

# Opportunities in Regional Air Mobility

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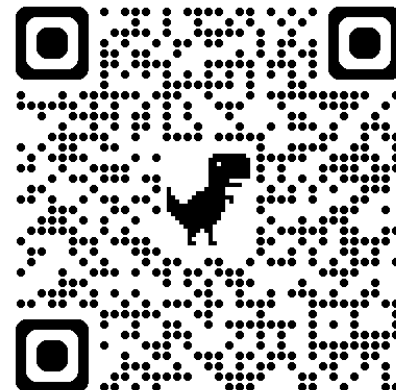
The Community Air Mobility Initiative is a 501(c)(3) public nonprofit supporting the sustainable and responsible integration of advanced air mobility into our daily transportation needs through education, communication, and collaboration.

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# What is Advanced Air Mobility (AAM)?

Advanced Air Mobility is a broad concept that focuses on emerging aviation markets and use cases for urban, suburban and rural operations. AAM includes:

- Local use cases of an approximately 50-mile (80-km) radius in rural or urban areas
- Intraregional use cases up to a few hundred miles



Source: NASA STEM Learning

The objective of Advanced Air Mobility is to move people and cargo between places more effectively, especially in currently underserved local, regional, urban and rural environments.



Source: NASA

# What Types of Aircraft will be Used?

These new aircraft range in size from small, cargo-carrying, uncrewed aerial vehicles (UAVs or drones) to passenger-carrying air taxis that carry out short range missions. The vast majority of AAM aircraft under development will serve two to seven passengers (or an equivalent weight of cargo).

Variations include:

- Vehicle configuration
- Takeoff characteristics
- Aspects of automation
- Fuel types



# What are Potential Benefits of AAM?



Reduced emergency response times



Increased range of access to the urban core



Workforce development and economic opportunities



Stronger connection of rural areas to urban opportunities



Increased utility of GA airport infrastructure



Additional disaster response capabilities



Increased electrification



Elimination of transportation deserts

# Potential Community Concerns with AAM

## Flight Paths & En-route Operations

- Location and Time of Operations
- Air congestion and ops tempo
- Privacy, noise, and visual pollution

## Vertiports & Aerodromes

- Environmental impacts in the vertiport vicinity
- Social and economic impacts (e.g., gentrification and displacement)

## Service Characteristics

- Affordability, ADA access, etc.

## Cross-cutting and Other Issues

- Environmental justice
- Allocation of limited public resources



# CAMI's Resources



**The Community Air Mobility Initiative presents:**

## AAM 101

*An introduction to advanced air mobility for state and local decision makers*

**August 2, 2022**  
**SFO Museum**  
 located at SFO, just before and to the left of the security checkpoint entrance at Boarding A (boarding pass not required)

**Presentations: 1:00-5:30 PDT**  
 Followed by a networking reception


**Registration:**  
 Government Rate: \$75/person  
 General Rate: \$100/person  
 +CAMI members receive 25% discount

Registration available at [communityairmobility.org](http://communityairmobility.org)

**Event Sponsors:**  
 A limited number of event sponsorship opportunities are available for \$1000 and include event logo recognition and two complimentary registrations.

**Featured Topics:**


- **Fundamentals of Advanced Aircraft Mobility**
  - Aircraft and Air Traffic Management
  - Community and Regional Use Cases
  - Legal and Regulatory Framework
  - Infrastructure Considerations
  - Markets and Opportunities
- **Integrating Advanced Air Mobility into Communities**
  - Equity Issues
  - Integration into Multimodal Transportation Systems
  - Community and Environmental Impacts
  - Planning for Advanced Air Mobility
- **Q&A with the presenters**
- **Open Discussion and Networking**



**Community Benefits of Urban Air Mobility (UAM)**

*A brief description of potential benefits of UAM to cities and surrounding areas and how communities can prepare today.*

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**What is Urban Air Mobility (UAM)?**

*UAM uses three-dimensional transportation to better serve the needs of our communities.*


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**eVTOL Aircraft: What they are & why they matter**

*New electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft are enabling aviation to be more closely integrated with our communities*


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National Aeronautics and Space Administration



**Advanced Air Mobility Community Integration Considerations Playbook**




American Planning Association  
**Planning Advisory Service**  
 Creating Great Communities for All

**MTI**  
 METRO TRANSIT INSTITUTE

**PAS REPORT 606**

## PLANNING FOR ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY

Adam Cohen, Susan Shaheen, Ph.D., and Yolanka Wulff, Ph.D.



