



Renton Municipal Airport Presentation

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

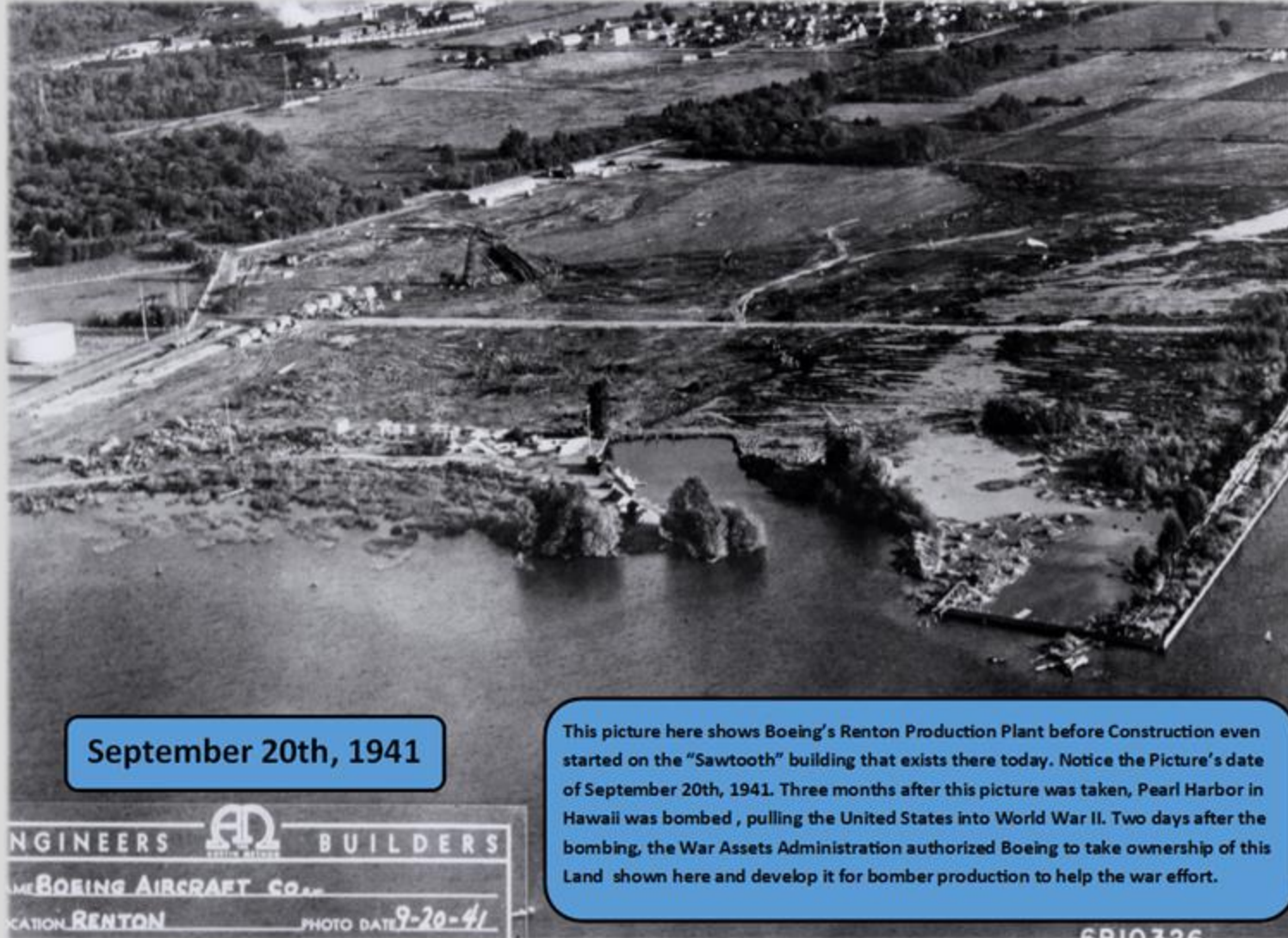
MARCH 9, 2026

MANNY CRUZ, AIRPORT DIRECTOR





HISTORY



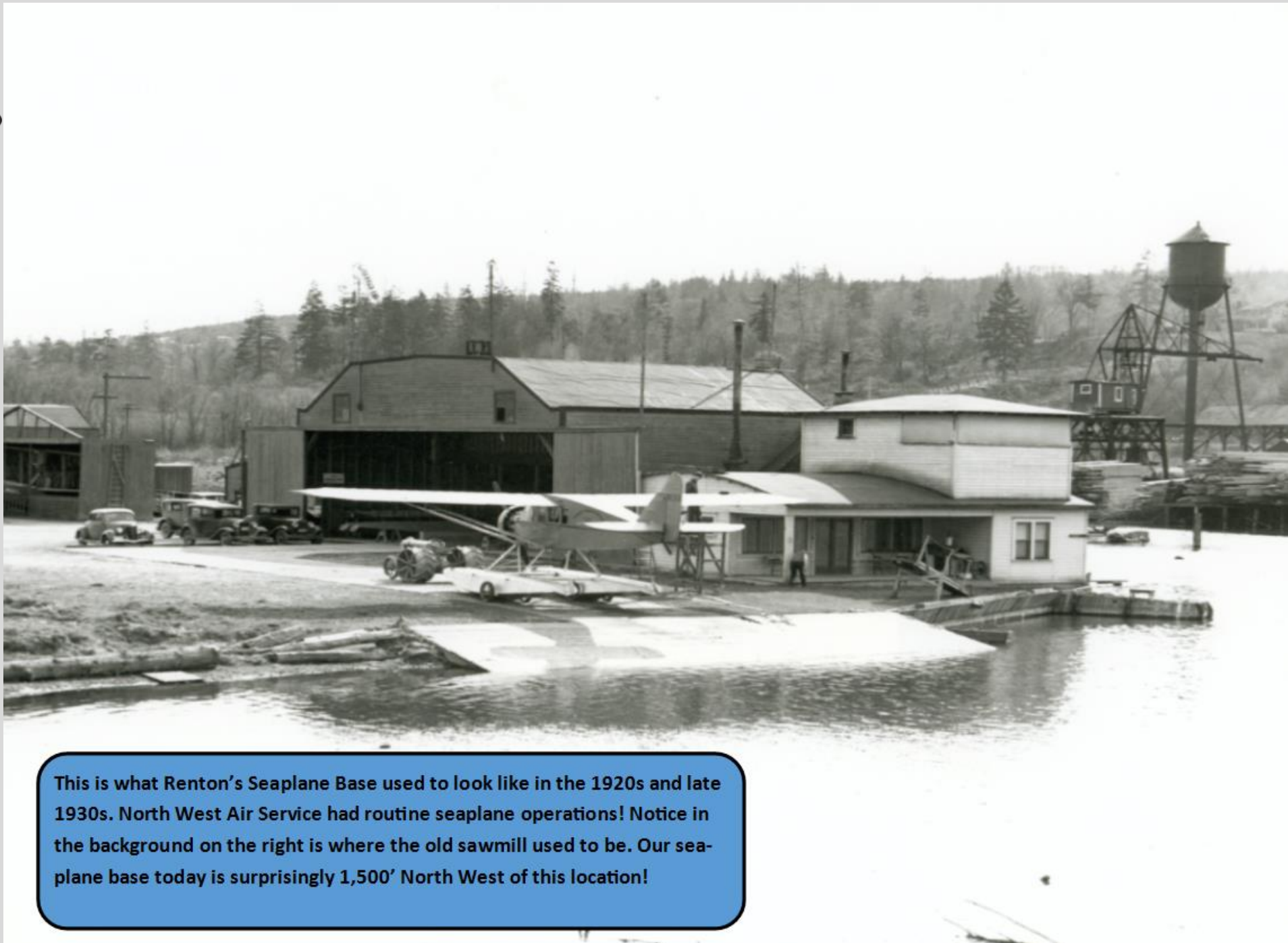
September 20th, 1941

This picture here shows Boeing's Renton Production Plant before Construction even started on the "Sawtooth" building that exists there today. Notice the Picture's date of September 20th, 1941. Three months after this picture was taken, Pearl Harbor in Hawaii was bombed , pulling the United States into World War II. Two days after the bombing, the War