



Notice of Availability and Request for Comments for the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Comprehensive Development Plan Draft Environmental Assessment

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Proponent/Applicant: Port of Seattle

Description of the Proposal: The Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac Airport) revises the terminal/landside development program proposed in the Sea-Tac Airport Master Plan Update in 1997. The CDP reflects changes in the aviation industry following completion of the Master Plan Update by maximizing use of existing facilities and reducing the cost of construction.

The 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. The Port is seeking FAA unconditional approval of the Airport Layout Plan showing these projects, and, under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) will be adopting the Final Environmental Assessment and addressing probable significant impacts that would occur as a result of these projects.

The 12 near-term projects, which represent the proposed federal action, 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 that would likely be initiated as activity reaches 45 million annual passengers are subject to further planning and refinement. 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 impacts of long-term projects are identified in this document for purposes of full disclosure of reasonably foreseeable future actions. FAA would be conditionally approving, subject to future National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review, the long-term projects, and under SEPA, these projects are being addressed through a program/non-project-level evaluation.

For purposes of environmental review, one development alternative and a No Action Alternative have been identified and evaluated. The No Action Alternative reflects the existing infrastructure and facilities, but is also expected to include the completion of other development projects that have undergone and completed separate NEPA and SEPA reviews and approvals.

Location of the 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.

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle SEPA No. 07-06

The following areas have been addressed in this Draft 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 Draft Environmental Assessment identifies any probable significant environmental impacts, any relevant mitigation measures and any significant unavoidable adverse impacts that may be anticipated.

Draft EA Available: Copies of the Draft EA are available at the following locations:

- 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 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 this document are also accessible 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 Draft 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 Draft Environmental Review may be purchased at the Port's Engineering Services Department Second Floor Bid Counter at Pier 69. The purchase price is \$250 per copy (three volumes).

Comments on the Draft EA: You are invited to provide written comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA). All comments must be postmarked by **May 11, 2007**. Please address any comments or questions on the Draft EA to David L. McCraney, Manager, Environmental Review and Permitting, Port of Seattle, Pier 69, P.O. Box 1209, Seattle WA 98111 or the Port of Seattle electronic mail address at SEPA.p@portseattle.org. Please include your mailing address when submitting comments to the electronic address. After reviewing public and agency comments on the Draft EA, the Port will issue a Final EA and adopt the Final EA to meet its environmental review responsibilities under SEPA.

Public Hearing: On Thursday, April 26, 2007, at SeaTac City Hall, 4800 South 188th Street, SeaTac, a public open house will be held from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. This will include a presentation at 7:00 PM, followed by a public hearing where verbal comments will be received.

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