**ACRP**  
 Research Report 261

**Advanced Air Mobility and Community Outreach**  
 A PRIMER FOR SUCCESSFUL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

**NATIONAL ACADEMIES**  
 OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY  
 TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD

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*The mission of the Urban Air Policy Collaborative is to develop a policy framework for the local implementation of advanced air mobility through the sharing of knowledge, discussion of issues, development of recommendations and collaboration with peers through an ongoing program of workshops, presentations and conversations.*

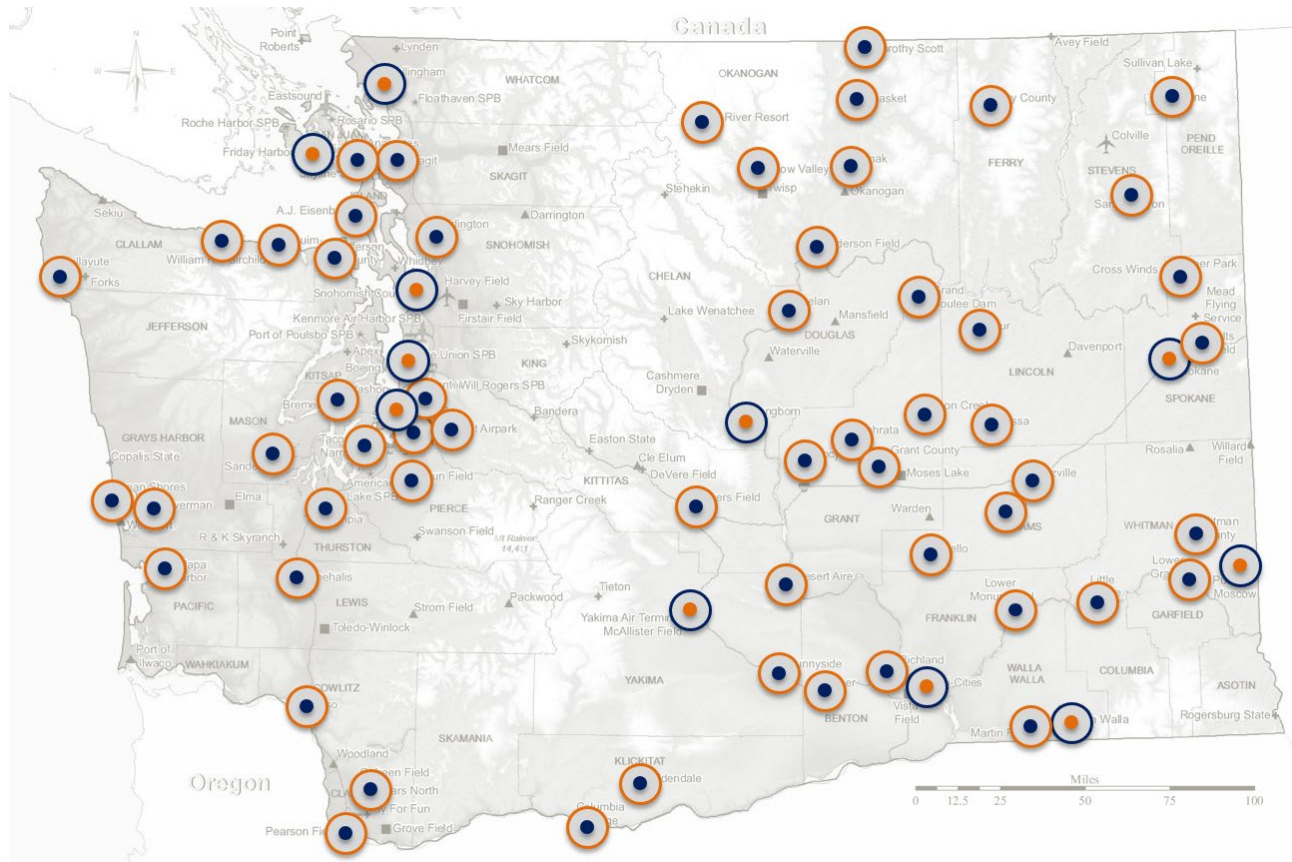
*The UAPC has two programs – the Cohort and the Forum*

*The next UAPC Cohort begins in January 2025*





# Regional Air Mobility in Washington



- Washington has about 140 public airports
- Currently 13 of these airports have scheduled service
- 82 of these airports have been determined to be capable of supporting electric aircraft (3000' runway)
- Small airports can connect communities in a clean, cost-effective manner