Assets Administration authorized Boeing to take ownership of this Land shown here and develop it for bomber production to help the war effort.

ENGINEERS  BUILDERS
THE BOEING AIRCRAFT CO.
LOCATION RENTON PHOTO DATE 9-20-41

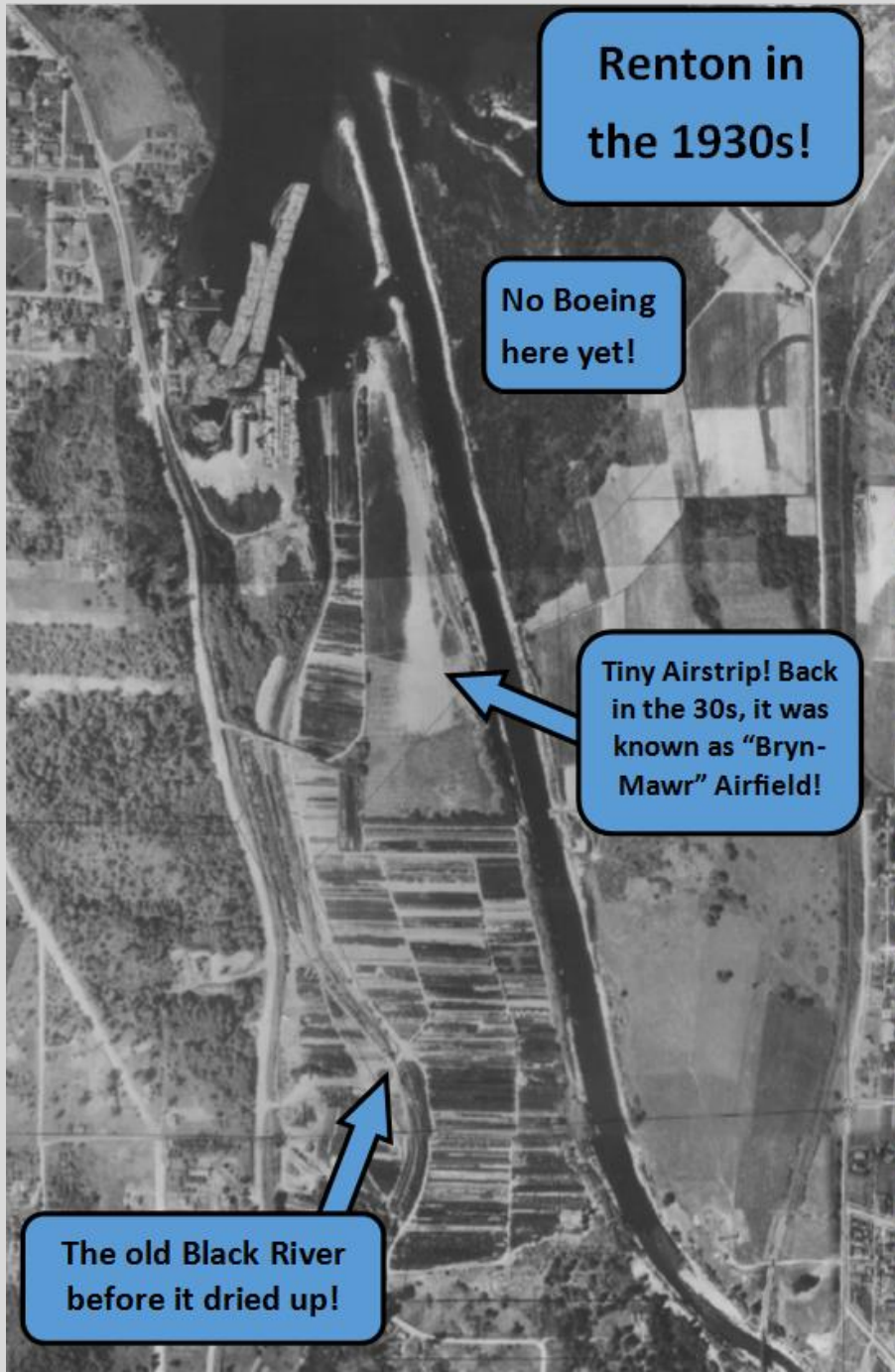
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This is what Renton's Seaplane Base used to look like in the 1920s and late 1930s. North West Air Service had routine seaplane operations! Notice in the background on the right is where the old sawmill used to be. Our seaplane base today is surprisingly 1,500' North West of this location!





