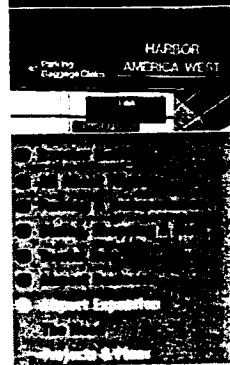




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Third Runway Construction Is a Work in Progress

The fill material needed to raise the third runway up to the current airfield elevation continues to be delivered to the airport via established routes. In order to expedite this delivery and keep trucks off local roads, work has started on temporary on/off ramps connecting South 176th Street and Highway 509 for the delivery vehicles. The project includes building retaining walls to support the ramps, placing fill material, building a storm water detention pond to control runoff, paving, and widening a portion of the shoulders along Highway 509 to accommodate the ramps. A timber "noise wall" is being built as a buffer between trucks using the ramps and a few houses in the vicinity. There will be some limited night work and occasional daytime lane closures on 509 during construction. The project is scheduled for completion by October.

The contract for supplying 1.9 million cubic yards of fill this year was awarded to City Transfer of Kent. The delivery of this amount is not dependant upon issuance of environmental permits for the projects. Regulatory agencies are still reviewing the Port's permit application. The current contract also calls for delivery of an additional 485,000 cubic yards once the permits are approved.

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