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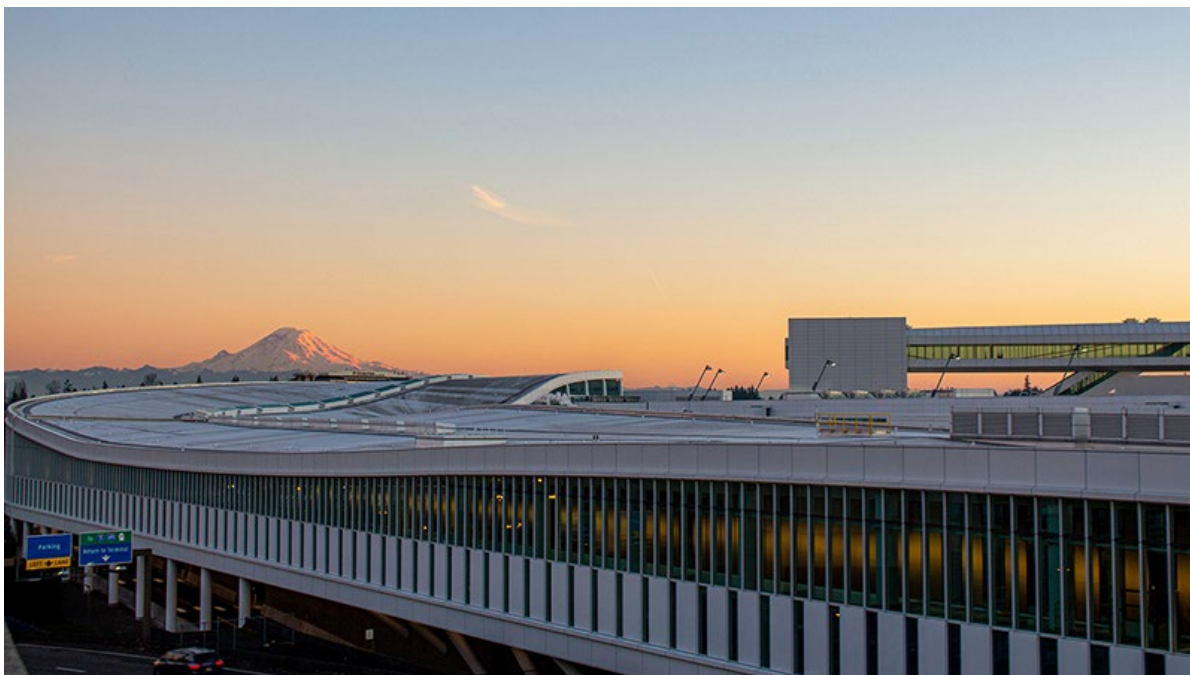


TAKE FLIGHT

## Countdown Begins to Open New International Arrivals Facility

The countdown is on for the new International Arrivals Facility (IAF) at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA). Tune in to the free online reveal celebration, streamed March 3 at 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for audiences throughout the world. Discover this dramatic improvement to SEA's customer experience as travelers enter the United States and Pacific Northwest and go behind the scenes on what it took to construct this one-of-a-kind facility.

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#### COMMUNITY

## Port To Contribute \$5.5 Million for East Marginal Way Makeover



The critical East Marginal Way corridor is set to begin a makeover that will deliver a better road along with a much safer bike lane in each direction. Recently, the Port of Seattle Commission approved \$5.5 million to the North Segment of the project in the form of a memorandum of understanding with the City of Seattle. The City's construction will begin this year and is estimated to be complete in 2025.

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#### EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY

## Port Commission Approves \$3.9 Million for Equitable Recovery Investments



The Port Commission is expanding its investments in critical equitable recovery programs with the approval of \$3.9 million in funding for youth jobs and local economic development. The Commission approved \$2.1 million to fund the Youth Career Launch Program, an evolution of the Port's Opportunity Youth Initiative, for three years. The Commission authorized \$1.86 million for the Economic Development Partnership program, which supports two-year economic development projects jointly funded by the Port and King County cities. The Commission

also authorized the Executive Director to use underutilized grant program funding from 2021 to support regional small business recovery initiatives.

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#### EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY

## 18 Organizations to Receive \$687,000 in Environmental Grants



Eighteen organizations serving communities around SEA Airport are the recipients of environmental grants in the second round of funding under the Port's South King County Community Impact Fund. The Port awarded \$687,000 to support public improvement projects in Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Normandy Park, SeaTac, and Tukwila. Community-led projects include urban forest restoration, park trails maintenance, youth environmental stewardship, community garden improvements, and installation of a public bicycle skills track.

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## Port and Partners Provide Warm and Safe Welcome to Arriving Refugees



While mid-February marks the end of the federal government's deadline to transition Afghan refugees to state resettlement services, work is just beginning to support hundreds of families that just recently arrived in the Seattle area. Refugee assistance groups, the Port, and Washington state are finding innovative ways to partner with industry leaders to provide a warm and safe welcome to arriving Afghan refugees, offering temporary housing, donated food and household items, and early connections to job opportunities.

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#### COMMISSION

## Port Commission meeting recap

**RECAP FEBRUARY 8:** The Port Commission authorized contract agreements and implementation of the 2022-2023 Economic Development Partnership Program with King County Cities and contracts that advance initiatives that support equitable and small business recovery. The Commission also executed a Memorandum of Understanding



(MOU) for \$5.5 million in partnership with the City of Seattle on the East Marginal Way Corridor Improvement Project. [View video→](#)

**UP NEXT MARCH 8:** The February 22 Port Commission meeting has been cancelled. Check the next Connections for the March 8 meeting agenda.

## In Case You Missed It



**WELCOME HOME** When Bao-Tram Do and her family stepped off the plane at SEA and onto U.S. soil for the first time in 1993, it marked the start of a new life. The IAF, opening soon, will offer a new and improved welcome to the PNW. [Keep reading→](#)



**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES** At the halfway point of the legislative session in Olympia, the Port and partners have made critical progress around key legislative areas. [Keep reading→](#)



**FLYWELL@SEA** SEA is launching a campaign to support traveler physical and mental health, and emphasize the actions, programs, and facilities that deliver an enhanced and efficient customer experience. [Keep reading→](#)



**NEW PARKING GUIDANCE SYSTEM** A new automated parking guidance system designed to indicate open stalls debuted in the SEA parking garage recently, and cuts search time by 50 percent. [Keep reading→](#)



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