Brandon Rakes

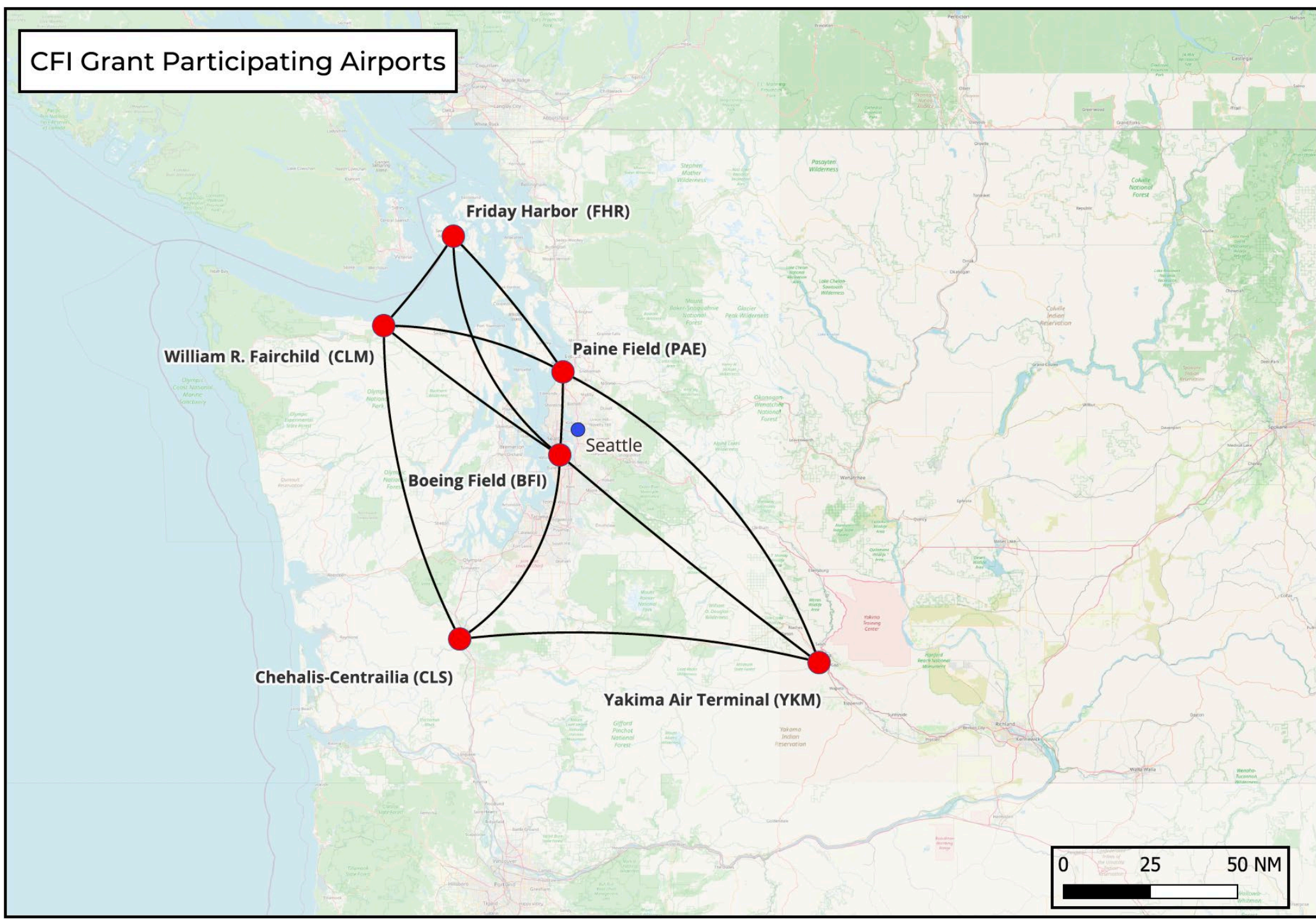
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