



AN INTEGRAL PART OF YOUR
COMMUNITY'S ECONOMIC ENGINE

Did you know...

The Auburn Municipal Airport:

- Was constructed in 1969, as a Basic Utility General Aviation airport then expanded to the role of General Aviation Reliever Airport and serves a unique role as the only pure general aviation airport, in an urban area, remaining in this region. Therefore, it provides a unique and necessary component to aviation in the state.
- Is a base for many local aircraft, as a reliever for Sea-Tac Airport and as a training facility for many new pilots.
- Serves primarily small, general aviation aircrafts.
- Average wingspan is about 38 feet.
- Has aircrafts weighing less than 12,500 pounds.
- Is also used as a Medi-Vac facility, transferring patients from ambulance to helicopters.
- Is a self-funded enterprise, NO local tax monies used at the airport! (Although the airport does use OPM - FAA and State Aviation Grants are welcome 90% FAA and 5% State).
- Currently has 286 based aircraft and 164,539 yearly operations.
- Is the state's 3rd busiest airport (1st is SEA, 2nd is BFI)



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**Francis R.
(Dick) Scobee**
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Whether you fly or not, it's your airport, and here's what it does for you:

Built in 1969, the Auburn Municipal Airport is also known as Dick Scobee Field. Francis R (Dick) Scobee was NASA astronaut who was originally from Auburn and perished in 1986 when the Orbiter Challenger exploded after launch.

Your airport is an integral part of your community's economic engine. Besides the jobs and income it provides directly, the airport is instrumental in the creation of community income by business and industry that use general aviation (i.e., non-airline) transportation to facilitate their operations. Most corporations would never locate a plant, headquarters, or distribution center in a community without a nearby airport. In addition to direct spending by airport users, businesses, and local industry, the "multiplier effect" of airport economic benefits spread throughout the community. In study after study, airports' positive economic impacts far outweigh any local public funding an airport may receive.

Because virtually all airports, large and small, are important elements of the national air transportation system, special taxes on the flying public fund grants-in-aid for construction and maintenance of runways and other infrastructure. This brings more money into the community, making the airport one of the best civic bargains available.

Airports' most evident — often dramatic — social benefit is emergency medical, law enforcement, and disaster relief services. Medical specialists speak of the "Golden Hour" following serious injury, when treatment is most likely to save a life. Medevac airplanes and helicopters, usually based and/or serviced at the local airport, are the vital link in airlifting the injured from accidents or flying the sick to specialized treatment in distant cities.

Less well known are the thousands of "angel flights" flown by volunteer private pilots. Patients unable to travel by airline are often helped by pilots who volunteer their time and their personal or business-owned aircraft. Often, an airport firm also provides fuel and supplies for the trip.

Airborne law enforcement agencies provide rapid response to emergency situations from your airport. Included air airborne traffic control, search and rescue, tracking or pursuit of suspects, and emergency evacuation.

Local airports are most appreciated during community emergencies such as floods, earthquakes, or major fires.

When the National Guard or federal assistance is mobilized, your local airport — no matter its size — is the pathway and staging point for outside disaster relief.

The airport has approximately 164,539 operations annually (take-off and landings) and is the 3rd busiest airport in Washington State. Auburn Airport is the economic jewel of Valley. The airport's role as a major contributor to the economic development of our area has great potential over the next few years.

For visiting aircrafts, the airport provides Aviation fuel (100 octane Low Lead) and parking for either short or long term stays in Auburn and the surrounding area. The airport can arrange for a rental car, taxi, shuttle or limo service. Hotels, Emerald Downs, the Muckleshoot Casino and the Outlet Collection are all within easy access from the airport.

One of Auburn Airport's greatest assets is its central location, adjacent to major freeways and close to business centers and residential neighborhoods.

It is precisely this prime location that underscores Auburn Airport's commitment to being a good neighbor. To reinforce this dedication, the approach to planning is always mindful of the impact of airport operations on the surrounding community.

The Auburn Airport is a truly unique asset to the community.