

StART

MEETING SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 23, 2022; 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

Agenda Items:

- Update on community outreach planning for the Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) Near-Term Projects Environmental Review.
- Review of Federal Policy Working Group and Aviation Noise Working Group activities.

Meeting Summary:

- I. Facilitator welcome, introduction, and agenda, *Brian Scott, BDS Planning & Urban Design*
- II. Opening Remarks, *Lance Lyttle, StART Chair/SEA Managing Director*
 - A. Lance Lyttle welcomed StART's newest member, community representative Moira Bradshaw of Normandy Park.
 - B. Lance announced that the Port just awarded a total of \$687,000 in environmental grants in the [South King County Community Impact Fund](#)'s second round. 18 community organizations around the airport will receive funds.
 - C. Lance reminded members that the StART Annual Report will be occurring next month (3/22) before Commission and members are welcome to participate.
- III. Update on Community Outreach Planning for SAMP Near-Term Projects Environmental Review, *Clare Gallagher, Director, Capital Project Delivery, External Relations, POS & Andy Gregory, Sr Program Manager Environmental Engagement, External Relations, POS*
 - A. Publication Timeline
 - The publication timeline has been extended from winter 2021-2022. This extension was confirmed with the FAA last week, and the FAA noted that they have already updated the extension on the [federal dashboard](#). The NEPA publication date still has not been confirmed, but is scheduled to be published by October 31, 2022, the date shown on the federal dashboard.
 - It is important that the environmental review is accurate. This extension is the result of the impacts of COVID and industry conditions that needs to be revisited.
 - This extension is not what the Port hoped for, and the Port understands the community's frustration. The Port is working with the FAA continuously to meet the timeline and is committed to do what is needed to get the information out to the public.
 - B. Previous Engagements
 - During scoping in 2018, Port engagement focused on outreach to stakeholders and was in person. POS outreach to underrepresented communities met with limited results.
 - Scoping did include limited outreach to underrepresented communities, four public meetings, postcards and newsletters (95,000 residences) ads, emails, and social media to reach community members. This effort produces several thousand comments that covered 380 topics in 20 categories. Most of the comments received addressed the future travel demand forecast

and alternatives, incorporating human health impacts and the impacts on air, water and noise.

C. Future Outreach & Engagement

- Prior to publishing the draft NEPA documents, the Port will update this group, and the public will also receive at least 30-day advance notice of the publication and beginning of the public comment period.
- The Port will adjust the outreach to the COVID conditions at the time. However, the Port learned that virtual meetings were very positive, and virtual meetings expand and diversify participation.
- To address barriers, the Port is designing an engagement process that is centered on equitable access. To combat a still existing digital divide, the Port will use a mobile friendly tool to reduce the need for high speed internet on the part of stakeholders. To ensure equitable access, the Port will also start outreach much earlier than previously, addressing barriers such as lack of time and/or lack of trust people have with public agencies. The Port realizes that it takes time to build relationships with communities they have not been in touch with previously and is currently working on understanding best communication practices.

D. Comment Period

- The NEPA and SEPA draft documents will have separate comment periods, and each will be noticed differently. For the draft NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA, the federal process), the Port is currently anticipating a 45-days comment period. The public comment period will offer a variety of ways to provide comment, such as a public hearing with a court reporter and electronic and in-person written comments. The Port will be very clear about those comment avenues and how people can submit comments for the official record. There is a lot of overlap among the topics, methods & standards used in both the NEPA and SEPA document processes. Therefore, the POS will wait until the completion of the NEPA process before moving to publication of the draft SEPA document.
- Justin Biassou, with the FAA, noted that a draft NEPA EA comment period longer than the 45 days anticipated requires a request from the Port, which the FAA has yet to receive. In response to why the Port has not submitted a request yet, Arlyn Purcell with the Port said that the Port wants to reserve the right to make that request closer to the NEPA publication date. Subsequent to the StART meeting, FAA personnel asked the Port to wait to make any request regarding the length of the comment period until the draft NEPA EA is closer to publication

Anyone can sign up for the SAMP list serve to receive updated communications:

<https://subscribe.portseattle.org/publications>

IV. *Federal Policy Working Group Activities, Marco Milanese, Sr. Community Engagement Manager, POS*

The working group last met on February 7th and covered the following topic:

- A. Brad van Dam, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, American Association of Airport Executives talked about the Infrastructure Bill, the Build Back Better Act, and the 2023 FAA Reauthorization Act. The working group will assemble in April to discuss its list of priorities for the 2023 FAA Reauthorization Act and will work on developing a plan to engage other airport communities.
- B. EPA is updating its aircraft engine particulate matter emission standards. To take advantage of the comment period, POS drafted a Joint Comment Letter for Proposed Rule for Control of Air Pollution from Aircraft Engines and asked member cities to consider signing this letter. The goal is to get it

signed by April 4.

