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Hillsboro Airport Opens New Parallel Runway

With the snip of a ribbon, the start of an aircraft engine, and the taxi and take-off of the first flight, the Port of Portland officially opened the brand new parallel runway today at the Hillsboro Airport.

Measuring 60-feet wide and 3,600-feet long, runway 13L/31R runs parallel to the airport's main runway. The new parallel runway will allow for recreational and flight training activities, while preserving the main runway for business aviation activity.

"Hillsboro Airport's new parallel runway is an immensely important strategic asset," said Bill Wyatt, Port executive director. "Its opening is a great achievement which celebrates both the future of the airport and the future of the aviation system."

Hillsboro Mayor Jerry Willey, Washington County Commission Chairman Andy Duyck and Director of Air Traffic Operations for the Western Service Area of the Federal Aviation Administration Steve Osterdahl joined the celebration.

The 1990 Hillsboro Airport Master Plan identified the need for a smaller parallel runway to segregate flight training traffic from the increasing amounts of business jet activity at the airport. The 1996 and 2005 Master Plan updates continued to recognize the need for a parallel runway. The Port completed an Environmental Assessment in 2010 and a Supplemental Environmental Assessment in 2014. Runway construction was complete in 2015.

The Hillsboro Airport provides more than 1,200 jobs for the community. As a general aviation airport, Hillsboro Airport is home to a corporate air shuttle service, aircraft charter services for business travel, firefighting aircraft manufacturing, flight schools, and aircraft maintenance and

repair operations. In all, more than 25 businesses operate on-airport. Hillsboro Airport generates \$60.8 million in personal income, and \$77.6 million in business revenue.

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