More people began returning to air travel in 2021 as COVID-19 vaccines became available. The airport expects to serve 95 percent of its pre-COVID volume in 2022, anticipating a full return to normal passenger volume by 2023.

SEA welcomes passengers with improvements made before and during COVID-19. Modern, upgraded facilities make travel more efficient and comfortable. New time saving technology and safety measures improve customer convenience and well-being. Health and wellness measures enhance air quality and cleanliness everyday. Partnerships with airlines and airport businesses on customer service initiatives ensure that businesses operating at SEA continue to thrive.

As we work toward this vision, SEA is wrapping up improvements to one million square feet of new and improved facilities. We aren’t stopping there. Over the next five years we plan to invest $4 billion on projects to make your travel experience more predictable and convenient, and elevate your experience from curb to gate.

We are committed to meeting future needs with an improved level of service: reduced congestion on the roads, less crowded terminals, and more efficient airfield traffic, all while investing in our community and environment.
**Happening Now**

Our region needs an airport that meets current and future air travel demand. These transformational investments provide critical infrastructure, enhance your passenger experience, and create economic opportunity.

**International Arrivals Facility**

A spacious grand hall, iconic pedestrian walkway, and new international security corridor is opening soon with a streamlined passenger experience and a modern welcome to our region.

*Guaranteed maximum price: $986M*

**Concourse Restroom Renewal**

Large and modernized restrooms on Concourses B, C, and D will improve accessibility and support current and future passenger demand. Renovations include the addition of an all-gender stall, additional nursing suites, and adult changing tables.

*Estimated budget: $62 million*

**Central Terminal**

Maximizes vertical space by adding a second floor of dining options, more light-filled spaces, an American Express Centurion Lounge, and extraordinary airfield views to elevate traveler comfort and accessibility in the newly renovated terminal. Opening in 2022.

*Estimated budget: $22M*

**Airport Noise Reduction and Mitigation Programs**

To reduce the impact of aircraft noise, the Sound Insulation Program provides noise dampening windows, doors, and insulation at condominium complexes and homes located within the Noise Remedy Boundary for SEA. The Noise Abatement Program works to reduce aircraft noise while on the ground and during takeoffs, landings, and in flight.

*Estimated budget $200M*

**Coming Soon**

We’re increasing dining and retail, adding space to relax and recharge, and improving efficiency throughout the airport. Soon you’ll notice wayfinding improvements and a natural, modern feeling throughout SEA.

**C-1 Building Expansion**

This proposed expansion will add four floors and redevelop the existing concourse level between Concourses C and D. It will create more space for shops and restaurants, new airline lounges, and private spaces such as an Interfaith Prayer Room, Meditation Room, and Nursing Suite.

**South Satellite Renovation**

Major renovations in this nearly 50-year-old facility will address building systems, seismic upgrades, and structural needs. Other planned improvements include reconfiguring the Satellite Transit System, Mezzanine, Concourse, and Club levels for enhanced service; and dining and retail updates for domestic and international passengers.
Ticketing and Checkpoint Improvements
The Main Terminal Optimization Plan is a roadmap to increase the efficiency of the Main Terminal for a better passenger experience. Future projects include improved ticket counters, a reconfigured ticketing lobby for better passenger circulation, expanded checkpoints, a relocated Checkpoint 1 to the baggage claim level, and a renovated north ticket lobby with touchless ticketing.

New Lounges
Expanded lounge space is needed to meet airline and passenger demand at the south end of SEA. Planned spaces include a new Delta Air Lines lounge at the end of Concourse A and expansion of the existing Club SEA lounge.

Landscaping Master Plan
The overarching landscape design concept for the Airport’s public areas promotes a colorful aesthetic that reflects the beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

Baggage Handling System Optimization
By 2026, the fully completed new system will expand baggage screening volumes, increase security, and conserve energy. Outbound bags can be checked in from any ticket counter and sent to any gate.

Main Terminal Upgrades
Fire life safety systems and emergency power upgrades are planned to comply with current fire and building codes. New fire sprinklers will be installed above the departure and arrivals drives and throughout the terminal. The upgrade will also include new ceilings, improved elevators, improved checked baggage integration, LED lighting, and wayfinding signs.

A Focus on the Community
SEA helps make Puget Sound a great place to work and live. We strive to conduct business in a way that respects neighboring communities and fosters the success of people and the environment.

Community Engagement
The Port partners with cities and organizations to enhance livability, equity, and the well-being of our closest neighbors. Highlights include:
• Creation of South King County Fund to address COVID-19 economic recovery, noise mitigation, environmental health and sustainability in underserved near-airport communities
• Facilitating the Airport Stakeholder Advisory Roundtable, which is currently working on strategies to reduce aircraft noise
• Supporting nearly 300 jobs for underserved youth by providing funding and support to four local non-profit organizations

Sustainability
We’re reducing reliance on fossil fuels, meet or exceed stormwater requirements, and reduce air pollutants by:
• Becoming the first airport in the country to use renewable natural gas to heat the airport terminal
• Transporting customers to the rental car facility using clean, compressed natural gas (CNG) buses
• Requiring taxis to use CNG or have high-efficiency engines (45 MPG or better)
• Treating stormwater to keep Puget Sound and creeks clean
• Taking steps to power every flight fueled at SEA with a sustainable aviation fuel blend by 2028
Economic Impact

SEA supports Washington’s key strategic sectors and the 40 percent of local jobs that benefit from international trade. We are also an important driver for local economies.

- SEA supported $5.6 billion in direct economic activity and nearly $22.5 billion in economic activity both directly and through multiplier effects in 2018
- More than 350 different employers operate at SEA, one of the county’s largest job centers
- The Port works to increase procurement, consulting, purchased goods and service sales between the Port and minority-owned, women-owned, or disadvantaged businesses

COVID-19 Response

As part of the continued effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for the traveling public during COVID-19, the FlyHealthy@SEA program achieved the GBAC STAR™ accreditation on cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention, a gold standard for safe facilities. This program certifies that SEA Airport meets the highest standards on practices, protocols, procedures, and systems to control risks associated with infectious agents, such as COVID-19.

Learn more portseattle.org/page/flyhealthy-sea

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