

# NEWS RELEASE

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## ACV RSA Project Update:

Last week the Aviation Division issued the schedule for the temporary shut down of the Arcata-Eureka Airport (ACV) Instrument Landing system. This system is an important component to pilots who are instrument rated enabling them to land and/or take off during inclement weather or foggy days at any airport.

Information provided by the local National Weather Service Bureau indicates that, historically, during the months of August and September:

- There is a 50% chance that Fog will cause IFR conditions during morning hours
- Then it drops to 25% chance of IFR conditions after 3:00 PM.

The outage will begin is August 9, 2010 until September 24, 2010 based on FAA's scheduled Flight Check. **VOR and RNAV (GPS) approaches will continue to be available for ACV.**

As the project moves forward, the Aviation Division would like to provide the traveling public with the airline contact numbers. Current contact numbers are:

- Alaska/Horizon Airline                      800-547-9308
- United Airlines                                      800-241-6522

The shut down of the ILS system was necessitated by the construction of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) required runway safety areas (RSAs) on our main runways. Failure to complete installation of these FAA-mandated RSAs by the 2011 deadline could result in the loss of our certification for commercial air service.

Recognizing the importance of this mandate and the potential devastating impact that a loss of certification could have on the local economy, the Aviation Division aggressively pursued funding from the FAA for early project completion. The total cost of this project, approximately \$11,000,000, is being funded by the FAA. We, of course, recognize the short-term economic impact and inconvenience that may result of this shutdown. However, delaying this project could have resulted in a loss of FAA funding and commencement of construction well into 2011.

**PILOTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHECK NOTAMS THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THIS PROJECT.  
YOUR PATIENCE AND COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED.**

**Our goal is to minimize construction impact to the traveling public and our airport neighbors.  
We apologize for any temporary inconvenience this may create.**