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MAIN RUNWAY SCHEDULED FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE

(Spokane, WA) – As part of Spokane International Airport’s 2015 Taxiway Reconfiguration Project, the main runway, 3/21, is scheduled to be closed beginning at 8 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time on Monday, June 8, 2015. The Runway 3/21 is scheduled to re-open on or around July 15th at 5 A.M. PDT. During the full closure of Runway 3/21, Runway 7/25 will be in service. Because Runway 7/25 is aligned east-west, residents on Spokane’s South Hill may notice a change in the pattern of aircraft arrivals and departures during the temporary closure.

The closure is necessary to allow for construction of taxiway tie-ins to three (3) new Taxiways and the removal of two (2) old taxiways as part of the FAA funded project currently underway. Because the tie-in and demolition work is located inside of the Runway Safety Area, it is not possible to complete the work without a runway closure. Due to the complexity of the work and to achieve proper quality, it is not feasible to complete the work by shutting down the runway each night and then trying to re-open the next morning, which does not provide sufficient work hour windows.

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During Spokane International Airport's recent master planning process, deficiencies in existing taxiway configurations were identified. The reconfiguration of the taxiways will enhance the safety, efficiency and overall usability of the airfield by providing taxiway designs that meet current FAA standards, and provide improved access to the cargo and passenger terminal aircraft parking aprons, as well as the corporate and General Aviation facilities from Runway 3/21.

The Spokane Airport Board awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$7,865,535 at their August 21, 2014 monthly meeting for the 2015 Taxiway Project to Acme Concrete Paving of Spokane. The notice to proceed was issued on April 7 and project completion is scheduled for August 2015.

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Attachment: Taxiway Construction Exhibit