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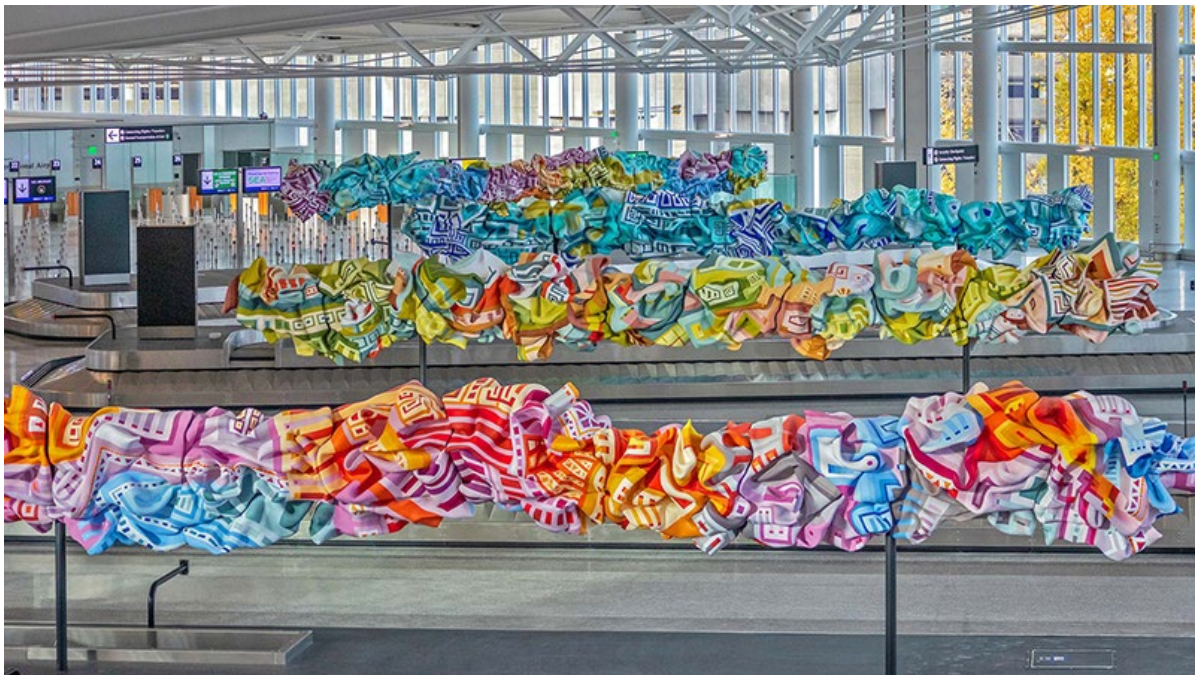


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Phased Opening of International Arrivals Facility Begins April 19

Arriving international passengers will soon be welcomed to the Pacific Northwest through the new International Arrivals Facility (IAF) when the airport begins the final stages of a phased opening. Starting the week of April 19, the IAF will begin serving a limited number of arriving passenger flights as trial runs in the final phase of readiness preparations. In early May the airport will expand its trial runs to include flights arriving from the S Concourse, and all arriving flights will begin using the facility on May 10.

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Donated Emergency Supplies Headed to Ukraine



\$3.5 million worth of emergency medical supplies were loaded on a cargo flight at SEA and shipped to Ukraine thanks to a joint effort from humanitarian nonprofit Nova Ukraine, Stanford University students, and the Ukrainian Association of Washington State (UAWS). Port Commissioner Hamdi Mohamed, Gov. Jay Inslee, King County Executive Dow Constantine, Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell, and Consul General of Ukraine in San Francisco Dmytro Kushneruk were on-hand to highlight these Ukrainian community organizations and the relief efforts underway throughout the region.

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Be Ready for Spring Travel at SEA Airport



Air travel is near pre-pandemic levels from now through mid-April. Keep the spring in your step by giving yourself extra time. Parking will be a challenge, and your best option may be to use alternate ways to get to SEA. Learn more about stress-free ways to skip the line and make your trip more predictable.

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Clipper Race Restarts and Heads to Seattle



After a two year wait, the Clipper 2019-20 Race officially restarted on March 24. Launching from the Philippines, 11 racing boats will take 30 days to compete in eight legs and between 13 and 16 individual races. The Clipper Race fleet is due to arrive in Seattle between April 16-21. The race across the mighty North Pacific will pose an extraordinary challenge, potentially with huge waves and extreme weather systems as teams race towards the Port of Seattle's Bell Harbor Marina.

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SEA Announces Service to Tahiti and Istanbul



SEA will soon welcome two new options for international service. [Turkish Airlines](#) will begin nonstop service to Istanbul (IST) on May 27, 2022 and [Air Tahiti Nui](#) will begin nonstop service to Papeete, Tahiti (PPT) on October 5, 2022. Turkish Airlines flies to more countries than any other airline in the world from its Istanbul hub, providing valuable links to five continents for business and leisure travelers in the Pacific Northwest. Tahiti will be Seattle's southernmost destination and the first located in the Southern Hemisphere.

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Port Commission Meeting Recap

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RECAP MARCH 22: Port Commissioners executed contracts to promote international travel through SEA, and authorized advertising and awarding a major works construction contract for the relocation of Checkpoint 1 at SEA. Commissioners also issued a proclamation in recognition of Women's History Month, and heard updates on SEA Accessibility Program 2022, 2022 Cruise Season, and a SEA Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) 2021 Annual Report. [View video→](#)

UP NEXT APRIL 12: The Port Commission will consider an order to increase the three-year

investment in the Youth Career Launch Program from \$2.1 million to \$4.1 million, and will hear a briefing on Sound Transit 3 – West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Ballard/Interbay Segments.

Commissioners will also hear a Diversity in Contracting Annual Report, a C Concourse Expansion Project Briefing, and Youth Internship Programs Update.

In Case You Missed It



UNDERWATER NOISE RESEARCH The Port and partners are using research and technology to better understand and reduce acoustic impacts to Southern Resident killer whales. [Keep reading→](#)



ALL ABOUT TRAWLERS North Pacific Fishing Fleet trawlers are back in Seattle after four months of harvesting pollock in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. The fleet helps fuel our economy and fill our bellies. [Keep reading→](#)



TOURISM MARKETING GRANTS The Port selected 25 recipients of the 2022 Tourism Marketing Support Program grants, awarding \$200,000 to support equity and cultural tourism values, ecotourism, and responsible travel. [Keep reading→](#)



GIFT CARDS FOR HIGHLINE STUDENTS Unclaimed gift cards at SEA will now help students through a partnership between the Port of Seattle and the Highline School District. [Keep reading→](#)



Improving Water Quality

In 2021, the Port worked with its home port cruise lines to pause all discharges of exhaust gas cleaning system wash water throughout Puget Sound until research can show that discharges do not impact water quality. Learn how else the Port is reducing the environmental impact of cruise. [Keep reading>](#)

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