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RE: PF-26-00001 / PM-26-00008 - CWU Aviation Degree Expansion, 1101 E. Bowers Road, Bowers Field

Dear Mr. Gasawski:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Central Washington University Aviation Degree Expansion at Bowers Field. The proposal replaces the existing Flight Instructor Office Building with an approximately 8,800-square-foot, one-story facility for classroom instruction, flight simulators, preflight and dispatch functions, instructor and program offices, and related site improvements. Based on the location information provided, the site appears to be within WSDOT Airport Compatibility Zone 6.

Appendix F of the WSDOT Airports and Compatible Land Use Guidebook identifies airport uses and activities, junior or community college uses, business and vocational schools, and professional office uses as permitted within Zone 6, subject to review for height hazards, smoke, glare, electronic interference, wildlife attractants, and other airspace hazards. The proposed functions directly support CWU's flight-training program and existing operations at Bowers Field and therefore appear to preserve and enhance the site's aeronautical use.

Because the project is located on the airport, WSDOT Aviation recommends continued coordination with the Bowers Field airport manager and sponsor and completion of the FAA reviews already identified by Kittitas County Public Works, including FAA Form 7460-1 if required, Seattle Airports District Office Airport Layout Plan review, and the applicable environmental review. Include temporary construction equipment in airspace screening, as applicable. The proposed AOA fence modification, airside storm-drain work, and landscaping should not interfere with aircraft movement, airport safety areas, protected airspace, or create wildlife attractants.

Based on the submitted information, WSDOT Aviation supports the project from a state airport land use compatibility standpoint and has no objection, subject to completion of the airport sponsor and FAA coordination described above. We appreciate the County's coordination on development at Bowers Field. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Ison'.

David Ison, PhD
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