

Spokane County Briefing

Felts Field Airport Master Plan Update April 18, 2022

Agenda

- Introduction & Background
- Existing Issues and Challenges
- Forecast Summary & Critical Aircraft Determination
- Facility Requirements Summary
- Alternatives Evaluation Summary
- Proposed Airport Layout Plan
- Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- Q&A and Discussion



Cessna Citation CJ2



Introductions

Felts Field Airport Master Plan

Prepared by:



with:



Cost Est. and ALP
Drawings



Tower Siting Study



AGIS 18B Aerial Mapping and Survey



Stakeholder Engagement



Background – 2020 WSDOT Airport Economic Impact Results

The study revealed the state's 134 public-use airport system contributes 407,042 jobs, \$26.8 billion in labor income, and \$107 billion in total economic impact (business revenues) to the state's economy and communities.

SFF & GEG Contributions:

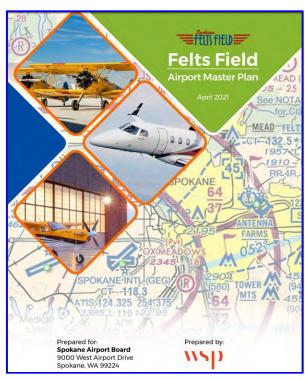
| Airport Name | FAA ID | Jobs | Labor Income (\$) | Value Added (\$) | Business Revenue (\$) |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Felts Field | SFF | 462 | \$27,356,000 | \$45,515,000 | \$78,749,000 |
| Spokane International | GEG | 11,566 | \$548,693,000 | \$936,832,000 | \$1,551,346,000 |



Background – What is an Airport Master Plan?

An airport master plan provides a road map for efficiently meeting aviation demand through the foreseeable future while preserving the flexibility necessary to respond to changing industry conditions. Specifically:

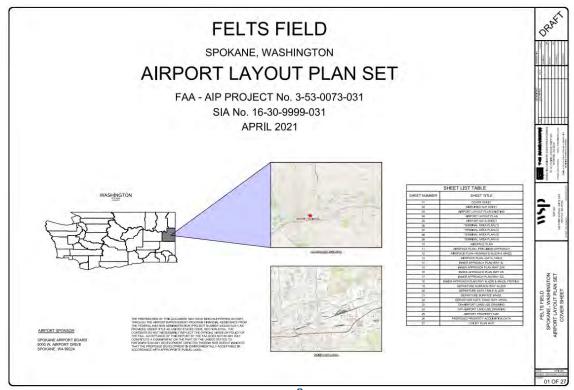
- To provide a framework or "roadmap" for longrange planning (2038)
- To graphically present preferred airport development concepts
- To comply with FAA applicable requirements
- To assure compatible land use development
- To identify facility requirements for all airport users





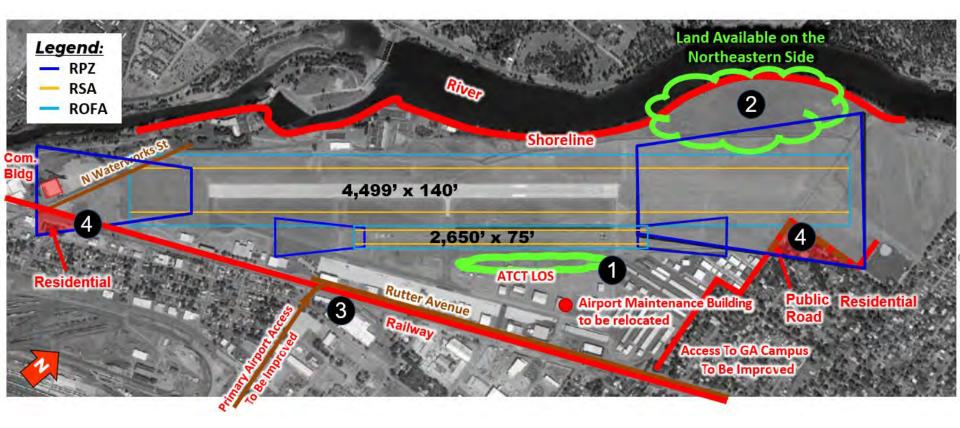
Background - Airport Master Planning

- The Master Plan process provides a blueprint for the future.
- The proposed plan is implemented when actual demand warrants and when funds become available.
- The recommendations contained in a Master Plan may require further environmental review and financial planning.
- Projects must be on the ALP in order to be eligible for FAA funding.





Existing Issues and Challenges at Felts Field (SFF)

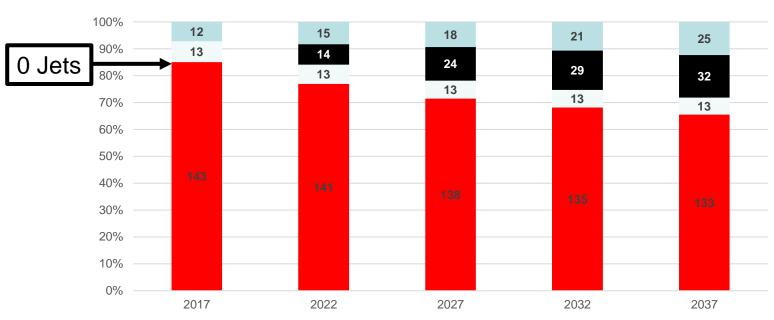


- 1. Limited hangar development area due minimal available space and existing ATC Tower line of sight.
- 2. Spokane River limits developable land area due to City's 200-foot buffer requirement.
- 3. Airport access issues due to **Union Pacific railway stoppage** along E. Rutter Avenue.
- **4. Incompatible land uses** (e.g. public roads and residential buildings) within the existing Runway Protection Zones.
- 5. Airspace limitations due to terrain north of the airport (limits usable runway length)

FAA Approved Forecast Summary thru 2037

FAA Approved Forecast Dec. 2018

Projected Based Aircraft by Type



Actual Dec. 2021 3 based jets

Forecast Summary

■ Single-Engine ☐ Multi-Engine ■ Helicopter

Actual 2022 2017 2027 2032 2037 Dec. 2021 **Annual Operations** 71,732 63,988 68,534 51,364 55,566 59,664 Average Day, Peak Month Aircraft Operations 163 176 189 203 218 Based Aircraft 168 183 193 198 203 227

Source: WSP Analysis



SFF Facility Requirements Summary

- For Primary Runway 4L-22R, a 5,500-foot runway is required to accommodate the FUTURE critical aircraft—Learjet 25/31s (60% useful load).
- Facility Requirements identified the need for an additional 32 hangars by 2037 (some T-hangars and Tiedowns have already been constructed).





Facility Requirements – SFF Runway Length Needs

Table 3-8. Runway Length Requirements

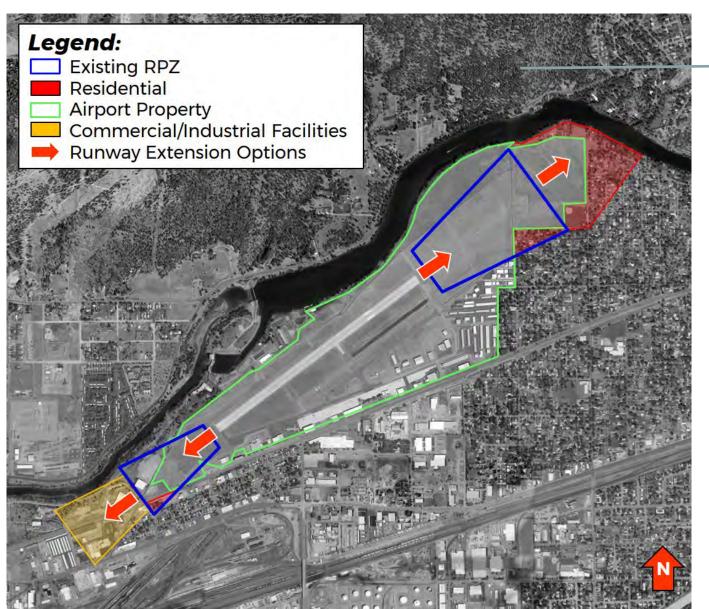
| CONDITION | PROPOSED RUNWAY REQUIREMENTS (FEET) | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Existing Runway 4L-22R | 4,499 | | |
| 60% useful payload (Cessna Citation) | 5,000 Short-term | | |
| 90% useful payload (Cessna Citation, Learjet 25/36) | 6,800 | | |
| 75% payload (Learjet 25/36) and 60% useful payload (Hawker 800) | 6,100 Long-term | | |
| 90% useful payload (Hawker 800) | 9,000 | | |





Airfield Alternatives – Accommodating Runway Needs

Runway 4L-22R Extension Considerations for 6,100 feet

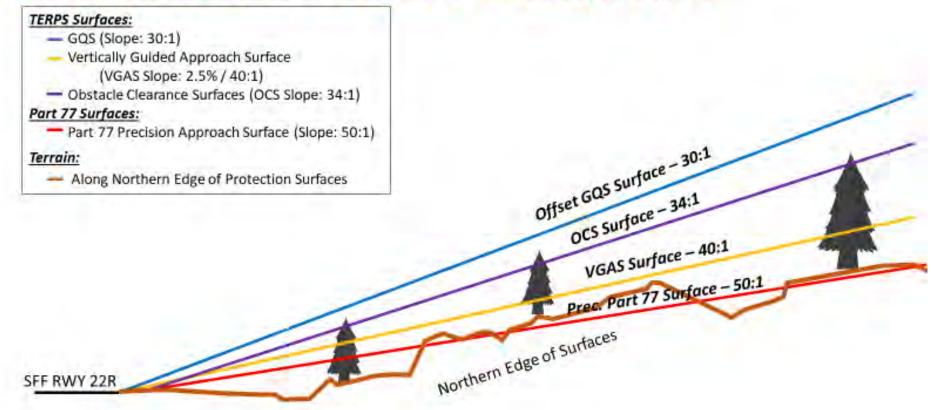


Beacon Hill



Airfield Alternatives – Accommodating Airspace Constraints

SFF Protection Surfaces - Profile view

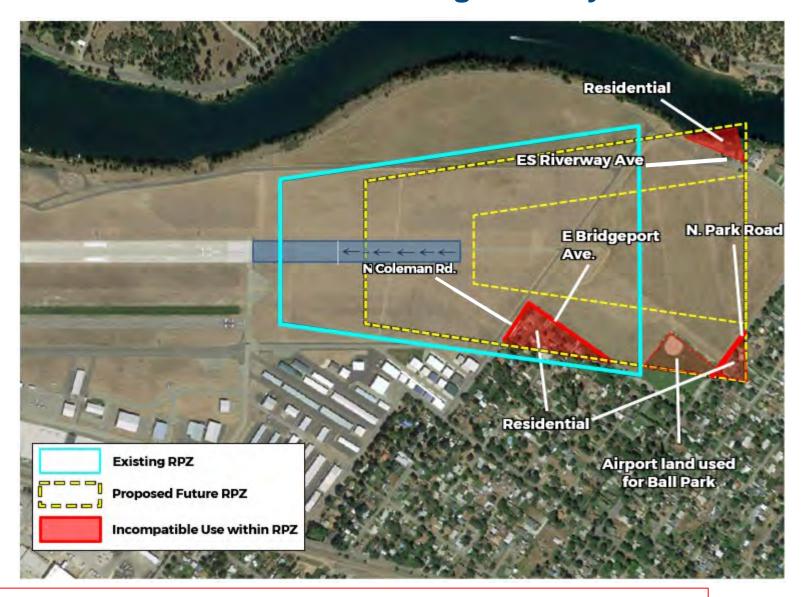


Note, Jan. 2020 Discussed terrain issues with FAA NW Flight Procedures. FAA estimated 580 ft. limit for a runway extension to maintain existing ILS approach minimums.

Conclusion: only 580' runway extension possible for arrivals to Rwy 22R



Airfield Alternatives – Addressing Runway 22R RPZs



Conclusion: 1,002' Runway extension limited due to Rwy 22R RPZs



Airfield Alternatives – Accommodating Runway Needs

Runway Alternative: 1,000-foot Extension Southwest



Conclusion: Runway extension not feasible to the southeast



Recommended Ultimate Runway 4L-22R Extension



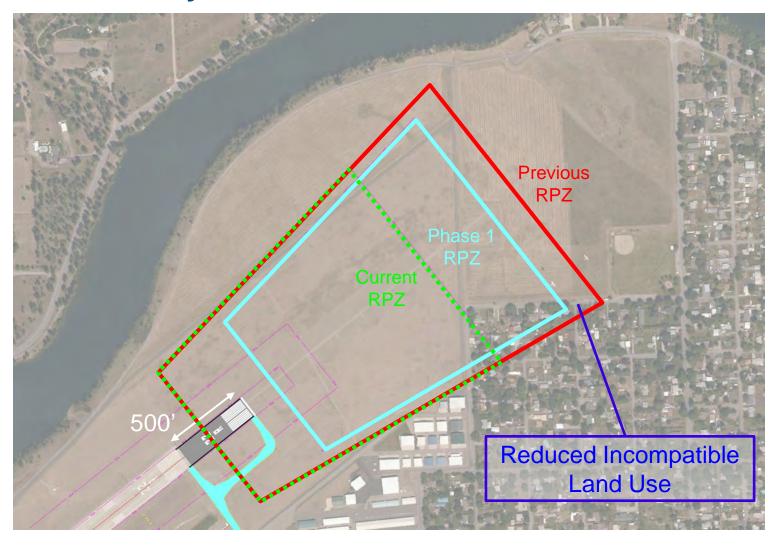
Recommendation: Extend Rwy 22R 1,002' (5,500' total) with 422' Displaced Threshold

Note:

- RW4L existing RPZ has incompatible land uses: 2 homes (HUD), 1 business, 2 public roadways and railroad.
- A future RW4L RPZ could increase in size if improved minimums for <1 mile visibility is obtained, thus not recommended.
- Future Runway 22R RPZ would encompass some homes, ball park and public roads.



Phase 1 Runway 4L-22R Extension



Phase 1 Recommendation: Extend Rwy 22R by 500' (5,000' total)



ATCT Constraints on Hangar Development

Due to the lack of available developable land at SFF, two scenarios were developed for the hangar alternatives:

