Public-private pact makes 80-year-old dream a beautiful reality
Paine Field Passenger Terminal

- More than $40 million private funds invested
- 30,000 square-feet
- Two gates, plus hard stand
- Direct flights connecting 10 West Coast locations
- 24 daily arrivals
- 24 daily departures
Built by Works Progress Administration to be a “Super Airport” offering commercial flights. Opened in 1939.
A different future unfolded
• Half of Washington’s aerospace manufacturing jobs
• Four flying museums
• Two community colleges
• Home to more than 600 general aviation aircraft
• Estimated $20 billion annual economic impact
• Attempts to add commercial flights sparked controversy

• 2012 plan for 12 daily arrivals/departures won FAA approval but died during litigation
Public-private option wins county approval in 2015
• Agreed to finance, design, build and operate passenger terminal complex at Paine Field/Snohomish County Airport.

• Lease 11+ acres of airport property for terminal and parking lots.

• Lease duration: 30 years with two 10-year options

• Pay county $54,000 monthly rent

• Remit to county a share of gross revenues.
  ✓ 2.5 percent first 4 years
  ✓ 5 percent years 5 to 50
• Continues to own, operate, invest in and maintain airport runways, ramps and infrastructure

• Added staff and increased airport security to safely accommodate commercial flights

• Works closely with terminal owner and airlines to coordinate daily operations and respond to challenges

• Maintains responsibility for ensuring regulatory compliance by all airport tenants, including those involved in commercial air service.
Ground was broken for terminal in June 2017.
• Construction took 2 years.

• FAA decided to review airlines’ plans.

• FONSI/ROD announced on Feb. 20, 2019.

• Air service started 12 days later.
First flights

- Alaska, March 4.
- United, March 31.

“Snohomish County has a new gateway to the world.”
-- Dave Somers
County Executive
• PAE and new terminal already proving popular with flying public
• 100,000 arrivals/departures by end of May
• Anticipate 540,930 enplanements, roughly 1 million passengers, 2019.
• Expect 621,011 enplanements, 1.2 million passengers, 2024.

Source: FAA Final Supplemental Environmental Assessment
Key Stakeholder Agencies

- Federal Aviation Administration
- Transportation Security Administration
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Washington State Department of Transportation
- Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office
- Snohomish County Planning and Development Services