

### Federal Policy Working Group

#### MEETING SUMMARY

MAY 23, 2022; 5:00 PM – 6:15 PM  
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

#### Meeting Objectives:

Federal Policy update on the Infrastructure Bill, Appropriations, and the Build Back Better Act. Review of the 2023 FAA Reauthorization Act and identification of legislative priorities.

#### Meeting Summary:

- I. Facilitator welcome, introduction and meeting agenda, Melodie Garcia from BDS Planning & Urban Design
- II. StART Feedback on US Representative Jayapal's Presentation, Melodie Garcia, BDS Planning
  - Generally, the working group members felt that Representative Jayapal is a strong advocate for issues the federal policy group is prioritizing, that she hears the communities' concerns, and is wanting to move forward on topics of community interest.
  - Due to the Representative's lack of availability, a formatting structure change was suggested, which would limit the presentation time and instead allow more time for Q&A.
  - Working group members feel that these presentations are highly worthwhile, as it gives them a chance to hear about the updates, what is likely happen in the future, and helps them learn who else they may need loop in or reach out to.
  - Due to COVID, the DC fly-ins were put on pause, but StART Chair Lance Lytle visited the Capitol last week. In-person meetings are still bumpy, but the working group should put this potential trip back on its workplan to discuss in the fall.
- III. Federal Policy Update, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle
  1. Infrastructure Bill
    - Lance Lytle and Eric Schinfeld travelled to DC and met with Members of the Washington Congressional delegation to discuss aircraft noise and emission issues, and the 2023 FAA Reauthorization Act. The Port will continue to share these topics of interest with them in the coming months as well as those the working group identifies as their priorities. The Port will provide another update during the next START meeting in June.
    - The FAA just released some additional guidance on the available airport infrastructure formula funding and Eric will update the working group during the next meeting.
    - A new funding for electric school buses was just presented at the Highline forum. The Port will partner with Highline School District to help them apply for those funds, if desired.
    - The Port applied for the RAISE grant to widen the airport arrivals drive. Eric Schinfeld thanked the City of SeaTac and Tukwila for their letters of support.
  2. FY23 Appropriations

- There is still no progress, and we are waiting to see whether Democrats will be able to take advantage of their majority this year.
- Adam Smith announced his community project funding requests, which was shared previously in an email. It is great to see his focus on South King County. US Representative Jayapal and US Senator Murray should also present their priorities in the next couple of weeks.

### 3. Build Back Better Act

- There is a small amount of hope for a new version of the bill in July, but major barriers remain.
- We submitted the EPA Aircraft Emissions Comment Letter. Thank you for everyone's feedback and to all the 6 cities that signed it.

## IV. 2023 FAA Reauthorization Act, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle

- The Senate Commerce Committee has already started looking at it. This is our best opportunity to make progress on aircraft noise & emissions because these are normally addressed in the Act. We need to lay the groundwork now, think of the working group priorities, and decide where we as a group put our energy.
- Generally, working group members agreed that our short-listed priorities could be 1) noise, 2) emissions, and 3) impacts.
  - Some suggested that we should put emphasis on something that is very unique to PNW as it might be harder to get something in the bill that only we care about.
  - Others emphasized the need for a new airport, but acknowledged that will take decades, but in the short/medium term improvement are needed to lessen the impacts to the communities. Members recommended to have an update during every federal policy working group meetings.
    - Clare Gallagher, Director, Capital Project Delivery at the Port of Seattle added that there is a state sponsored committee that is conducting the airport search via a state chartered legislation and suggested that they could keep a focus on the new airport instead of us making this a focus of the working group.
    - Eric Schinfeld shared that priority could be to make it as easy as possible on the regulatory/certification side so federal laws and regulations won't be a barrier once the region is ready to have a new airport rather than getting a new airport into the act. Looking at grants for new airports might be an avenue.
    - Working group members acknowledged that we should be encouraging the state & FAA to provide alternative means for shipments & people to come into the region. Everyone should not have to come down to Sea-Tac through flights.
    - Since the impact of people living under the flight path is significant, the working group should be aggressive - maybe we should not have houses nearby where these issues are happening.
      - The FAA determines what areas are totally off limits where people can live but perhaps there are additional things on land use that could be looked at.
- The working group generally agreed that they need to prioritize actions & not studies.
  - Regarding to noise metrics we should try to get a different measurement that doesn't rely on an average over a period of time. Members, however, did not feel optimistic that they could get this changed, as it is very complicated and have not enough info to even start on this.
  - A suggestion about looking for funds to purchase homes are under the flight path was mentioned.
  - Eric Schinfeld suggested that maybe the working group could focus on deadlines the FAA would have to meet such as a specific number of overflights, something new or changes we want to see

and have them do it by a certain date.

- 65 DNL should go away, and the working group could look at other alternatives that could be duck-tailed with 65 DNL such as single-event level.

#### V. Next Steps

1. Send out both legislations Rep. Smith introduced
  - National Defense Authorization Act legislation passed in 2018 around Highline School District
  - Aviation Impacted Communities Act
2. Send to the working group the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission study
3. At a future meeting, bring someone in to talk to us about the history of the noise contour policy
4. At the next meeting put some bones to these bullets we looked at today
5. Schedule another meeting in June or early July to keep the momentum
6. At the next StART, Eric Schinfeld will present on the FAA guidance on the \$240 million funds distribution
7. Have a presentation on the Aviation Impacted Communities Act, introduced by US Representative Smith.

MEMBER	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
AMY ARRINGTON	NORMANDY PARK	✓
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BRANDON MILES	TUKWILA	-
CHRIS HALL	FEDERAL WAY	-
DIANA SMITH	BURIEN	✓
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JEFF HARBAUGH	BURIEN	✓
KYLE MOORE	SEATAC	✓
LANCE LYTTLE	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
MICHAEL MATTHIAS	DES MOINES	-
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LESLIE LARDIE	FAA	-
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NEXT MEETING: JULY 11, 2022, 5:00 PM - 6:20 PM  
LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE