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Oregon Department of Aviation Completes Runway and Electrical Rehabilitation Project at Siletz Bay State Airport

GLENEDEN BEACH, OR – The Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV) is pleased to announce the completion of the Runway and Electrical Rehabilitation Project at Siletz Bay State Airport (S45).

The project included resurfacing the aging north two-thirds of the runway and repairing low pavement sections on the south end, as well as replacing the airport's nearly 40-year-old airfield electrical system. The final pavement markings were applied in October, marking the official completion of the project.

These upgrades will significantly improve runway safety, visibility, and long-term durability, ensuring that Siletz Bay State Airport continues to operate safely and efficiently for pilots and the surrounding community.

"Completing these upgrades at Siletz Bay State Airport is a win for our entire coastal community," said Congresswoman Val Hoyle (OR-04). "Maintaining reliable, safe airports helps local businesses, supports jobs, and ensures families and visitors can travel and connect with our beautiful Oregon coast."

"Oregonians rely on modern and dependable infrastructure like the Siletz Bay State Airport to support the local recreation economy, emergency responses, and safe travel," Wyden said. "And I'll always keep battling for key federal investments in small airports just like this one that make the Oregon Coast an even better place to live and work."

"Oregon's regional airports serve as vital hubs for our communities – connecting travelers to world-class recreational opportunities and providing essential lifelines during natural disasters," Merkley said. "The project at Siletz Bay State Airport is now complete, and it is great news that the federal investment to modernize and improve infrastructure will help ensure safety and enhance livability for those in Lincoln County."

“Small airports are vital to the State’s overall infrastructure. I am excited to see the upgrades happen at Siletz Bay State Airport to bring this small airport up to today standards,” said Senator Dick Anderson. “This is a great example of using state and federal dollars together to benefit the community.”

“Our small and regional airports are not only critical to commerce and recreation, but public safety as well,” said State Rep. David Gomberg (D-Otis). “Safe runway access and operations are vital to effective emergency response in the event of a disaster, and I’m so pleased that this project will continue to keep the runways safe at the Siletz Bay State Airport.”

“We’re excited to see this important project completed,” said Kenji Sugahara, Director of the Oregon Department of Aviation. “Updating the runway and electrical systems at Siletz Bay ensures that the airport remains a safe and reliable facility for years to come. We appreciate the community’s patience and support during construction.”

The total project cost was approximately \$2.2 million, with nearly \$2 million funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and just over \$200,000 funded through Aircraft Registration Revenue administered by ODAV.

Siletz Bay State Airport serves general aviation, flight training, and coastal access operations, providing an important connection for recreational and business aviation along Oregon’s central coast.

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About the Oregon Department of Aviation

The Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV) manages the state’s aviation system, including 28 state-owned airports and 96 public-use airports. ODAV’s mission is to enable and advocate for a safe and efficient aviation system that connects communities and drives economic growth.

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