Sound Insulation and Acquisition Briefing

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Agenda

1. Noise Programs Overview
2. Ongoing sound insulation programs
3. Future sound insulation programs
4. New FAA policy for homes insulated prior to 1993
Noise Mitigation Accomplishments

• Sound Insulation Completed
  • Began in 1985
  • Approximately 9,400 homes
  • 9 Highline Schools
  • 5 condominium complexes, 246 units
  • 14 buildings on the Highline College Campus

• Acquisition Completed
  • 5 mobile home parks, 359 mobile home units
  • 69 homes north of the 3rd runway
  • 1,400 single family homes including 3rd runway acquisition
  • Approximately $300 million spent on sound insulation
  • Approximately $100 million spent on acquisition programs
Project Funding

• FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Funded
  – 80% of eligible costs (direct acoustical)
  – 20% airport match

• Airport funds all non eligible costs through other sources of revenue.
SEA Noise Remedy Boundary
Based on 65 DNL Noise Contour
Sound Insulation Requirements

• Homes must be built prior to 1986 in Des Moines and 1987 in all other areas – building codes meet or exceed FAA standards after these dates

• Homeowners are required to sign an avigation easement
  • Homes with mortgages must obtain a subordination agreement from their lender(s)

• Homes must have a 45dB DNL or greater interior noise level during a noise audit to be eligible
Ongoing Sound Insulation Programs
Single-Family Sound Insulation

• Began in 1985
• Over 9,400 Single-Family homes completed
• Approximately 140 homes remain eligible
  – 39 homes in process
• Continuous outreach to get remaining homes into the program
• Goal of completing 10 or more homes in 2021
Condominium Sound Insulation

- 28 units - Villa Enzian in Des Moines / 7 units will be under construction this year
- 60 units - Whispering Brook Condominiums in Des Moines planned for construction in 2022
Future Sound Insulation and Acquisition Programs
2021-2026
Apartment Sound Insulation

- 18 complexes potentially eligible in Burien, Des Moines, and SeaTac
- Approximately 903 units
Places of Worship Sound Insulation

• 7 structures identified as potentially eligible in Burien and Des Moines
• Unique architectural features can create challenges for sound insulation
Future Voluntary Residential Acquisition, Approach Transition Zone (ATZ)

- ATZ is a 2,500 ft area off the end of the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ)
- Approximately 2 single-family homes and 1 apartment building
- Program is voluntary
- Estimated to begin program in 2023
- Eligible for FAA grant funding at 80% of eligible costs
School Sound Insulation

- MOA in place with Highline School District, FAA, and the Port for sound insulation funding
- Funding sources
  - FAA grant
  - Port of Seattle airport revenues
  - Tax levy
- 9 schools completed
- 6 schools remain
- Des Moines Elementary recently completed
- Highline High School is under construction
New FAA Policy For Re-Insulation of Projects Insulated Prior to 1993

• FAA Grant Funded – Competes with other sound insulation projects for funding
• Homes sound insulated prior to July 1993
• Homes must pass a noise audit to prove that the interior noise levels are 45dB or higher
• Homes must be located within the current 65 DNL noise contour
Thank You

Questions?