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New Tri-Cities Airport Director Announced

The Port of Pasco is pleased to announce that Ron Foraker is the new Director of Airports at the Pasco, Tri-Cities Airport.

Ron has been performing as the acting director since the tragic accident that claimed the life of Jim Morasch, who was the airport director for 30 years. "Ron's extensive knowledge of the facility, the aviation industry, and the people that make it all work made him the perfect choice to be our airport director", said Jim Toomey, port executive director. "Ron's calm demeanor and steady professionalism played a critical role during the days and weeks following the tragic loss of Jim Morasch", continue Toomey.

Ron Foraker has been employed at the Tri-Cities Airport since 1977. His first job assignment was as a summer intern working with airport maintenance. Following graduation from Central Washington University in 1976 with a Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Science, he was hired by Lee Richardson, Pasco airport director, as his deputy manager. He continued to work in that role, alongside Jim Morasch for 31 years.

Over the years Ron has played a key role in the transition of the Tri-Cities Airport from a small local facility to a Regional transportation asset with air service to 6 major airport hubs. In a national climate of declining usage at many airports, the Tri-Cities Airport experienced a 20% growth in 2010 resulting in over 308,000 passengers departing from Pasco, an all time record breaking performance.

"Ron faces significant leadership and management challenges in the upcoming years at the airport" stated Toomey, "planning, designing, financing and modifying the Tri-Cities Airport to accommodate the continued levels of expected growth will dominate airport activities for years to come. Ron is the right man for that job."

Ron has been a long-time member of the Washington Airport Management Association and the prestigious American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), where he obtained his Certified Membership (CM). Ron has completed the first two of three phases in becoming an accredited member of AAAE.

Ron lives in Pasco with his wife, Stacey. They have two children: Drew is a junior at the University of Idaho and Hayley is a senior at Hanford High School and has plans to attend college next fall.