

**SEPA MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (MDNS) OF  
PROPOSED ACTION  
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA)  
Snow Storage Expansion**

**Description of Proposed Project Action:** The purpose of the Snow Storage Expansion (herein Project) is to designate additional snow storage area that will provide needed capacity during large snow events and allow SEA to meet the terms of their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit during typical winter snow events.

The Project includes expansion of the two existing snow storage areas, construction of a new snow storage area, and adjacent roadway improvements to accommodate large snow equipment.

**Location of Proposed Action:** The project will occur within Seattle-Tacoma International Airport's Airport Operating Area. The physical address is:

17801 Pacific Highway South  
Seattle, WA 98158

**Lead Agency:** Port of Seattle (SEPA File Number 22-01)

**Determination:** The Port of Seattle has completed an environmental evaluation including review of the proposed Snow Storage Expansion project, including review of pertinent and available environmental information, following the provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) under Chapter 43.21C, Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and Port Commission Resolution 3650, Port of Seattle SEPA Policies and Procedures.

On September 12, 2022 as lead agency, the Port of Seattle determined the proposed project would not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced within 21 days from the date of last newspaper publication of the notice or be barred. Port Commission Resolution 3650 contains the procedures for appealing a SEPA decision of the Port of Seattle.

**Supporting Information:** Information used to reach this determination and applicable State laws and Port of Seattle policies, regulations, and procedures are available for public review at the Port of Seattle, Pier 69, Environment and Sustainability Department, Third Floor, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle or Sea-Tac Airport, Environment and Sustainability Department, Fifth Floor, 17801 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98158. The document is also available for review online at <https://www.portseattle.org/environment/sepa-nepa>.

**Public and Agency Comment:** No action will be taken on the proposed project until after the 14-day public comment period expires on 4:00 PM on September 29, 2022, after which the Port will (1) formally adopt this Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance; (2) clarify or review the proposal; or (3) complete additional environmental analyses, as appropriate. The Port will accept public and agency comments until 4:00 PM on September 29, 2022. Please refer any questions relating to this determination or to the proposed actions to Steve Rybolt, Port of Seattle, Aviation Environment and Sustainability Department, P.O. Box 68727, Seattle, Washington 98168. Telephone 206.787.5527. Email [Rybolt.S@portseattle.org](mailto:Rybolt.S@portseattle.org) or the Port of Seattle electronic mail Internet address at [SEPA@portseattle.org](mailto:SEPA@portseattle.org). Include your mailing address when submitting comments to the electronic Internet address.

**Appeals:** This SEPA MDNS determination may be appealed by filing a writ of review in King County Superior Court within twenty-one (21) days of the date the Port formally adopts this determination pursuant to Port of Seattle Resolution No. 3650 and RCW 43.21C.080.

## Sarah Cox

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Sarah Cox - Director, Aviation Environment and Sustainability  
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September 12, 2022

### Project Location and Vicinity



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