- 1. Existing ATCT remains at its current location
- 2. Relocate ATCT





Issues and Challenges at SFF – Existing ATC Tower



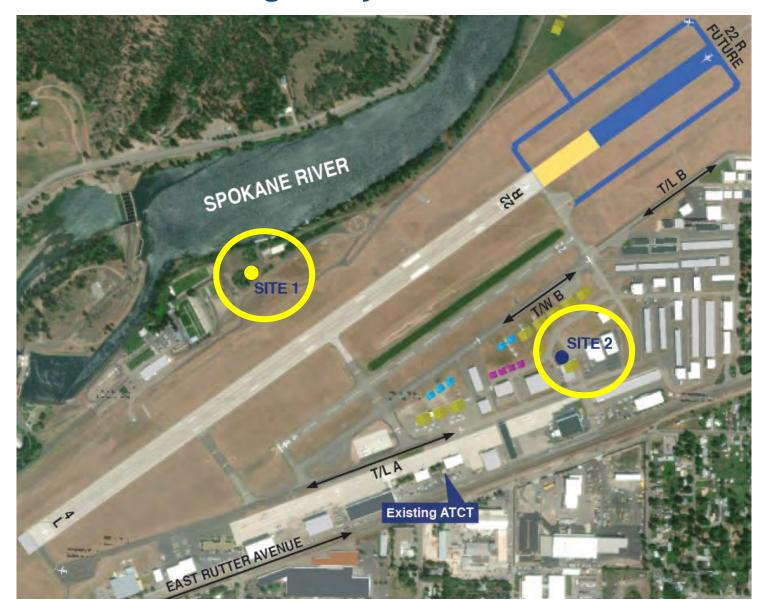
- **1.Limited hangar development area** due minimal available space and existing ATC Tower line of sight.
 - Tower is over 50 years old (1968)
 - Tower is too short (Height: 65ft. AGL)
 - Not ADA compliant
 - Existing Line-of-Sight issues



SFF Existing ATC Tower Line-of-Sight Issue

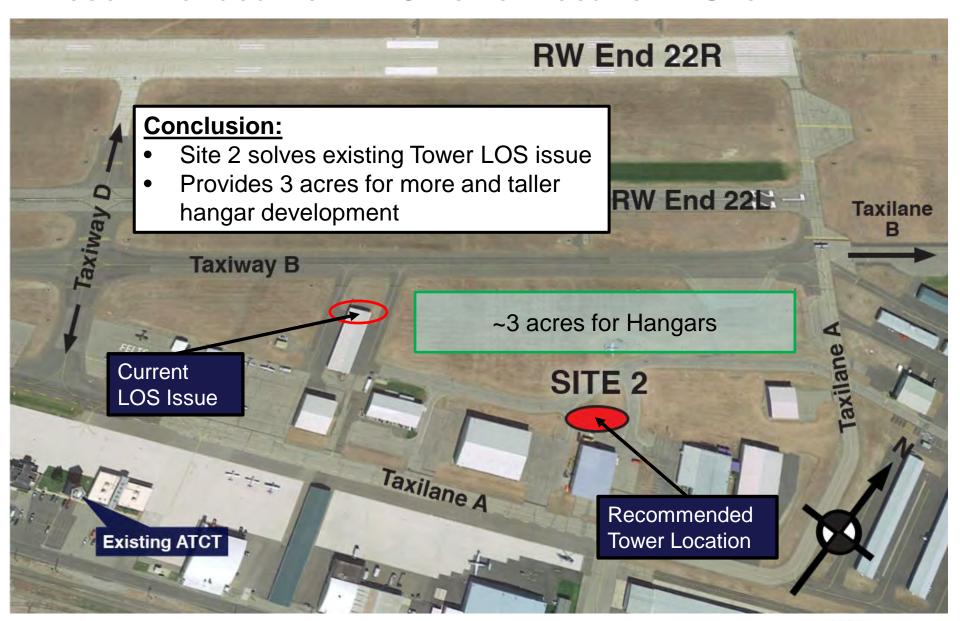


SFF ATC Tower Siting Study





Recommended New ATC Tower Location – Site 2



Aircraft Storage Needs – Accommodating 2037 Hangar Demand

Facility Requirements:

2017-2037 Growth: +32 jet hangars

Proposed Hangar Sizes:

- Assumes one aircraft per hangar for the jet fleet mix:
 - 10 large and mid-size aircraft (design aircraft: Bombardier Challenger 600)
 - 22 small aircraft (design aircraft: Cessna Citation II)

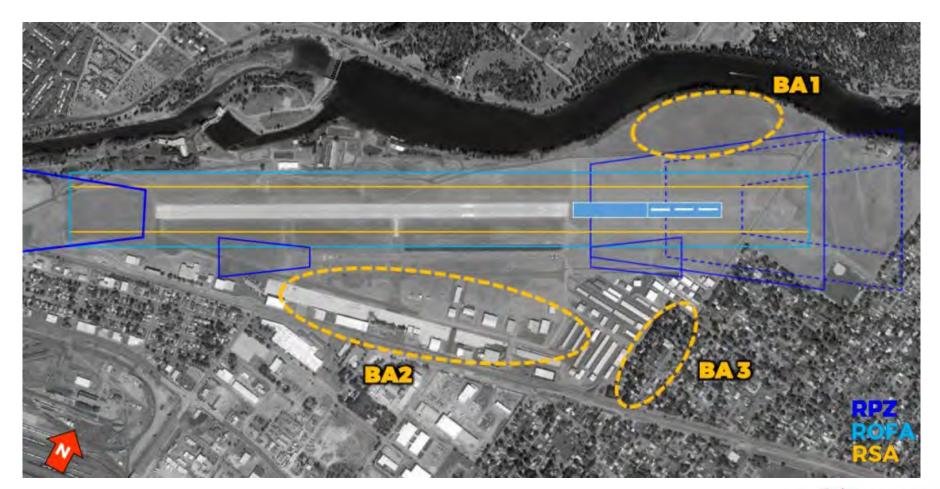
Note: 20ft. spacing provided between hangars to meet local codes to avoid fire suppression requirement.







