



## **Media Advisory – Feb. 4, 2009**

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### **Executive Reardon’s statement on Paine Field resolution**

*Below is a statement from County Executive Aaron Reardon concerning Wednesday morning’s County Council action regarding commercial air at Paine Field:*

“I understand the difficulty of the decision and steps taken today by the Snohomish County Council.

“Through their action this morning, the County Council provided a clear course, directing my office to remove all remaining barriers to commercial air while also negotiating the terms of a county built and owned terminal at Paine Field for council’s final review and consideration.

“While I and a majority of the council personally remain opposed to commercial air service at Paine Field, due to federal requirements, the County Council had no other choice than to take the necessary action to establish the parameters by which my office can continue to negotiate in good faith through the terms defined in today’s resolution.

“Moreover, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has strongly warned that Snohomish County cannot stand in the way of commercial flights, or it risks losing tens of millions of dollars in federal grants. This funding is exceedingly important to the upkeep of the airport’s main runway and the future of the Boeing Company in Snohomish County.”

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