Renton in the 1930s!

No Boeing here yet!

Tiny Airstrip! Back in the 30s, it was known as "Bryn-Mawr" Airfield!

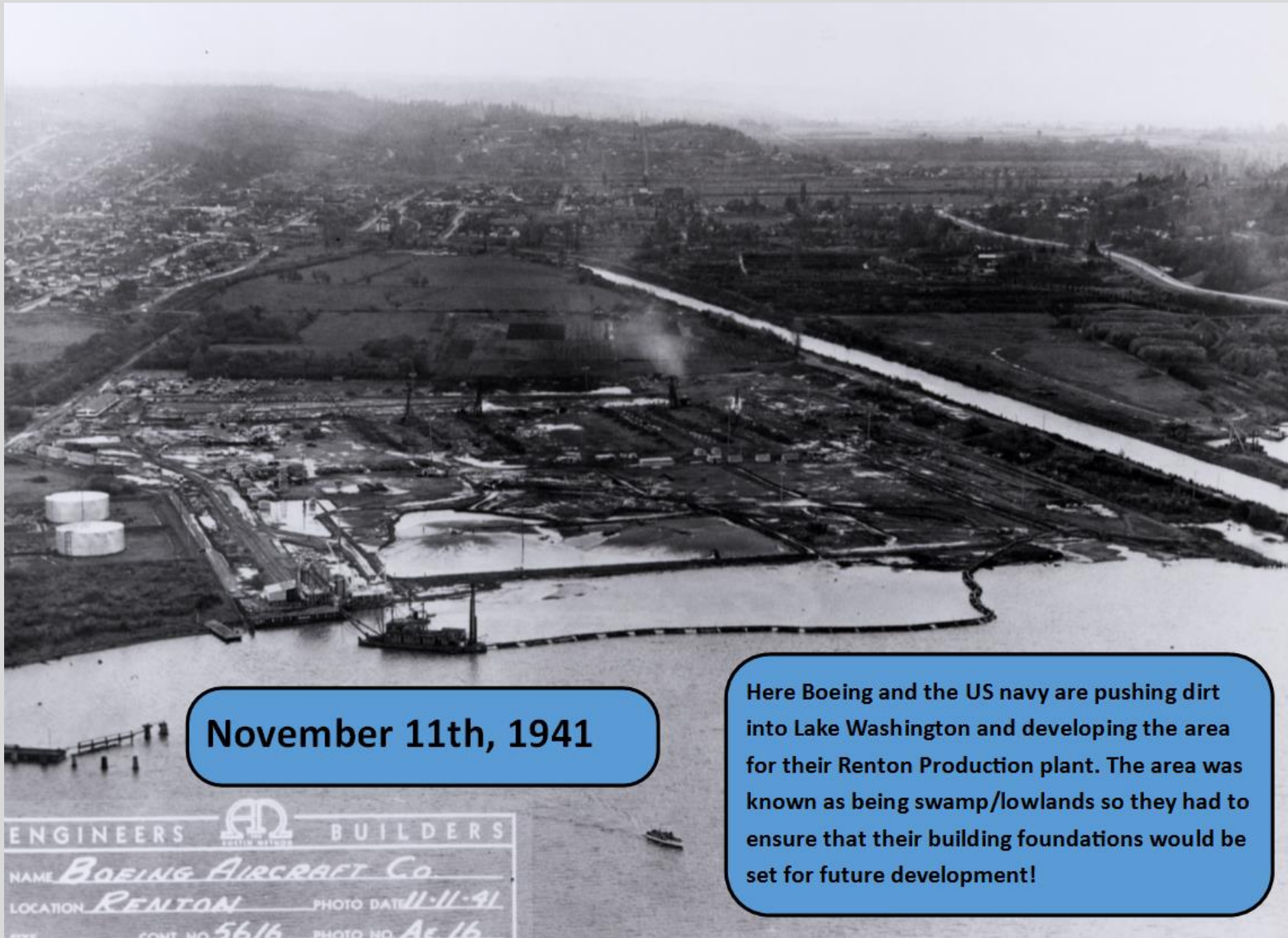
The old Black River before it dried up!



Renton Today!

1,500' of land area is created by filling into Lake Washington!





November 11th, 1941

Here Boeing and the US navy are pushing dirt into Lake Washington and developing the area for their Renton Production plant. The area was known as being swamp/lowlands so they had to ensure that their building foundations would be set for future development!

