

# **Long-Term Air Transportation Study (LATS)**

## **Aviation Planning Council Recommendations**

### **Aviation Capacity**

- Use existing capacity before considering constructing new airports.
- Invest in technologies to address safety, capacity and access.
- When and if additional capacity is needed, legislature should fund site study if no sponsor is available

### **Minimizing Land Use Conflicts**

- Amend Growth Management Act and planning statutes to protect airports from encroachment and incompatible uses.
- Prohibit and/or phase out noise sensitive uses near airports.
- Revise existing codes to prohibit siting of public schools near air traffic patterns
- Strengthen the authority of WSDOT and RTPO's to enforce airport protection.
- Require airports sponsors and local jurisdictions to coordinate land use planning.

### **Stewardship of the Aviation System**

- Enact legislation to assess use of state aviation taxes and make recommendations to fund investments in public airport infrastructure.
- Provide tax incentives to encourage airport sponsors to maintain and develop their facilities.
- Establish a statewide air transportation capital investment program.
- Annual report to the Governor, Legislature, Transportation Commission and RTPO's evaluating airport performance objectives.