SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) OF PROPOSED ACTION

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac Airport)
C-1 Building Expansion

The Port of Seattle has completed an environmental analysis, including review of pertinent and available environmental information and preparation of a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist for the C-1 Building Expansion project.

Description of Proposed Project Action: The C-1 Building (originally known as the Baggage Screen Facility [POS SEPA No: 03-11]), built in 2005, is an existing three-story facility (with two stories above ground) that primarily includes office space and baggage handling and screening equipment. The building was designed to “…allow for potential future expansion…for a potential total of six above ground levels.”

The Project will construct four additional floors on top of the existing C-1 Building, which is located adjacent to Gate C3 and between Concourses C and D. This proposed building expansion, to seven floors total (not including a mechanical penthouse), will provide additional airport, dining, and retail (ADR) opportunities, as well as needed office space and premium lounge space.

The building expansion will include the following:

- Renovation to existing bridge, baggage levels, and Concourse Level
- An additional four floors above the Concourse Level, for new dining and retail spaces, additional Transportation Security Administration (TSA) office space, and lounge or office space
- A mechanical penthouse
- A small expansion for a loading dock and trash compactors
- An expansion to the existing Gate C3 Holdroom (passenger waiting area)

The Project will address deficiencies in capacity for ADR, hold room, lounge and office uses by adding four floors to the existing C1 Building, increasing the existing approximate 99,000 SF facility to roughly 203,000 SF, and expanding the existing C3 gate waiting area (currently 1,000 square feet [SF]) to approximately 2,300 square feet to allow it to meet standards for serving passenger levels. The project does not include any elements that would affect or increase aircraft operations.

Location of Proposed Action: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
17801 Pacific Highway South
Seattle, WA 98158

The project is proposed at Concourse C (see attached map).

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (SEPA File Number 20-02)

1 Port of Seattle SEPA No: 03-11
Determination: The Port of Seattle has completed an environmental evaluation including review of the proposed C-1 Building Expansion project, including review of pertinent and available environmental information, following the provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) under Chapter 43.21C, Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and Port Commission Resolution 3650, Port of Seattle SEPA Policies and Procedures.

On March 19, 2020 as lead agency, the Port of Seattle determined the proposed project would not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced within 21 days from the date of last newspaper publication of the notice or be barred. Port Commission Resolution 3650 contains the procedures for appealing a SEPA decision of the Port of Seattle.

Supporting Information: Information used to reach this determination and applicable State laws and Port of Seattle policies, regulations, and procedures are available for public review at the Port of Seattle, Pier 69, Environment and Sustainability Department, Third Floor, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle or Sea-Tac Airport, Environment and Sustainability Department, Fifth Floor, 17801 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98158. The document is also available for review online at https://www.portseattle.org/environment/sepa-nepa.

Public and Agency Comment: No action will be taken on the proposed project until after the 14-day public comment period expires on 4:00 PM on April 6, 2020, after which the Port will (1) formally adopt this Determination of Non-Significance; (2) clarify or review the proposal; or (3) complete additional environmental analyses, as appropriate. The Port will accept public and agency comments until 4:00 PM on April 6, 2020. Please refer any questions relating to this determination or to the proposed actions to Steve Rybolt, Port of Seattle, Aviation Environment and Sustainability Department, P.O. Box 68727, Seattle, Washington 98168. Telephone 206.787.5527. Email Rybolt.S@portseattle.org or the Port of Seattle electronic mail Internet address at SEPA@portseattle.org. Include your mailing address when submitting comments to the electronic Internet address.

Appeals: This SEPA DNS determination may be appealed by filing a writ of review in King County Superior Court within twenty-one (21) days of the date the Port formally adopts this determination pursuant to Port of Seattle Resolution No. 3650 and RCW 43.21C.080.

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