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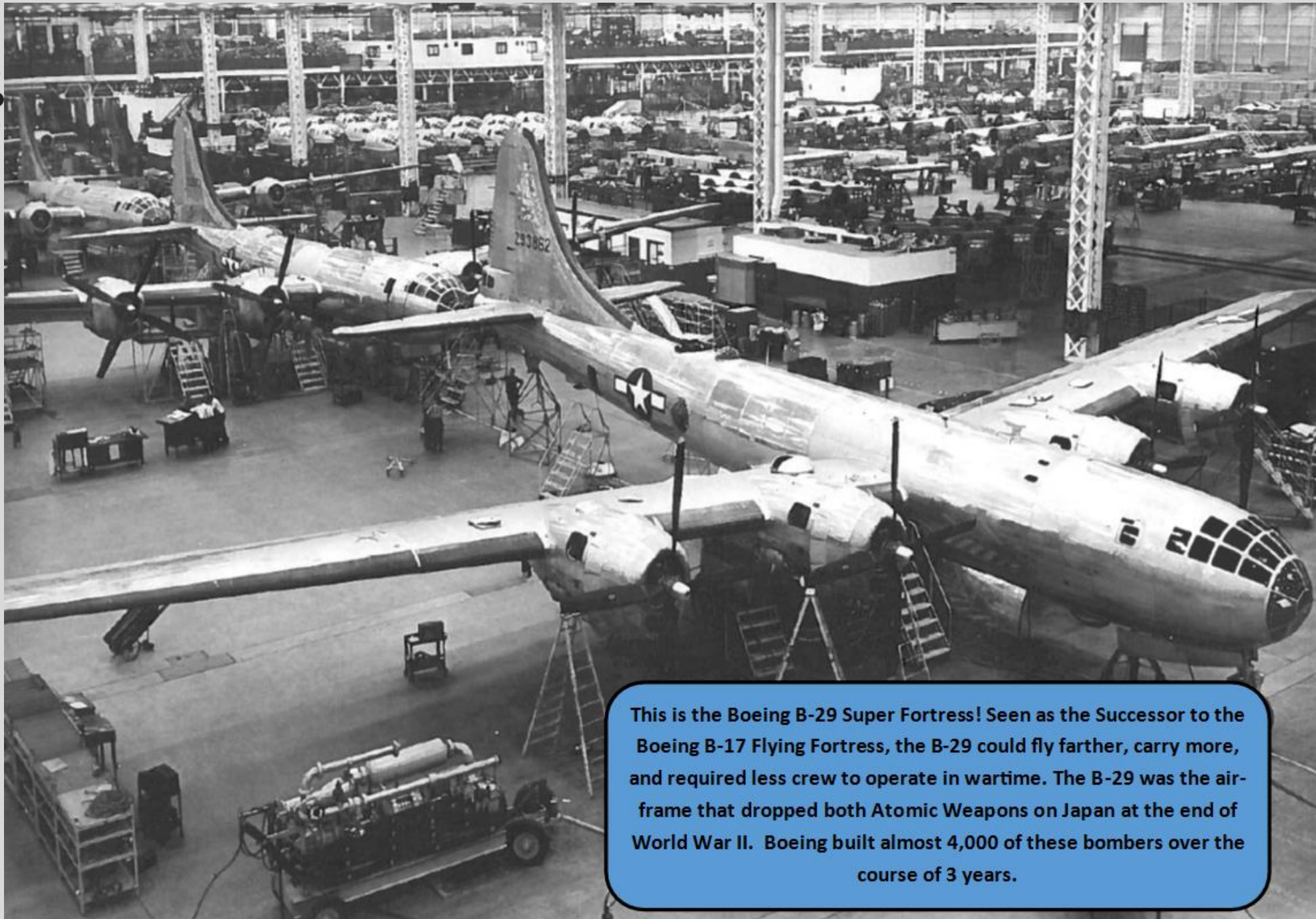




Spring/Summer of 1945

Here the Boeing Plant is developed and in service in addition to the full length 5,300' Runway. Shown taxiing across the Northern Bridge are completed B-29s awaiting their departure flights. Boeing was originally tasked with making the XPBB Sea Ranger which was a Twin Engine patrol bomber. This bomber was cancelled to make room for B-29 production.





This is the Boeing B-29 Super Fortress! Seen as the Successor to the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, the B-29 could fly farther, carry more, and required less crew to operate in wartime. The B-29 was the airframe that dropped both Atomic Weapons on Japan at the end of World War II. Boeing built almost 4,000 of these bombers over the course of 3 years.





Here is then City of Renton Mayor, Perry Mitchell receiving the news of the War Assets Administration approving the City's request to take ownership of the Boeing-Renton Air-strip. The WAA sold it to Renton for one dollar!





WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION

Office of Real Property Disposal
McDermott Building
Seattle 1, Washington

In reply refer to:
RSE-PNI
602 Boeing-Renton Airstrip

May 28, 1947

This is the official letter from the WAA, confirming that they have approved the city's request to transfer ownership of the Renton Airstrip back to the City of Renton.

Mayor E. E. Burrows
City of Renton
Renton, Washington

Dear Mayor Burrows:

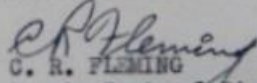
This is to inform you that the City of Renton's application of May 22nd for the airport property known as Boeing-Renton Airstrip, which is a part of WAA Disposal No. R-Wash-44A, has been accepted today by the War Assets Administration.

In accordance with agreements reached on May 27, 1947, between the City of Renton officials, representatives of the Civil Aeronautics Administration and representatives of War Assets Administration as well as provisions of Section 8 of your application, you may, after having notified this office in writing of the date upon which you wish to enter into possession of the airport property, make such entry and use, operate and maintain the same in accordance with the provisions and conditions set forth in the application.

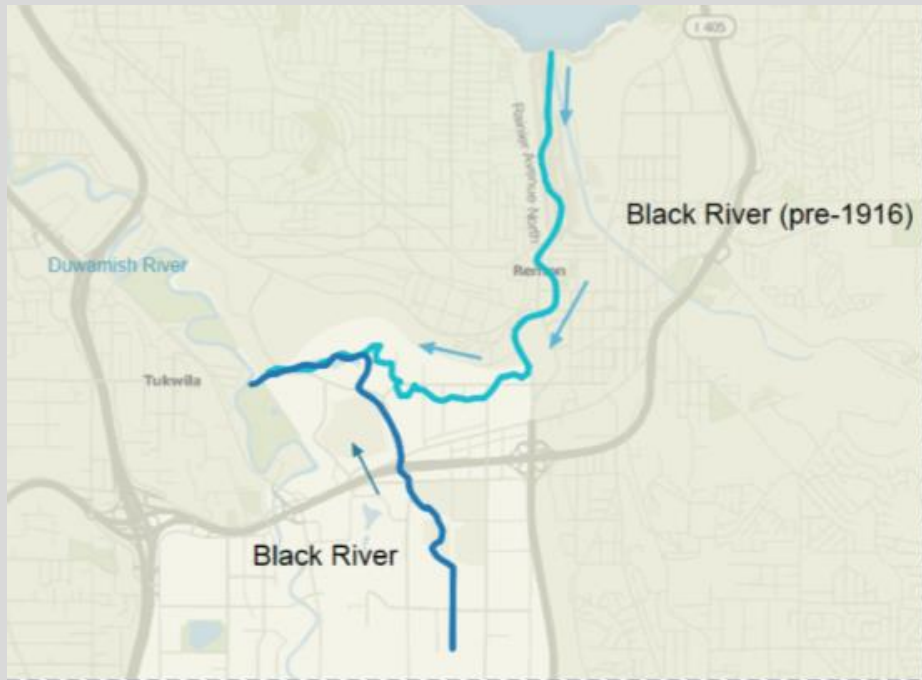
In the near future we shall inform you of the action, if any, required on your part in order to enable us to make delivery to you of appropriate instruments of transfer.