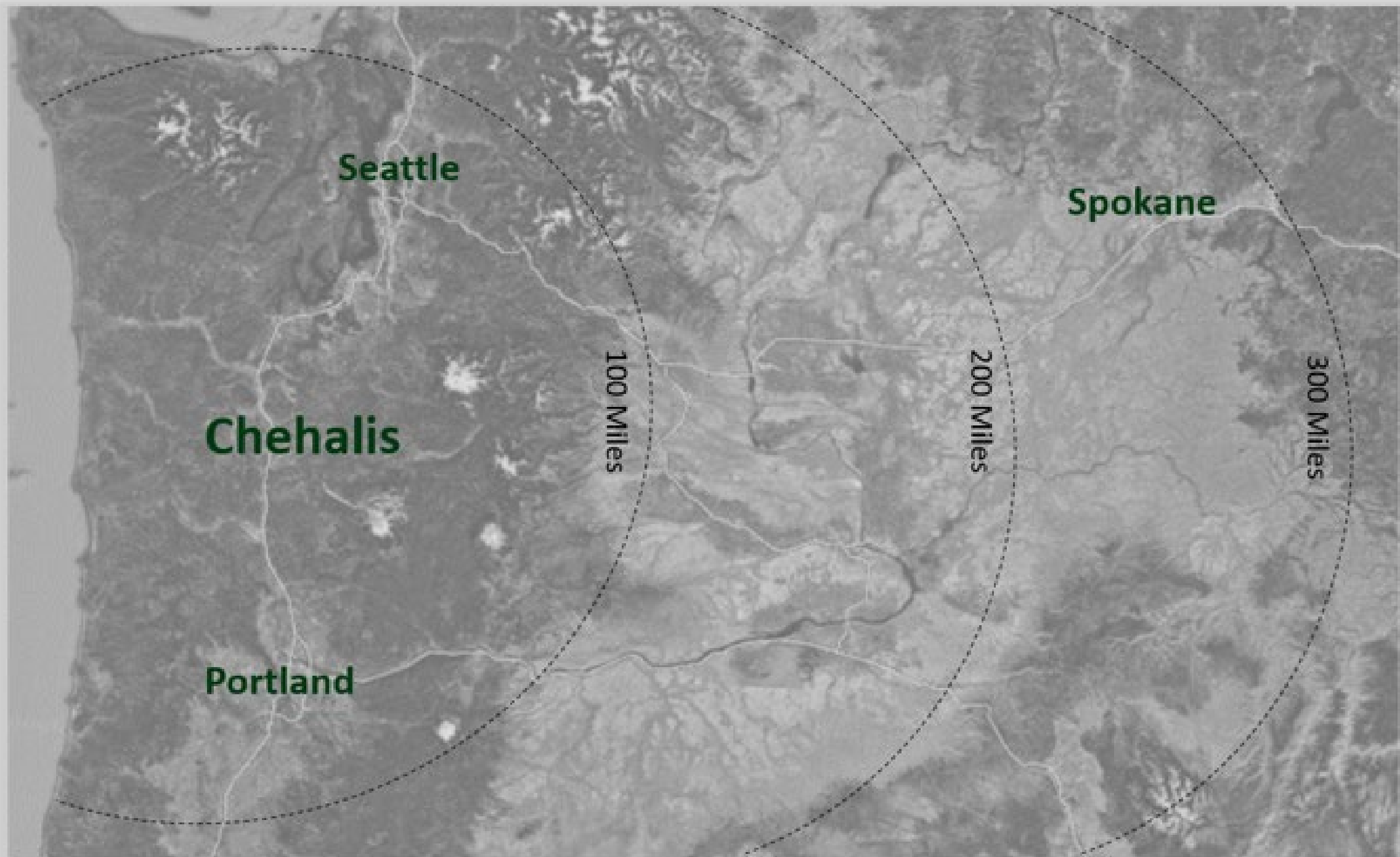
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# CFI Grant Participating Airports