V. Aviation Noise Working Group Activities, Tom Fagerstrom, Noise Programs Coordinator, POS

The working group met on January 19 and February 14 and discussed the following topics:

- A. 4th Quarter Results
 - In December each of the runways were periodically closed due to snow and ice, thereby, third runway use increased.
 - The Port is working to set up a meeting with ATI/Amazon Prime Air who are in the top three for late-night noise exceedances.
- B. Ground Noise Study Update
 - Gene Reindel, Vice President, HMMH and Mariano Sarrato, Consultant, HMMH, are conducting a study on airport ground noise exposure in the communities surrounding the airport. Their latest presentation described the various mitigation techniques for airfield ground noise as detailed in the FAA's Part 150 regulations and some of the possible techniques that airports could apply to lessen ground noise.
- C. Rolling Takeoffs
 - The Port is exploring a voluntary program, when weather and traffic conditions allow, to increase the usage of rolling takeoffs which are potentially quieter than traditional takeoffs and have been in communication with several airlines about next steps.
- D. China Airlines Cargo
 - The Port met with China Airlines Cargo representatives to discuss their late-night noise exceedances. China Airlines Cargo said that they are adding the quieter 777 to their fleet but cannot offer a date, at this time, of when they'll be in operation at SEA. China Airlines Cargo pledged to continue to talk with the Port.

VI. Public & Written Comments

- A. *Public Comments*
 - David Goebel: Wants to emphasize how important the upcoming SAMP NEPA analyses is. PBN condenses flights over Vashon, and it is critical that actual radar data is used to generate the noise contours. Existential threat to our communities. Continuous funding of this analysis is critical.
 - Roxanne Thayer: I agree with what David said. StART Steering Committee's statement not adding additional communities to the membership is absurd and outrageous given the facts and data available to you. We will appeal this decision. SAMP NEPA must include an analysis on the impact of NextGen procedures. We will stand firm. Flights are still low and frequent. It has changed the character of Vashon and that impact should be considered when the Steering Committee revisits StART's membership. We are one of those communities.
- B. *Written Comments*
 - Kate: Too many large commercial planes are flying low over Vashon/Maury Island.
 - Anne Meyers: Extreme noise over our residence.
 - Carey Huffman: Addressing the seemingly continuous stream of low flying commercial jets over my house.
 - Chris Bollweg: NEPA EA must include a full AEDT analysis on the impact of NextGen flight paths as actually flown over Vashon Island.
 - Dow Griffith: Stop excluding Vashon residents from this process!

VII. Next Steps + Future Meeting Priorities

- A. South King County fund update
- B. Commercial aviation coordinating commission
- C. Fuel Dumping
- D. Insulation Program
- E. Noise Comment Reporting
- F. NextGen

MEMBER	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
AMY ARRINGTON	NORMANDY PARK - CITY	✓
ARLYN PURCELL (ALT)	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
BILL VADINO	FEDERAL WAY – CITY	✓
BOB LEONARD	DES MOINES – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
BRANDON MILES	TUKWILA - CITY	✓
CARL COLE	SEATAC – CITY	✓
CHRIS HALL	FEDERAL WAY – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
DAVE BERGER	FEDERAL WAY – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
DAVID LASHLEY	NORMANDY PARK – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
DAVID SUOMI	FAA (EX-OFFICIO)	-
DIANA SMITH	BURIEN – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
ERIC SCHINFELD	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
GARMON NEWSOM II (ALT)	BURIEN - CITY	✓
JEFF HARBAUGH	BURIEN – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
JUSTIN BIASSOU	FAA (EX-OFFICIO)	✓
LANCE LYTTLE (CHAIR)	PORT OF SEATTLE - CHAIR	✓
MARCO MILANESE	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
MICHAEL MATTHIAS	DES MOINES – CITY	✓
MOIRA BRADSHAW	NORMANDY PARK – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
PETER PHILIPS	DES MOINES – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
PETER SCHILLING	TUKWILA – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
ROBERT AKHTAR	SEATAC – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	-
SCOTT INGHAM (ALT)	DELTA AIR LINES	✓
SCOTT KENNEDY	ALASKA AIRLINES	✓
SHAN HOEL	AIR CARGO	-
SUSAN CEZAR (ALT)	DES MOINES – CITY	-
STAN SHEPHERD	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
TEJ BASRA	SEATAC – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	-
TIM TOERBER	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
TOM FAGERSTROM	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
NON-MEMBERS	TITLE	
ALEX STONE	OFFICE OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ADAM SMITH	✓
ANDY GREGORY	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
ANNE MEYERS	PUBLIC	✓
BETH FREILING	PUBLIC	✓
CHRIS SCHAFFER	FAA	✓
CLARE GALLAGHER	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
DAVE KAPLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
DON SULLIVAN	PUBLIC	✓
JAMIE DULFER	PUBLIC	✓
JEFFREY BROWN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
LIZ PAGANI	PUBLIC	✓

JONATHAN MUNRO-HERNANDEZ	PUBLIC	✓
MATT MAHONEY	DES MOINES COUNCILMEMBER	✓
MARILYN FOULKES	FAA	✓
PERRY COOPER	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
SALLY DEL FIERRO	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
SEAN RILEY	PUBLIC	✓
TINA ORWALL	WA STATE REPRESENTATIVE	✓
CONSULTANTS		
BRIAN SCOTT	BDS PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN	✓
DORI KRUPANICS	BDS PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN	✓
VINCE MESTRE	CONSULTANT	-
PUBLIC COMMENTS		
DAVID GOEBEL	PUBLIC	✓
ROXANNE THAYER	PUBLIC	✓

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 27, 2022 - TENTATIVELY 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
LOCATION: TBD