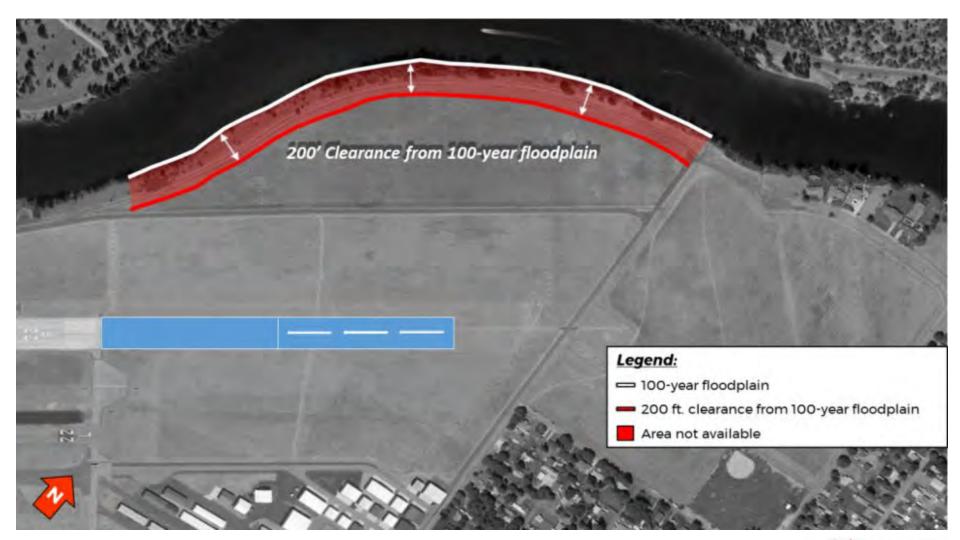
Aircraft Storage Alternatives – Accommodating Hangar Needs





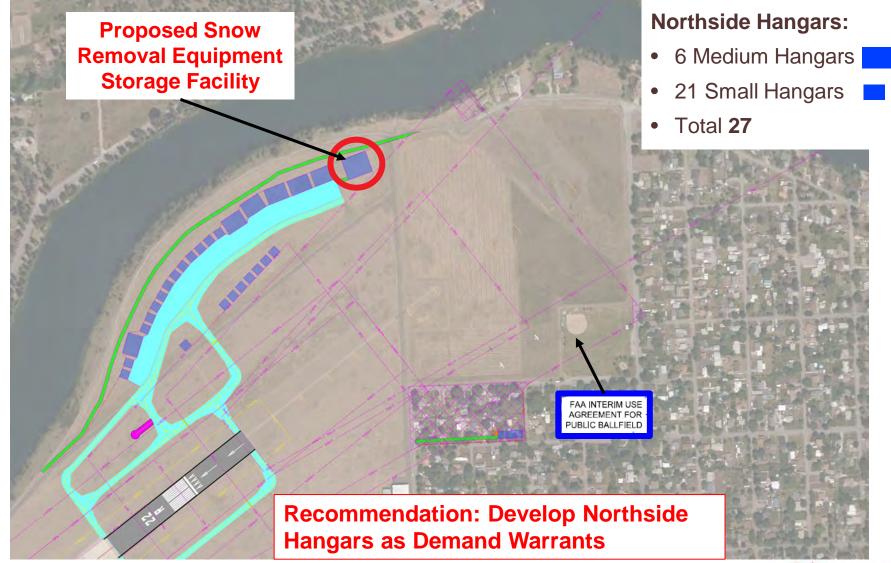
Aircraft Storage Alternatives – North Developable Space

River Shoreline Setback Area 200 ft.



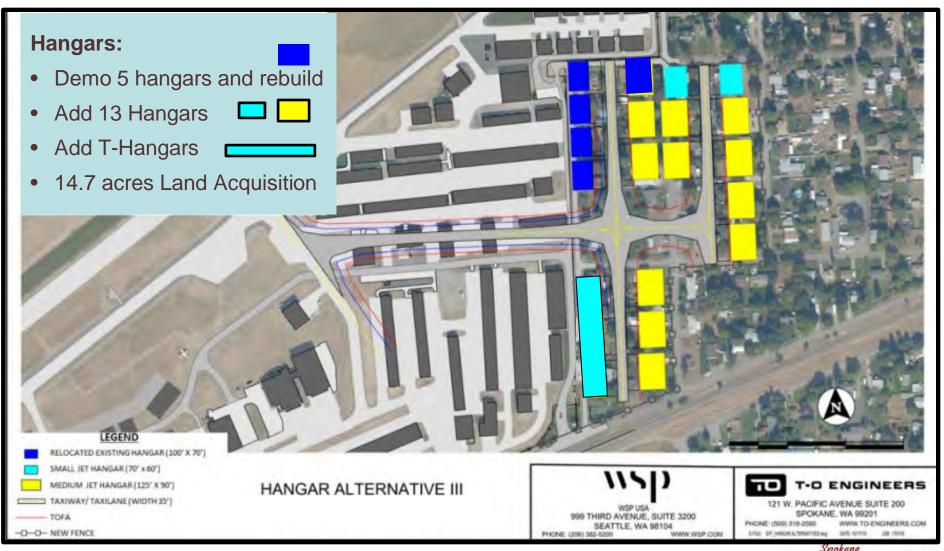
Aircraft Storage & SRE Recommendation – Northside

