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TO: Airport Tenants
FROM: Cynthia Stewart, Airport Manager
RE: Change in Runway Availability

Thanks to very hard work by Airport staff and contractors, the short runway, **RUNWAY 13L/31R, HAS NOW BEEN REOPENED**. Although several additional cracks were found that needed patching, and some cracks were found to be deeper than originally thought, the repair work was successfully completed on time. Having this runway open should help to relieve some of the pressure on Runway 13R/31L as repairs on it proceed.

Work to get holes filled in the safety areas has been completed. The FAA reviewed what was done by the end of today and has concurred that it is sufficient to meet our needs for now.

Work has proceeded throughout the weekend to analyze and plan for repair of the substantial damage to Runway 13R/31L. At this time, the Airport believes that the open area of this runway (4700 feet) is likely to be able to be increased to the original operating weight limits for arrivals as well as for departures by Tuesday. However, prior to that point, testing will be undertaken to provide as much certainty as possible that the usable runway pavement is free of hidden anomalies. We have not changed our earlier estimates of three weeks for completion of repairs and reopening of 6000 full feet of runway (leaving 4000 to go).

Although this is all good news, there will nevertheless be future runway and taxiway closures in order to permit these extensive repairs to proceed on an expedited basis. Airfield conditions will regularly change, so **PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK NOTAMS FOR EXACT (CHANGING) DETAILS**.

If you have any questions, please leave messages with our receptionists at 206-296-7380, and we will issue another transmittal to respond. We appreciate the difficulty these circumstances pose for you. Thank you again for your continued patience and good will during these trying times.