

**Notice of Availability
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
Comprehensive Development Plan National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact**

Date of Issuance: September 10, 2007

Proponent/Applicant: Port of Seattle SEPA No. 07-09

Description of current proposal: The Federal Aviation Administration has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact for development of the 12 near-term Comprehensive Development Plan projects at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac Airport). This Comprehensive Development Plan consists of 61 near-term and long-term projects. The 12 near-term projects would be under construction or in operation by the year 2010 and constitute the proposed action. The Port requested FAA unconditional approval of the Airport Layout Plan showing these near-term projects, which represent the proposed federal action in this Final Environmental Assessment prepared under the provisions of NEPA. The Port will subsequently adopt the Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

The 12 near-term projects would provide the following facilities and improvements:

- **Taxiway improvements.** Improved airfield efficiency from construction and reconfiguration of several taxiway connections.
- **Expanded air cargo facilities.** Development of additional freight cargo capability on Port land north of State Route (SR) 518.
- **Terminal roadway improvements.** Enhanced airport circulation through expansion of the Upper Terminal Drive and exit ramp and expansion of the Ground Transportation Taxi Holding Lot.
- **Expanded support facilities.** Improved support facilities, including airport maintenance and employee parking, that would be displaced during construction of the improvements described above.
- **Ground noise reduction.** Analysis of the potential benefits of building a noise wall at the north end of the north air cargo ramp to reduce noise from aircraft on the ground.

Forty-nine long-term projects, are not part of this approval, and would be initiated in the future. The long-term projects will be subject to further planning and refinement. These projects are addressed in this document to disclose the potential impacts of reasonably foreseeable future actions. It is anticipated that all Comprehensive Development Plan



projects would be undertaken by 2024, when the airport is forecast to reach the estimated capacity of the three-runway system at Sea-Tac Airport. The Port requested FAA conditional approval of these projects, subject to future NEPA review, and is evaluating these long-term Comprehensive Development Plan projects as programmatic or non-project level actions under SEPA.

For purposes of environmental review, one development alternative for the 12 near-term projects and the alternative of no action have been identified and evaluated. The No Action Alternative represents existing infrastructure and facilities, but is also expected to reflect the completion of other development projects that have received separate NEPA and SEPA reviews and approvals.

Location of current proposal: The project site consists primarily of Port of Seattle owned property including the Sea-Tac Airport and other off-site lands. Sea-Tac Airport is located entirely within the City of SeaTac, and is approximately 12 miles south of Downtown Seattle in King County, Washington with access directly off State Route (SR) 99/International Boulevard to the east and SR 509 from the north.

The following areas have been addressed in the Final Environmental Assessment: The Comprehensive Development Plan Final Environmental Assessment evaluates a development alternative for the near-term projects and the alternative of no action. The following areas have been addressed in this Final Environmental Assessment: Surface Transportation, Air Quality, Water Quality, Wetlands, Floodplains, Fish, Wildlife and Plants, Noise, Coastal Resources, Compatible Land Use, Construction Impacts, Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f), Earth, Farmland, Hazardous Materials, Pollution Prevention, and Solid Waste, Historical, Architectural, Archeological, and Cultural Resources, Light Emissions and Visual Impacts, Public Services and Utilities, Secondary (Induced) Impacts, Socioeconomic Impacts, Environmental Justice, and Children's Environmental Health and Safety Risks, Wild and Scenic Rivers. For each of these elements, the Final Environmental Assessment identifies any probable significant environmental impacts, any relevant mitigation measures and any significant unavoidable adverse impacts that may be anticipated.

Final EA/FONSI Available:

Copies of the Final EA and FONSI are available at the following locations for a 10-day information review period:

- Copies may be reviewed and downloaded at the Port's website at <http://www.portseattle.org/community/environment/>.
- Copies are available for viewing at the Port of Seattle's Engineering Services Department, Second Floor Bid Counter Office at Pier 69, 2711, Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA, during business hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.
- Copies are available for viewing at the Sea-Tac Airport Office (far south end of the Mezzanine Level of the Main Terminal) during business hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

- Copies of these documents are accessible for review at the Federal Aviation Administration Airports District Office at 1601 Lind Ave. SW, Suite 250, Renton, 98057.
- Copies of these documents are also accessible for review at the following public libraries: Bellevue (1111 110th Avenue NE), Burien (14700 Six Avenue SW), Boulevard Park (12015 Roseburg Avenue S), Des Moines (21620 11th Avenue S), Federal Way (848 S. 320th St.), Foster (4060 S. 144th, Tukwila), Kent (212 2nd Avenue N.), Seattle Central Library (1000 4th Street), Tacoma (1102 Tacoma Avenue S), Valley View (17850 Military Rd., SeaTac), White Center (11220 16th Avenue SW).
- Persons interested in receiving a copy of the Final EA on CD (no charge) should contact Brenda Thomas at 206-728-3382 or by e-mail at SEPA.p@portseattle.org.
- Photocopies can be made at FedEx Kinko's Midway in Kent (23203 Pacific Hwy S).
- A limited number of printed copies of the Final Environmental Assessment, revised appendices and FONSI may be purchased at the Port's Engineering Services Department Second Floor Bid Counter at Pier 69. The purchase price is \$150.

Appeals: Pursuant to Port of Seattle Commission Resolutions No's 3028, 3211, and 3539 the adequacy of this finding may be appealed by filing an appeal with the General Counsel, Port of Seattle, Pier 69, P.O. Box 1209, Seattle, WA 98111 within twenty-one (21) days of the date the finding.

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More information about the project may be found at the Port of Seattle Environmental web page at www.portseattle.org/community/environment.