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**SEAPORT AIR ANNOUNCES  
INTERLINE TICKETING AND BAGGAGE AGREEMENTS  
WITH US AIR**

Rob McKinney, CEO of SeaPort Airlines, informed the City of Newport that SeaPort Airlines has signed an interline ticketing and baggage agreement with US Air. An interline ticketing agreement will allow passengers to purchase a ticket from any SeaPort station to any airport serviced by US Air. The baggage agreement will allow bags to be checked through from Newport onto connecting flights with US Air without having to retrieve bags at PDX and recheck them.

The Airline Services Consortium was created to administer ConnectOregon II grant monies earmarked for subsidizing commercial air service to Newport and Astoria. The Consortium entered into a revenue guarantee agreement with SeaPort Air, and one of the provisions was that SeaPort obtain an interline ticketing and baggage agreement. The Consortium recently eliminated the requirement for the interline baggage agreement, and asked SeaPort to move forward expediently in obtaining an interline ticketing agreement.

Gene Cossey, Newport Airport Director, stated that “in today’s airline business, getting a new interline and baggage agreement between airline carriers is difficult. US Air, is a nice start. They fly to Phoenix and Philadelphia out of Portland, both hubs for US Air, which will provide very good connectivity. Now that SeaPort has this established, obtaining interline agreements with other air carriers should be easier.” Cossey added, “by obtaining an interline agreement and working towards changing out the aircraft that serves Newport to one that is less expensive, SeaPort continues to demonstrate its commitment to work with the city toward sustainable air service for the central coast.”

The effects of the ticketing and baggage agreements will not be immediately realized as there will be an implementation and testing period. Cossey added that, “local travelers will greatly benefit from SeaPort’s diligence in obtaining these agreements.”

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