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TAKE FLIGHT

SEA Airport Earns 4-Star Skytrax Rating

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) is now certified with the travel industry's prestigious 4-Star Airport Rating by international air transport rating agency Skytrax. SEA is only the second large hub U.S. airport (serving 40 million or more passengers) to be recognized at the 4-Star Rating level. This achievement follows the second anniversary of unveiling the new SEA airport brand and a suite of improvements that make the airport experience less stressful and more predictable.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Port Announces \$200,000 for State-wide Tourism Grant Program



For the seventh year, the Port of Seattle's Tourism Marketing Support Program will offer matched fund grants to promote Washington state as a destination to out-of-state visitors. Eligible organizations may apply for matched fund grants of up to \$10,000 each. Projects will be selected that best meet program priorities and provide economic support for communities across the state while promoting the use of Port facilities, including SEA Airport, cruise terminals, and recreational marinas.

MARITIME

Bell Harbor Marina Welcomes the 75th Annual Seattle Boat Show



As the Seattle Boat Show sails into town today, it marks the 75th anniversary of the first humble boat show in 1947 when 13 marine dealers pitched a tent on the shores of Lake Union. The show, hosted by the Port and the Northwest Marine Trade Association, runs through February 12 and features nearly 300 exhibitors with more than 800 new and brokerage boats indoors at Lumen Field Event Center and on the water at Bell Harbor Marina — and the latest in marine accessories and technology from over 400 different brands.

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Port Employee and Partners Support Afghan Refugees



In the summer of 2021, when the United States pulled military forces out of Afghanistan, Kabul exploded into chaos as many desperate Afghans sought to escape the Taliban and flee to safety. Ghulam Mohmand, a Pathfinder customer service lead at SEA, felt heartbroken and helpless as he watched the shocking scenes from his home country and listened to reports from family and friends still living in Afghanistan. Since then Mohmand has led multiple efforts to support refugee resettlement in Seattle.

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COMMUNITY

Preparing Immigrant and Refugee Careers for Take Off



To connect communities of color to well paying, stable employment, Seattle nonprofit African Community Housing & Development (ACHD) is partnering with the Port to prepare members of the African Diaspora immigrant and refugee communities in South King County for job opportunities in Port-related industries. The program, launched in 2020 with funding through the Port of Seattle's South King County Community Impact Fund Economic Recovery Program, offers in-language job readiness training and job application assistance for technical Port-related industries such as construction and aviation.

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COMMISSION

Port Commission meeting recap

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RECAP JANUARY 25: The Port Commission conducted a public hearing and introduction to a resolution declaring surplus and no longer needed for Port District purposes for approximately 2.56 acres of Port-owned real property. Commission also executed of Contract Agreements for the 2022 selected Tourism Marketing Support Program recipients and heard a 2021 Opportunity Youth Initiative Briefing [View video→](#)

UP NEXT FEBRUARY 8: The Port Commission will consider authorizing contract agreements and implementation of the 2022-2023 Economic Development Partnership Program with King County Cities, and consider executing contracts that advance initiatives that support equitable and small business recovery. The Commission will also consider authorizing completion of design and permitting for the Terminal 25 South Restoration Program Cleanup and Habitat Restoration projects, and consider executing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for \$5.5 million in partnership with the City of Seattle on the East Marginal Way Corridor Improvement Project.

Commissioners will hear a 2022 Local, Regional and Community Engagement Policy Priorities and Partnerships Briefing and consider an order aligning the Port's Opportunity Youth Initiative with the Port's Workforce Development Policy Directive.

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RAISBECK RACERS The Raisbeck Aviation High School Green Energy Team is learning about science, technology, engineering, and math (and life) by building and racing a solar-powered race car, and taking first place around the country. [Keep](#)



INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS FACILITY Project Manager Steve St. Louis debuts the IAF Gate Pods and the journey arriving international passengers will take through the new International Corridor. [Watch video→](#)



OUR ROAD AHEAD Commissioner Toshiko Hasegawa writes her first blog post as Port Commissioner and shares her introductory comments from her first Commission meeting and goals and future plans for the Port. [Keep reading→](#)



FOOD RECOVERY AWARD SEA was recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a Food Recovery Challenge awardee for our composting and food donation programs and community food drive partnership. [Keep reading→](#)

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