Meets FAA Design Standards, Part 77 and TERPS



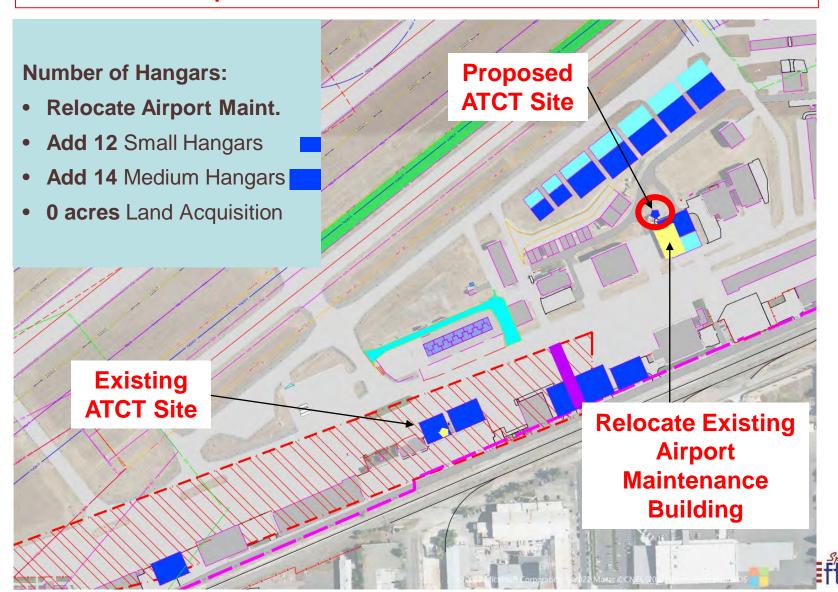
Aircraft Storage Alternatives – Southside

If Existing Tower Remains – Insufficient Space on-Airport to Accommodate Hangar Needs through 2037

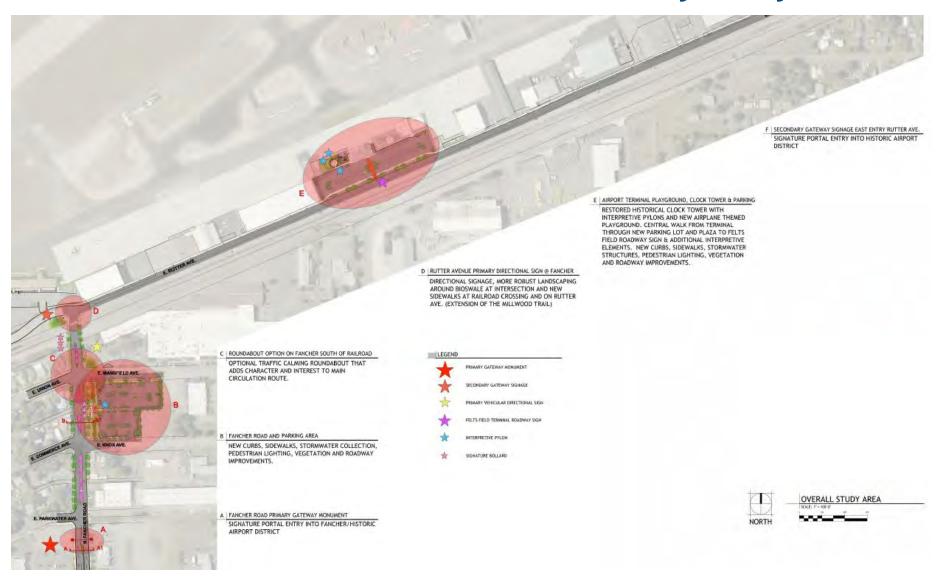


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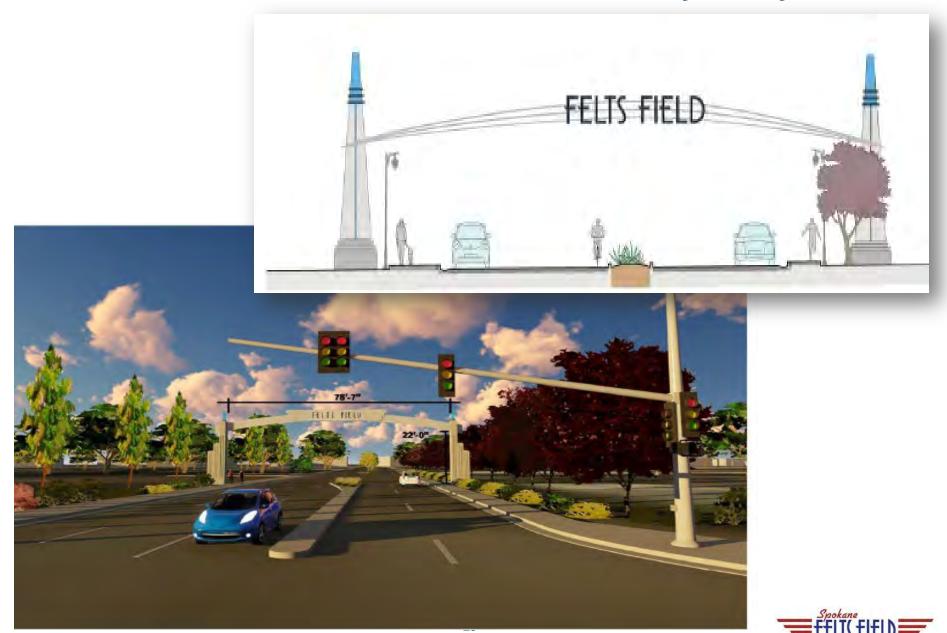
Recommendation: Relocate Tower to Meet Hangar Demand and Avoid 14 acres of Land Acquisition



