June 27, 2018 Recap

The Sea-Tac Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) meeting took place on June 27, 2018 with a focus on discussing and prioritizing potential actions for StART to explore related to preventing, reducing, and/or mitigating aviation noise. This voluntary, advisory 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 Lynden Transport are also members. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) participates as a non-member.

The facilitator discussed feedback received from StART participants as well as the public at large about when in the agenda to put public comment. Due to feedback, the public comment period has been moved to the end of the meeting agenda. The facilitator also reminded the public that comments can be provided in writing at the meeting or via email and encouraged public engagement with the community representatives on StART.

Port staff provided an update on current federal congressional legislation focused on aviation noise. These include FY 18 Appropriations, the FAA Bill, National Defense Authorization Act, FY 19 Appropriations, and the Aviation Impacted Communities Act.

The meeting’s main focus was to identify potential actions that could be considered and recommended by StART to prevent, reduce, and/or mitigate aviation noise. Members itemized and discussed actions that they were interested in and prioritized the list of actions. The highest priorities were the identification of near-term actions that can be taken now, potential modifications to air operations, and potential modifications to ground operations. There was also interest in identifying appropriate ways to engage elected officials at the City, State, and Federal level in the process. Initial steps were taken at the conclusion of the meeting to create a small working group or groups. The group or groups will be tasked with exploring and discussing the ideas in more depth and providing recommendations for potential actions. The prioritized list will be refined and used as a basis for the focus of the working group(s).

Port staff provided brief updates on the Sustainable Airport Master Plan and operations and then public comment was heard.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., August 22, location TBD. The public is invited to attend.

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