The second Sea-Tac Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) meeting took place on April 25, 2018 with a focus on aviation operations roles and responsibilities. This voluntary, non-governing regional roundtable, convened by the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Director, Lance Lyttle, is a venue for the Port of Seattle to engage with the communities of SeaTac, Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, Tukwila and Federal Way. Representatives from Delta Air Lines, Alaska Airlines and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) also participate.

After public comment, Lyttle provided an airport update on operations and ongoing facility construction. The update included a roll out of the Port’s new website and examples of accessible information, including airport capital projects and airport statistics. A new feature on the website includes downloadable data on Sea-Tac’s flight track monitoring system using 24 permanent noise monitors to show single and daily noise events. Airport noise data can be found here.

The facilitator reviewed the “StART Potential Topics Survey Results,” observing that the priorities fell within the following themes: impacts, airport development and growth, meeting current and future demand, economic development/community/Port partnership potential, and operations and investments. The survey feedback will provide the basis for development of future meeting agendas.

The meeting’s main focus was to develop shared understanding of roles and responsibilities, decision-making authorities, and what can be influenced in aviation operations. A panel comprised of Port staff, Federal Aviation Administration representatives and representatives from Delta Air Lines and Alaska Airlines provided an overview presentation that can be accessed here. StART members followed by asking the panelists questions related to noise impacts, operations at Sea-Tac, quality of life and flight paths. A longer meeting summary will be posted to the StART website by May 11.

Based on member survey responses, the next meeting will focus on aviation impacts and mitigation/reduction of aviation impacts, including noise and air quality.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., June 27, at the Conference Center at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. The public is invited to attend.

StART meeting documents may be found on the Port of Seattle website.