," said KCIA Senior Engineer Rick Renaud, who oversaw the project. "This success belongs to everyone."

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Annual FAA certification inspection a success

The Federal Aviation Administration conducted its annual certification of Boeing Field on March 19-20. As a holder of a federal operating certificate, King County International Airport is required to comply with federal regulations for its airfield, personnel training, emergency preparedness and associated recordkeeping systems.

The certification inspection consisted of an extensive examination of the airport's pavements, markings, lighting, signs and safety areas during both daytime and nighttime hours. In addition, FAA inspectors conducted a detailed review of KCIA's training programs and related personnel training records.

Overall, the FAA determined that KCIA Airport operates in compliance with federal regulations. A few minor airfield signage issues identified during the inspection have been corrected.

The continuous safe operation of KCIA in accordance with FAA regulations involves the dedicated efforts of Operations, Maintenance and ARFF personnel. The FAA's successful evaluation was the product of ongoing teamwork during the previous 12 months.

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Message from the Airport Director

A few months ago, the media again drew attention to the vulnerability of airports with the threats made at JFK Airport. Please remember that safety and security, as always, remain the paramount concern at KCIA. You can help in the following ways:

- Remind employees to wear their badges on the outside of their jackets so they can be clearly identified;
- Remember to give gate codes and access only to those who have the need and authority to have them;
- Make sure gates are properly locked and prevent piggy-backing as you drive through vehicle gates.

A safe and secure environment is everyone's responsibility. We appreciate your cooperation.

Please call me at 206-296-7380 or email robert.burke@kingcounty.gov if you have questions.

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