Yours very truly,

WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION

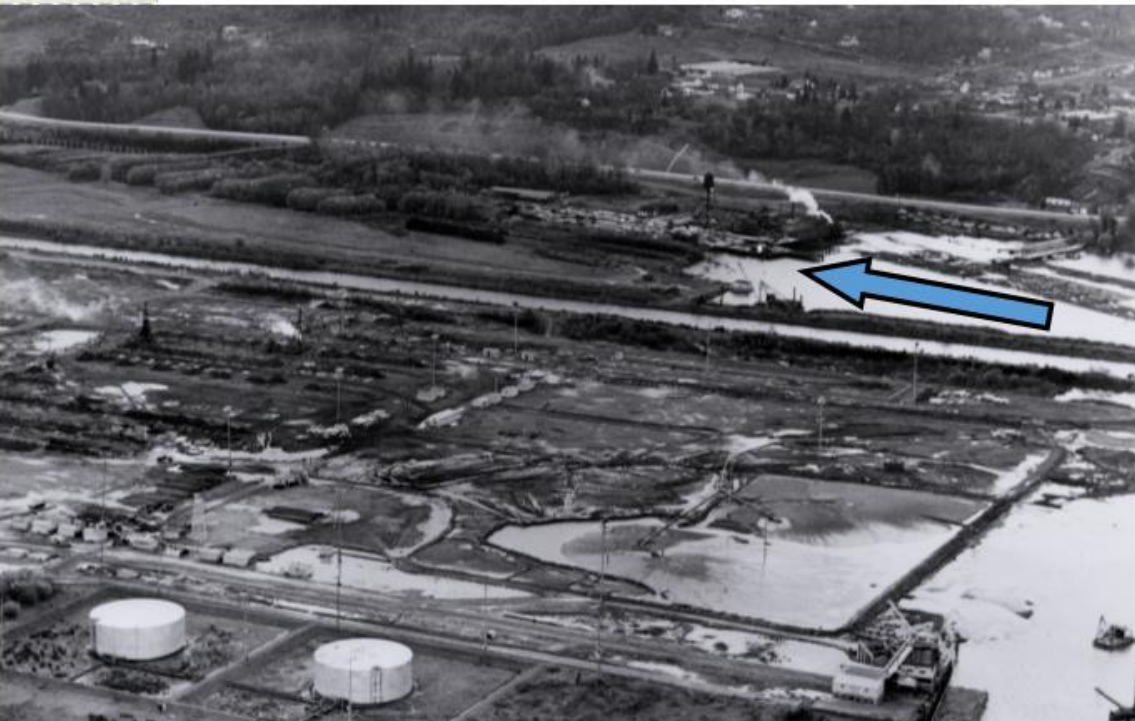
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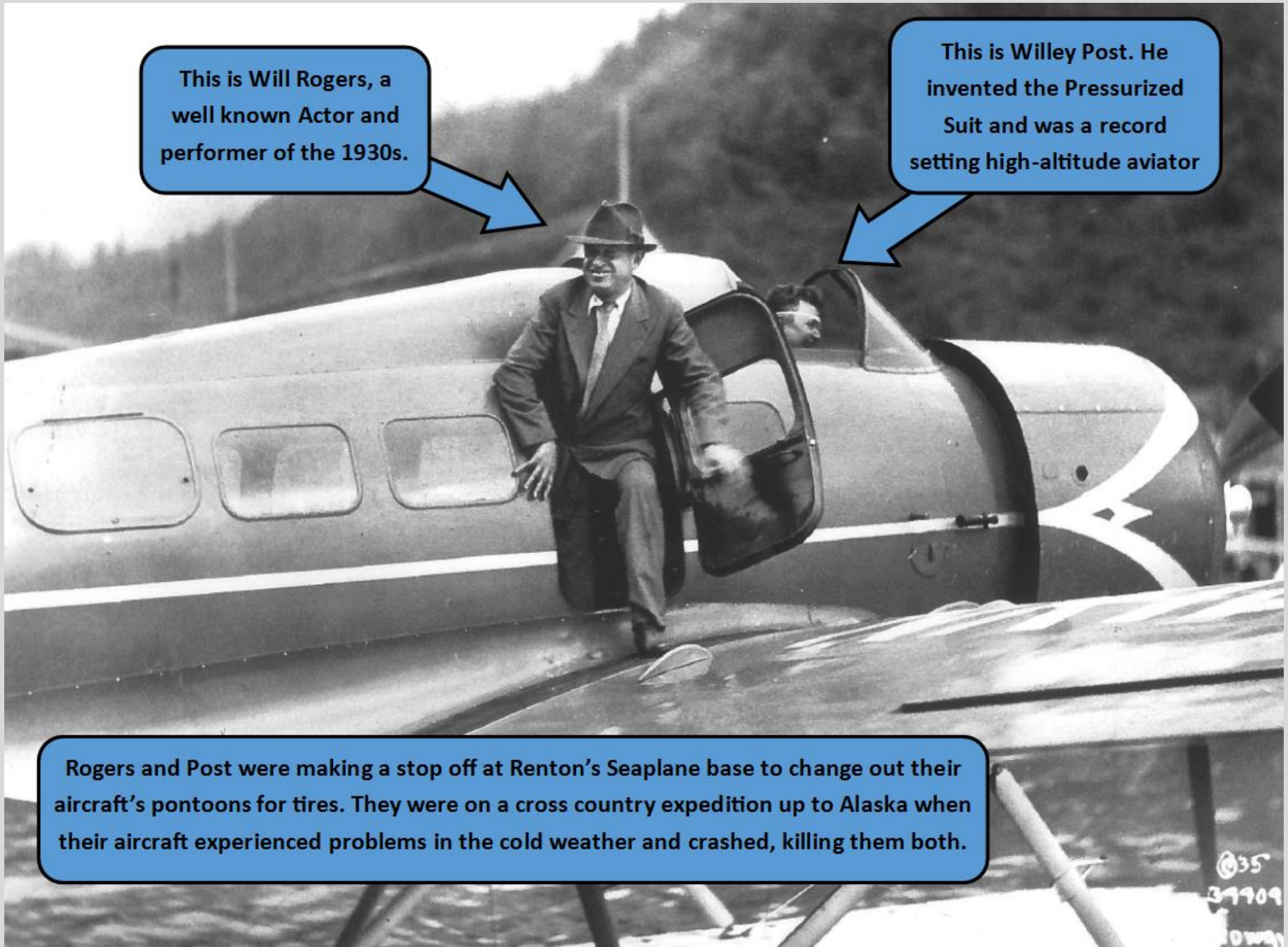




Lake Washington used to empty at its south end out of The Black River and then subsequently, Elliot Bay up in Seattle! In the year 1911, the black river flooded along with most of downtown Renton. This led to the Army Corps of Engineers rerouting both the Black and the Cedar River in the year 1916 so it meets up directly with the Duwamish River.

