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AIR TRAFFIC SHIFTED TO ALTERNATE RUNWAY

(Spokane, WA) – Spokane International Airport (GEG) announced that effective today, Monday, April 5, 2010, aircraft take-offs and landings were shifted to their alternate east/west runway, 7/25, which is 8,199' in length. The change is being done to accommodate the 2,000' extension of Runway 3. The main runway will re-open with a 1,300' displaced threshold on Monday, April 12, 2010 reducing the runway's operational length from 9,000' to 7,700' and without the Category III Instrument Landing System (CAT III ILS). Final completion of the construction portion of the project and the activation of Runway 21's CAT III ILS is scheduled for September 23, 2010. Flight testing and other certification requirements are required before the Runway 3 approach is re-commissioned for CAT III ILS operations, which is scheduled for November 15, 2010.

Landing considerations are directed by the Air Traffic Control Tower based on prevailing winds. However, on days when weather or other air traffic is not a factor, pilots can choose which runway they prefer. Because of the alternative runway's additional length and its east/west alignment, residents on Spokane's South Hill may notice a change in the pattern of aircraft arrivals and departures during the next six months of construction.

Acme Concrete Paving, Inc. of Spokane was awarded the \$30,734,859 Runway Extension project at the April 15, 2009 meeting of the Spokane Airport Board. During last year's portion of the project, Acme installed utility infrastructure, relocated Electric Avenue, corrected an existing runway gradient challenge, graded 300,000 yards of soil, and installed new navigational aid buildings to enable the equipment installation in 2010.

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