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## **THUN FIELD RUNWAY WIDENING PROJECT UPDATE**

### **PROJECT ON HOLD**

Due to funding issues at the FAA, the Thun Field Runway Improvements project has been postponed until 2011. Available funds were re-distributed to higher priority aviation projects experiencing cost overruns in other western states.

According to FAA, funding for Thun Field is expected to become available by early next year. If this holds true, the project may go to bid in January and be constructed in the spring of 2011. Construction will last about four months.

The project will proceed through final engineering now but will not proceed to construction this summer as planned.

### **CURRENT STATUS**

Field work for the geotechnical and survey reports is complete. Soil test sites will be restored in the next few weeks. No further on-site activity is anticipated, unless something unexpected is discovered while completing the final design.

The only change from the preliminary design is elimination of the backup generator, which is a disallowed expense per the FAA.

### **OPPORTUNITY TO PLAN AHEAD**

This unexpected schedule change allows Thun Field tenants and users to conduct this year's business without concern of construction interference. It also affords them the opportunity to begin planning now for 2011. Tenants and users may use Tacoma Narrows Airport facilities free of charge during next year's construction, but prior arrangement is necessary. Contact Gloria Van Spanckeren to reserve your place at Tacoma Narrows, at 253-798-4688 or [gvanspa@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:gvanspa@co.pierce.wa.us)