Renton's Airstrip and Seaplane Base were accompanied by a nearby sawmill that was very active up until World War II. Even today we can find a plethora of logs floating down the Cedar River!





This is Will Rogers, a well known Actor and performer of the 1930s.

This is Willey Post. He invented the Pressurized Suit and was a record setting high-altitude aviator

Rogers and Post were making a stop off at Renton's Seaplane base to change out their aircraft's pontoons for tires. They were on a cross country expedition up to Alaska when their aircraft experienced problems in the cold weather and crashed, killing them both.





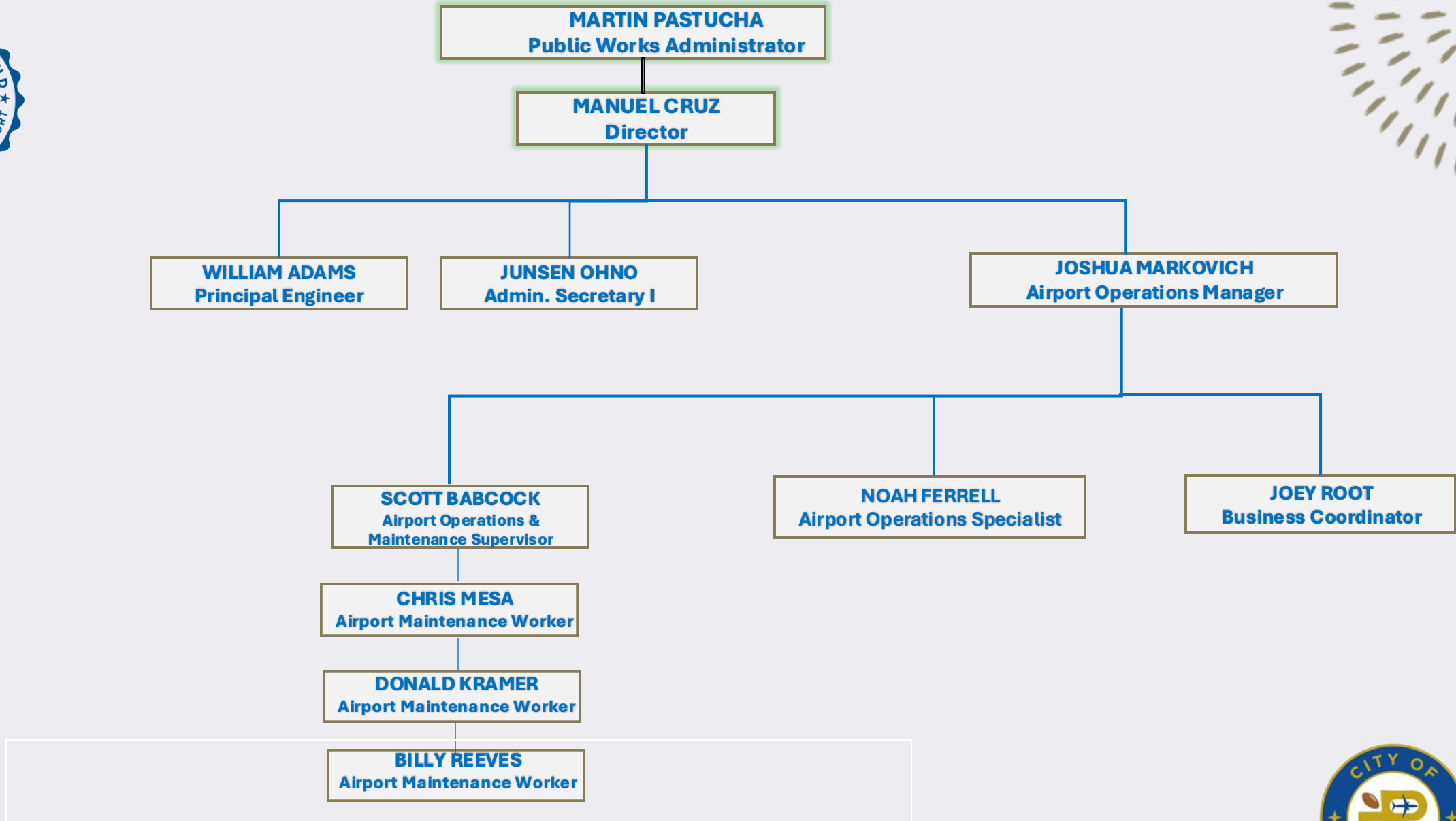
Here is a picture of an inverted Boeing 367-80 over Seattle on August 7th, 1955. The 367-80 was the testing platform for the 707 before it entered service. Boeing Test Pilot Alvin "Tex" Johnston successfully performed an unscheduled barrel roll during the middle of their Seattle Air expedition as a way to "Sell Airplanes" for William Boeing. He was right! 20 of the 707s were ordered by Pan Am Airlines within that same month.





Renton Airport Staff with Mayor Pavone





Services Provided to the Public

Renton Airport is a general aviation airport serving Renton and other nearby communities. It serves as a reliever airport for SeaTac International Airport under the jurisdiction of the Federal Aviation Administration – Northwest Mountain Region. Located at the south shore of Lake Washington, the Airport

- Has a land-based and sea-based airstrip. The Boeing 737 series are built at the Renton Boeing Plant across the Cedar River.
- Is the site of all initial test flights of Boeing 737 aircraft produced at the nearby Boeing-Renton facility, making it the maiden flight headquarters for one of the world's most popular and frequently flown airplanes.
- Provides regional airport services for air charter, air taxi, corporate flights, business, and recreational flyers.
- Provides light instruction and pilot services through the airport's FBOs. US Customs and Border Patrol services are available with a 24-hour notice.
- Is a strategic airport for regular and emergency services into and out of the region.
- Is used for life flight services, military operations, Boeing manufacturing, law enforcement, and various other essential services.
- Is a key transfer and distribution point for emergency equipment and supplies.