**Seattle**

**Spokane**

**Chehalis**

100 Miles

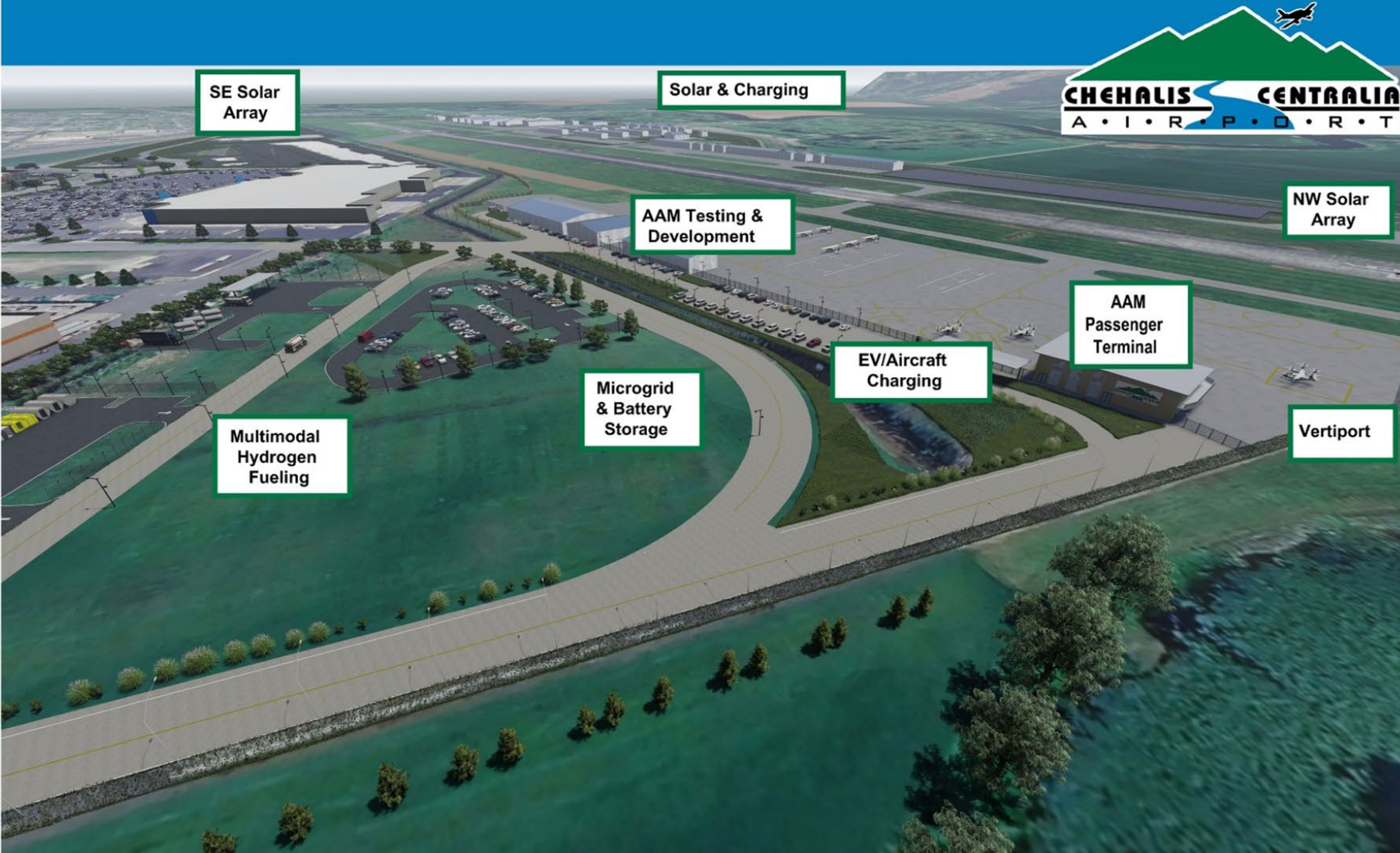
200 Miles

300 Miles

**Portland**

# Chehalis Hub for Aviation Innovation & Sustainable Energy

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# Pioneering electric seaplane aviation

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# Harbour Air is the largest seaplane operator in the Americas

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**45 Aircraft**



**12 destinations**



**≈280 Flights per day**



**≈400,000 passengers per year**



# Harbour Air eBeaver

## Baseline AC

- De Havilland DHC Beaver
- Single pilot, 6 passenger aircraft
- Iconic, stable, proven aircraft

## Modification for eBeaver 1.0

- Frame intact, removed everything firewall forward, all engine-related instrumentation
- Updated interior including fuel system structure (156 kWhr battery pack)
- Installed magni500 electric engine
- 4 blade propeller

## Considerations

- Charging infrastructure
- Take-off vs landing weight
- Charging rates
- Noise reduction







# Panel Discussion Topics

- **What do you see as the future of AAM over the next 5 – 10 years? Specifically, what are the key use cases for the PNW?**
- **Discuss the role of existing airports in the implementation of regional air mobility. What are the opportunities and challenges?**
- **What are the funding and infrastructure needs?**
- **How important is collaboration between various stakeholders (government, private sector, academia, etc) in advancing AAM initiatives?**
- **How can AAM contribute to the economic vitality of the PNW region? What about sustainability? Resiliency?**