

I currently serve on WSDOT Aviation's Airport Investment Advisory Committee representing the Washington Airport Management Association (WAMA). The study is now in Phase II seeking funding solutions and the below article details the study progress to date.

## **Airport Investment Study Phase II seeks "Solutions"**

[The Airport Investment Study](#) is now in its second, "Solutions" phase to identify and analyze potential solutions to meet Washington's aviation system needs. The study's advisory committee recommended that the Washington State Department of Transportation initiate this second Solutions Phase after the first phase revealed funding gaps.

The first phase of the Airport Investment Study found that the state's 134 public-use airports will need \$3.6 billion in projects during the next 20 years. WSDOT's [Airport Aid Program](#) provides an average of \$1.1 million in state airport grants per year. During the 20-year study period the state grant program is forecasted to average \$1.4 million per year. WSDOT estimates an average of \$12 million per year is needed to meet the state's portion of the overall \$3.6 billion in project needs.

Initiated in May 2014, the Solutions Phase attempts to:

- Seek solutions that produce the greatest benefit to the aviation system capital and preservation needs.
- Seek solutions that yield scalable and appropriate impact to users.
- Seek solutions that support the Governor's "Results Washington" initiatives and support Washington state "Priorities of Government."
- Seek solutions that improve the aviation system benefit to Washington state's economy.

During the Solutions Phase, WSDOT, consultant CH2M Hill and the study's advisory committee, have worked to develop, analyze and prioritize potential solutions. The study's advisory committee will meet for the second time on Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at Boeing Field to review and provide feedback on [a](#) list of potential solutions.

Originally scheduled to wrap up by the end of the year, the Solutions Phase will now extend through April 2015 to allow ample time for legislative review and feedback.

For more information visit the study's web page at:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/AirportInvestmentStudy.htm>