**W36
SEAPLANE BASE**

LAT. N 47°29.99"
LONG. W 122°13.16"





Regulatory Overlay

What affects work that we do and how we do it

The Renton Airport serves nearly 140,000 operations a year, accounting for about 20% of all aviation activity in Washington state.

FAA 139 requirements between safety and operating standards.

NFPA 407 Standards for Aircraft Fueling

Department of Ecology





AIRPORT PROPERTIES	
Cedar River Hangars	29
City T Hangars	12
River Tie Downs	8
Seaplane Tie Downs	3
Windsock Tie Downs	27
Long-Term Leases	12
TOTAL	91

The airport's focus for the year remains on preventative maintenance, particularly through improved pavement management and leveraging our online **Airport Management System (Veoci)** for:

- Efficient work order & maintenance handling
- Digital lease management of tie-down & hangars
- Storage of important documents
- Automating contract management
- Streamlining how the airport communicates with tenants





DAILY OPERATIONS

Introduction to the Renton Airport

1200 Aero, a real-time traffic system that offers:

- Live air and ground operations tracking & live CTAF and tower audio, accessible through our website.
- Improved accuracy in tracking-based aircraft and annual operations.
- Enhanced analytics to better address noise complaints.
- Comprehensive activity tracking at both the airport and the W36 seaplane base, giving us a full picture of operations.

2025 Renton Airport Operations

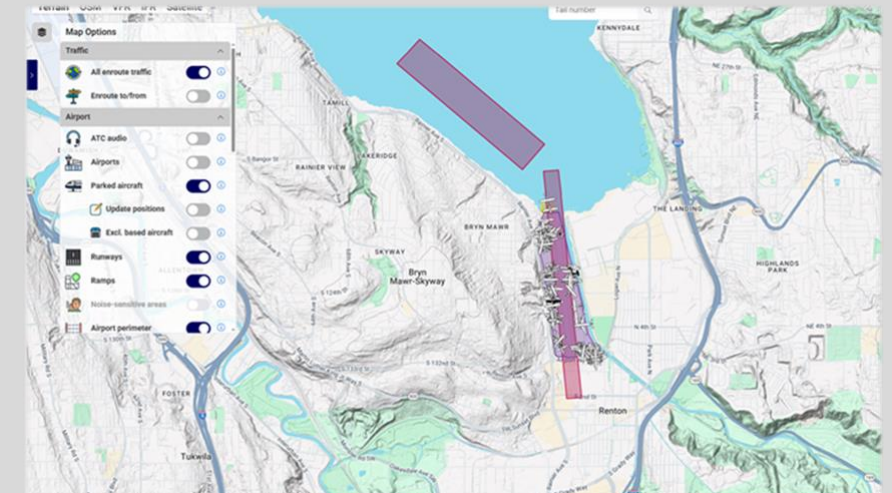
Total Operations 88,442

- Landings 37,158
- Take offs 43,369
- Go arounds 3,426
- Overflights 4,489

Renton Municipal
Nov 17, 2025 16:44:09 PST

16 Landings 23 Takeoffs 0 Go Arounds 0 Overflights

Operation	Type	Time
T/O Rwy 16	PC12	16:43:00
T/O Rwy 12	GL7T	16:29:39
Ldg Rwy 16	PC12	16:06:57
Ldg Rwy 16	SR22	15:53:55
T/O Rwy 12	E55P	15:48:00
Ldg Rwy 30	C560	15:45:38
T/O Rwy 12	C700	15:20:19
Takeoff	----	14:42:39
T/O Rwy 34	C172	14:39:00
T/O Rwy 12	GLF6	14:36:39
T/O Rwy 12	C172	14:31:39
Takeoff	PC12	14:29:21
T/O Rwy 34	PC12	14:27:39





CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Over \$2 million in pavement upgrades to the southwest corner near the Administration Office.

- a. New public parking for tenants and customers.
- b. 4 additional transient aircraft tie-downs
- c. Installed infrastructure to support future electric aircraft charging and public charging stations in the airport office lot.
- d. Received grant from Dept. of Ecology to fund the EV charging stations.
- e. The windsock tie-down is nearing completion.
- f. **\$18 million FAA grant** for the upcoming **Taxiway A reconstruction project**, over the next two years. This major investment represents a huge accomplishment for our airport staff and engineer, and it will significantly improve operations for years to come.





Grant Applications and Project Updates

Windsock – waiting for good weather to level the pavement

Taxiway Alpha – Construction starting May 2026

Application for New Air Traffic Control Tower. Total project cost is \$19.6M. Requesting \$17.67M from the FAA.

Security Project – Gates Arrive in March
Camera & Gate Key Reader Installations follow

Sustainability Grant for EV Chargers at Airport Admin. Office
Anticipated \$40K within 2026-2027

Sustainability Grant for Hazardous Waste
\$60k for 2026-2027



Grant Applications and Project Updates

Removing and Replacing
Failing REILS with
LED units

Emergency Dredging of
Seaplane Base to
Remove Debris from
December 2025 flood

Updating and modernizing
the Rules & Regulations
along with Leasing Policies
by Q3 2026

Demolition of Empty SE
Corner Buildings

Anticipated in Q4 2026 or
Q1 2027

Partnering with PW Solid
Waste/Sustainability
Division for Flood Dredging



2025 AIRPORT OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Source of Revenue	Actual
Beginning Balance	\$7,410,016.00
Airport Fuel Charges	\$ 227,245.00
All Airport Leases (long-term)	\$4,752,211.00
Total Revenue	\$4,979,456.00
Expenses	Actual
Airport Operations	\$2,539,537.00