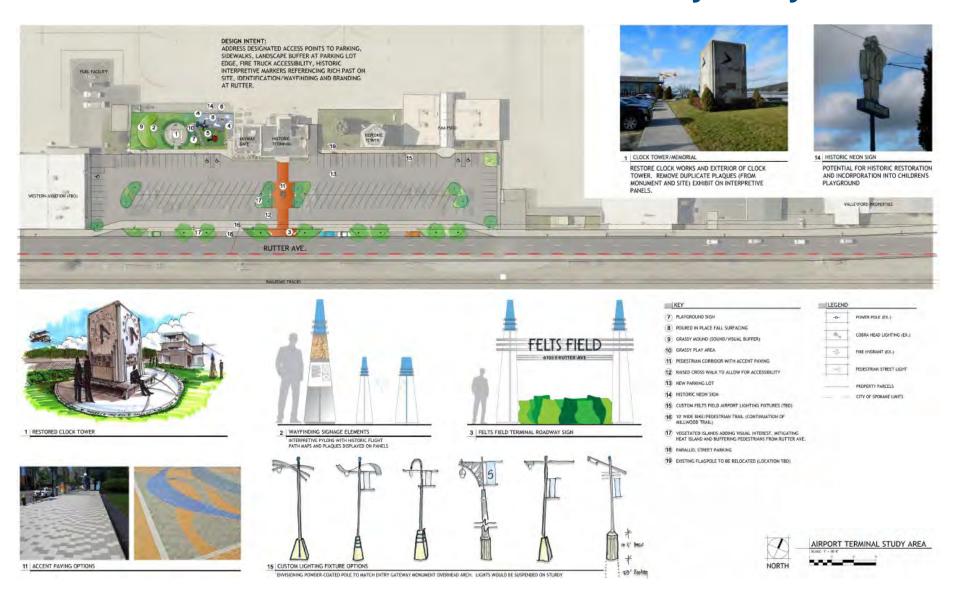
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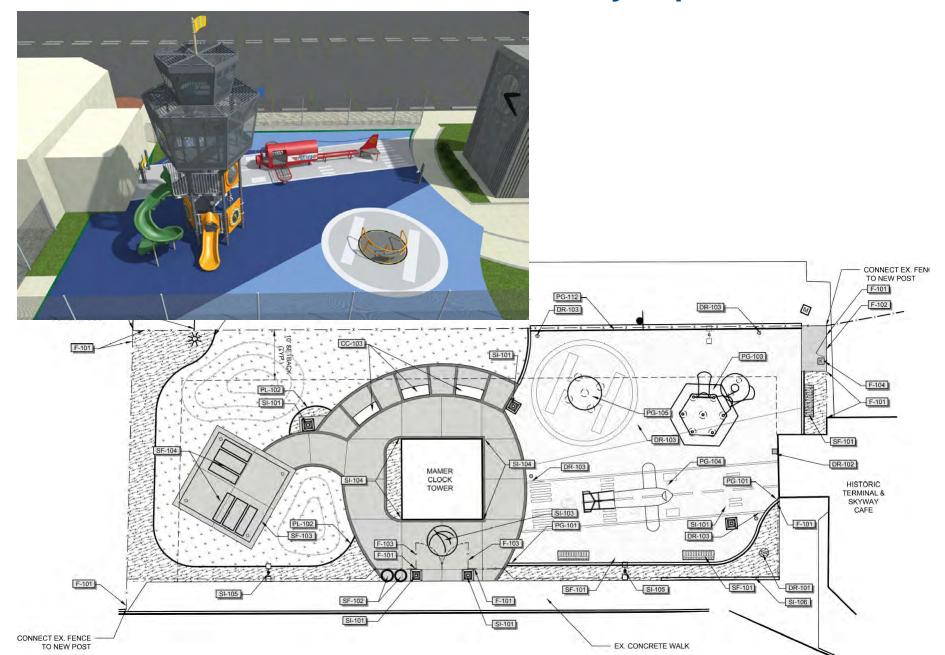


Felts Field Historic District Gateway Study

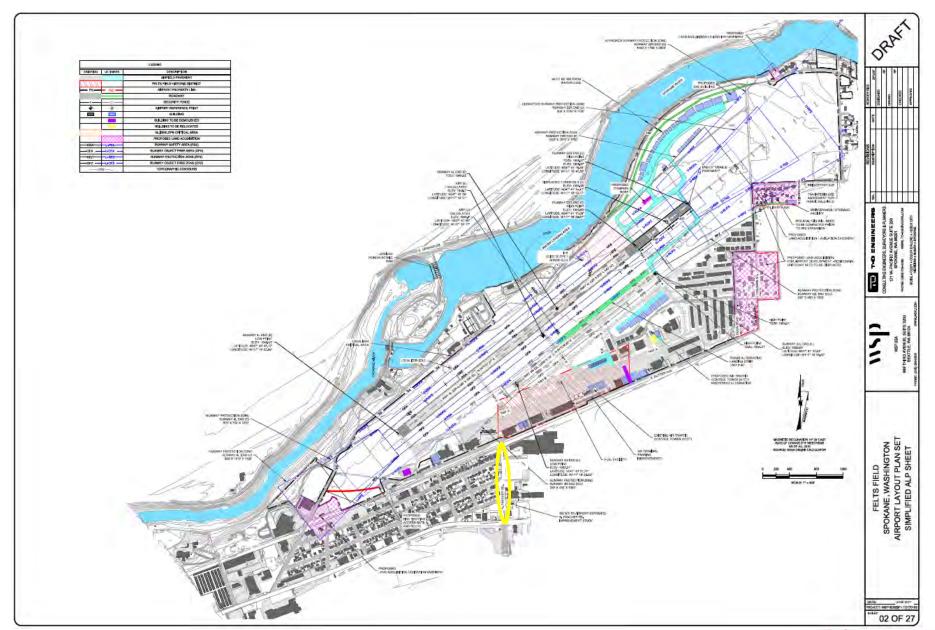




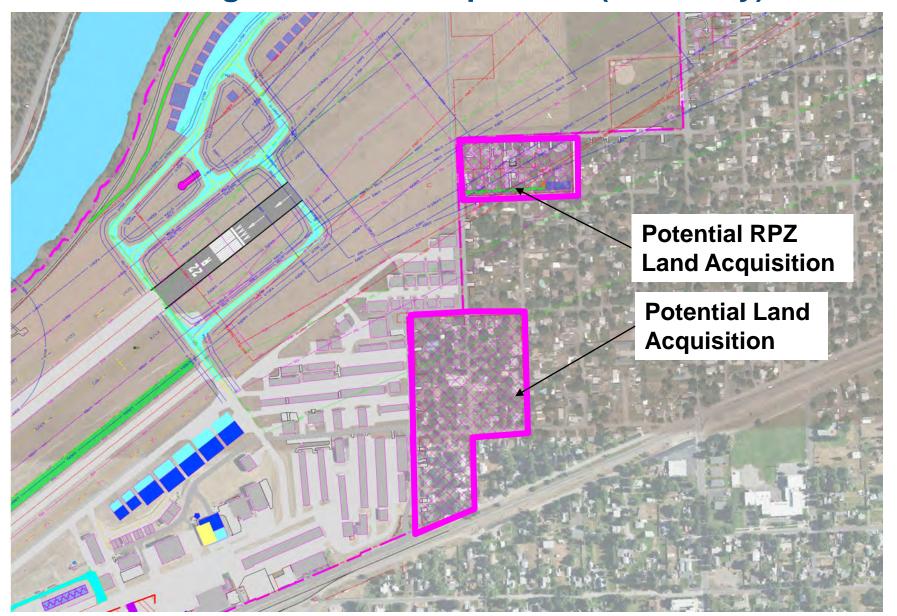
Felts Field Historic District Gateway Improvements



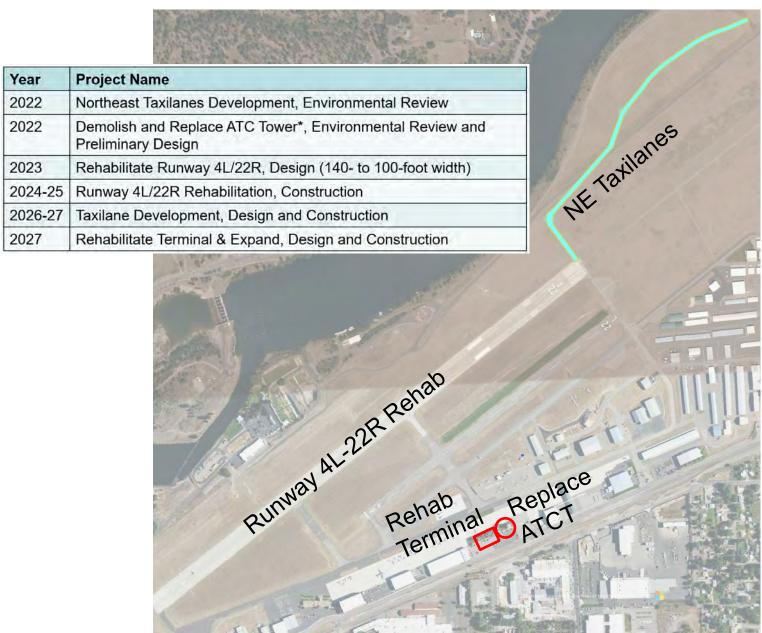
SFF DRAFT Airport Layout Plan



Potential Long-term Land Acquisition (Voluntary)



Next Step: Proposed Near-term Projects





Q&A?

