



# King County International Airport Boeing Field

## NEWSLETTER

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### Passenger Service Increases at KCIA

With the start of JetSuiteX (now JSX) passenger services to Oakland a little over a month ago, the historic terminal at King County international Airport-Boeing Field has seen a jump in passenger activities. The air carrier reports that its three daily flights to the Bay Area are operating at approximately 65% of capacity. Further, Kenmore Air Express, provider of scheduled air services to the to the San Juan Islands, reports that July 2019 was one of their busiest months in recent years with passenger growth of nearly 5% over the previous year.

The Airport also has experienced a large increase in ride share traffic at the pickup/drop off area in front of the building. Initial concerns regarding parking lot capacity have not materialized, however the Airport is still evaluating options to control demand.

As part of the increased usage of the facility, the Airport has taken steps to provide an increased presence for cleaning, minor maintenance, and general customer service. We've received numerous compliments on the beauty and cleanliness of the terminal. Monitoring and evaluation of the terminal to improve passenger experience will continue as expansion of JSX's flight schedule is anticipated in the coming months.

A big "shout out" to all of our staff and partners for their efforts to develop and maintain a professional, world-class facility.



### "New" Snow Brooms Arrive

One airport's surplus is another airport's treasured equipment! KCIA recently bought two used Oshkosh snow brooms from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to remove snow, ice, and slush from runways. The brooms, each 22 feet wide, were purchased for a total of \$32,000, a savings of more than \$1.2 million compared to similar new equipment. The equipment arrived at KCIA in July and is currently being assembled and prepared for the winter season.

Training on the equipment will begin later this fall. The addition of two brooms, along with proper training and preparations, will greatly assist in reducing the amount of time it takes for Airport staff to remove winter contaminants from airfield surfaces.



## Airfield Painting Update

The Airport's Maintenance and Operations teams have been busy updating and refreshing airfield surface markings over the last two months. In June, the Airport's painting contractor re-painted the entire main runway (14R/32L) along with both main taxiways. Painting took place over multiple days, requiring overnight closures of the various pavement surfaces. Extensive advance coordination and communications with tenants occurred to minimize operational impacts.

Before the new JetSuiteX (now JSX) services launched on July 1, the Airport Maintenance team was busy painting new ramp markings at the Terminal and refreshing those in the vehicle parking lot. Additionally, the U.S. Customs ramp received an upgrade with a painted box, designated for international aircraft arrivals parking. Initial feedback from arriving pilots on these new markings has been extremely positive.

In early August, the painting contractor re-painted the entire utility runway (14L/32R) and remaining taxiway markings. This work took place in one day, with minimal impacts to users. Overall, approximately 347,000 square feet of surface markings have been painted this year - nearly eight acres!

With all surface markings freshly repainted, the Airport Maintenance team and contractor were successful in supporting the Airport's goal to provide a world-class facility to tenants and the flying community.



## Calendar of Events

### September

**Airport Round Table Advisory**  
September 9, 5 - 6:30pm, KCIA 110

### Tenant Corner

If you would like to submit a photo or information, please contact [tdiamond@kingcounty.gov](mailto:tdiamond@kingcounty.gov)

### Website

[kingcounty.gov/airport](http://kingcounty.gov/airport)

### 24-Hour Operations Line

206-296-7334

### Noise Hotline

206-205-5242 (KCIA)

*Painting contractors touch up markings on the ramp at King County International Airport*

## Blue Angels at Seafair 2019

On a beautiful August day, about 150 people attended King County International Airport's annual picnic to watch the Blue Angels practice for Seafair. Festivities included static displays of the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) trucks hosted by Chief Greg Thomas and his team, and guided airfield bus tours led by Maintenance Crew Chief George Pierce. While waiting for the main attraction, KCIA team members Anita Loving and high school intern Phyllis Acheamong served root beer floats that were a hit with everyone!

The "thunder" of the engines excited everyone's senses during takeoff and flight maneuvers over Seattle and KCIA! The sheer power and agility of the F/A 18s proved worthy not only to the picnic crowd, but also to the hundreds of other tenant spectators as well as those lined up around the airport's perimeter fences. For the finale, Blue Angels 1 through 6 completed a low-level flyby in front of the airfield crowds as the marker smoke billowed in a wispy trail behind the team, followed by a sequenced landing to park at the Museum of Flight.

This year there were a few important changes to the Seafair airshow performances. First, the Blue Angels parked in the Museum of Flight's visitor parking lot, allowing museum visitors an up-close view of the seven Blue Angel aircraft. Second, the I-90 Bridge remained open this year as the airshow performances were moved about a half-mile south. This move was made in preparation for the upcoming Link Light Rail services that will cross over Lake Washington to Bellevue in the coming years. Finally, the airshow performance times and airspace closures were adjusted, reducing impacts to KCIA and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac).

Overall, Seafair 2019 was a huge success. KCIA looks forward to playing host airport for the team again in 2020.



*Blue Angel #2 soars into the azure skies above King County International Airport during a practice run on August 1*