Effective June 1, 2025

2025-2026

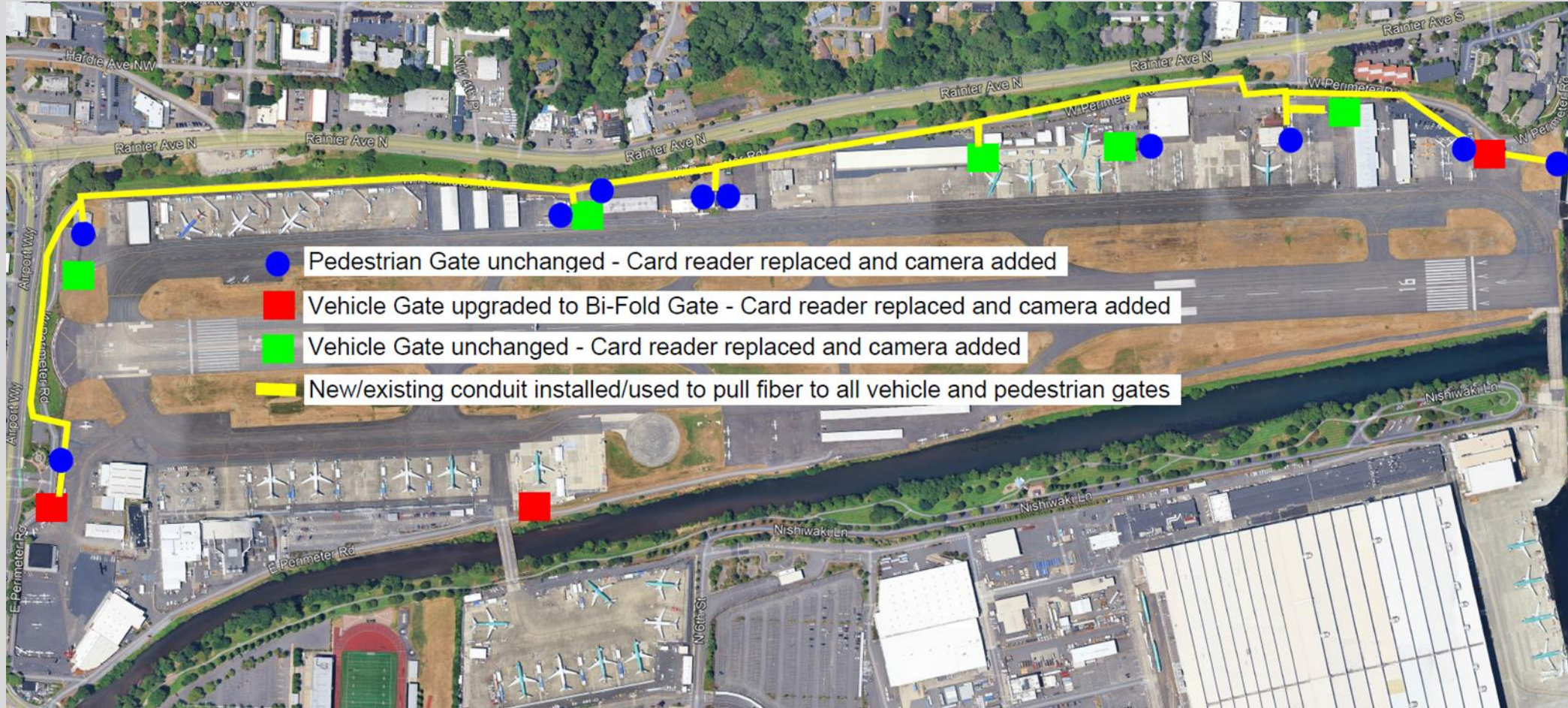
City of Renton Fee Schedule

SECTION VIII. AIRPORT CHARGES		2025	2026
1.	Airport Fuel Flow Charge: per gallon	\$0.08	\$0.08
2.	JetA Fuel Flow Charge: per gallon	\$0.10	\$0.10
3.	T-Hangar Waitlist, one time fee	\$100	\$100
4	T-Hangar, Move-in Fee (non-refundable)	\$250	\$250
5★	T-Hangar Rental Space (monthly) (plus leasehold excise tax)	★ \$580	\$580
6	Tie-down Waitlist, one time fee	\$25	\$25
7★	Tie-down Rental Space (monthly) (plus leasehold excise tax)	★ \$185.60	\$185.60
8.	Penalty for violation of Minimum Standards/Airport Rules & Regulations (each occurrence)	\$500	\$500
9.	Penalty for Movement Area Incursions (each occurrence), assessed to sponsor/tenant	\$500	\$500
10	Lost gate card fee per occurrence	\$50	\$50
11	Transient airplane parking (daily)	\$8	\$8



Security Upgrade Project Construction

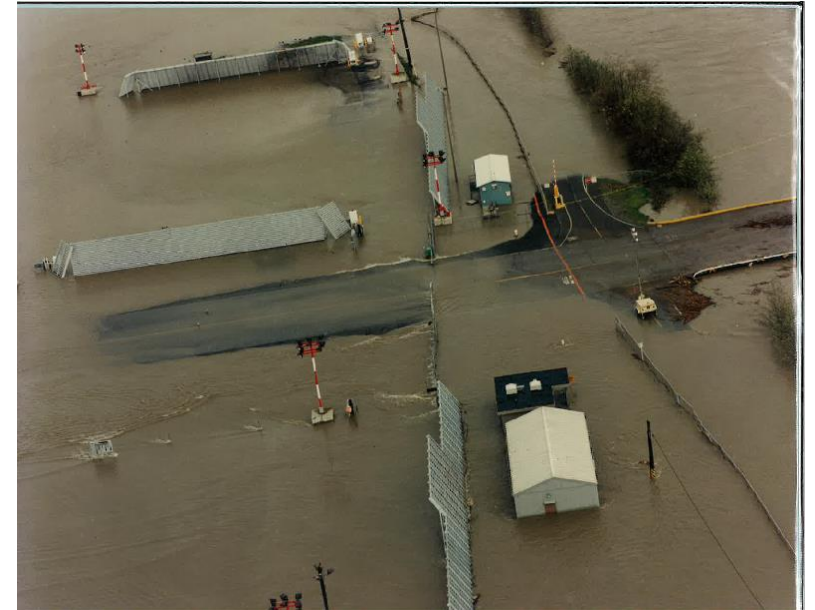
Start Q3 2025; End Q1 2026





Airport Flooding 1995 and 2025

1995





Airport Flooding 1995 and 2025

2025





Triannual Emergency Fire Drill

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[Ribbon-cutting video](#)



Santa Letters





Thank you!

Questions?





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