December 9, 2020 Recap

The SEA Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) meeting took place on December 9, 2020, through video conference, with a focus on a review of the StART Federal Policy Working Group’s December 7 meeting and on discussing potential StART priorities for 2021 through reflection of what has been learned and what is needed to further StART’s objectives. This voluntary, advisory roundtable, convened by the Airport Managing 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 and Alaska Airlines are also members. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) participates as a non-member.

The Airport Managing Director, Lance Lyttle, welcomed participants and mentioned that work was being done to revise StART’s Operating Procedures based on shared input from the cities and Port.

Eric Schinfeld, Federal Government Relations Manager, provided a briefing on the December 7 meeting of the StART Federal Policy Working Group. Schinfeld and representatives from congressional offices provided an update and analysis based on national election results. Schinfeld also reviewed the European Union aviation industry’s initiatives to connect aviation recovery with increasing environmental sustainability. Schinfeld provided an update on the virtual Washington DC Fly-In that will include representatives from the six cities involved in StART.

The focus of the meeting was reflection on a series of questions and discussion on the development of StART’s 2021 priorities. Different members were asked to respond to specific questions. The questions for reflection included:

1. How has your perspective changed from when you began your involvement in StART? (All responded)
2. Taking the long view, what realistic outcomes would you like for StART to contribute to? (Cities responded)
3. What have you learned about the issues and needs of the cities? What else is important to know? (FAA, Airlines and Port staff responded)
4. What else is needed to further strengthen the working relationships among StART members? (All responded)

The development of priorities discussion began with a review of StART’s accomplishments and the recommendations from the StART task force on community engagement. The facilitator then reviewed the results of the priorities survey. During the discussion, members provided additional topics for consideration and comments. All comments are expected to be provided to the StART Steering Committee who will utilize them to inform StART’s 2021 agendas.

Public comment was heard. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2021 at 5:00pm by video conference. The public is invited to attend.

The meeting concluded with remarks from the facilitator.

All December 9, 2020 StART meeting documents can be found on the Port of Seattle website.