

Federal Policy Working Group

MEETING SUMMARY

DECEMBER 5, 2022; 5:00 PM – 6:20 PM
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

Meeting Objectives:

Federal Policy update on the November elections and their potential impact on 2023 policy priorities. Update on other federal activities, including grants and end-of-year appropriations. Update on the 2023 FAA Reauthorization Priorities Letter. Discussion about planning for a joint DC Fly-in.

Meeting Summary:

- I. Facilitator welcome, introduction and meeting agenda, Brian Scott from BDS Planning & Urban Design
- II. Federal Policy Update, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle
 1. Election's Impact on 2023
 - Election will be fully over tomorrow, with the Georgia Senate Run-off being the last. Democrats retained the Senate, and Republicans will control the House. This likely means there will be fewer opportunities for legislating, and it will be much harder to pass any bills. One big surprise is that Republicans announced they will keep earmarks for 2023. It is unclear what the impacts will be of a split Congress on the prospects for passage of an FAA Reauthorization bill in 2023.
 2. FY23 Appropriations
 - Still no deal has been made on what FY 2023 appropriation will be. Congress is trying to get something done by December 23, but if they can't a decision will have to be made on how far into the next year are they going to extend it. The worst case scenario would be an extension would run until September 2023, which means we would not get earmarks locally that were approved for next year.
- III. 2023 FAA Reauthorization Priorities Letter Update, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle
 - All members have signed, and it was sent to Congress today. Eric will follow up with them in January.
- IV. Planning for joint DC Fly-in, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle
 - Going to DC in 2023 is even more impactful since the FAA Reauthorization Act is up. We would be there to try and shape it as they are writing it. The reasons for going are: 1) It is more efficient to meet with key federal leaders all at once in DC, 2) we could get meetings with other airport communities' Members of Congress, and 3) it is more likely that key federal officials will meet with us if we are there vs. virtual meetings.
 - The goals of the DC Fly-In are: 1) Promote shared-priorities, 2) build relationships with members of Congress, 3) find partnerships.
 - The DC Fly-In agenda:
 - 2-3 days in DC with a 3rd day obviously adding costs. We could make decision on whether 2 or 3 days. Decision point is on number of participants. The Port cannot pay for the cost of airfare

- and hotels to DC, but it would cover dinners, lunches, venue rentals for meetings.
- Suggestion is that each jurisdiction to choose up to 2-3 participants, but a smaller group is better. Each jurisdiction will choose if they send elected officials, staffers, community member or a combo. StART should decide whether to invite State Legislators as well.
- Point of the trip is to have a follow up conversation to see what they are willing to push forward from the shared StART priorities.
- March or April is a good time to go, because during this time Congress turns its focus on drafting bills.
- The Port would like at least 2-4 cities to go.
- Logistics for the trip would be done ahead of time. **Cities have until January 23, 2023 for deciding if they support this proposed event, any suggested changes to the draft trip proposal, and any suggestions on timing.**

V. Next Steps

1. BDS to send email to all 6 cities as follow up regarding the DC Fly-In feedback deadline of January 23, 2023.
2. Add DC Fly-In logistics and discussion to the next meeting agenda.

MEMBER	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
AMY ARRINGTON	NORMANDY PARK	-
ANTHONY HEMSTAD	DES MOINES	-
BILL VADINO	FEDERAL WAY	✓
BRANDON MILES	TUKWILA	-
DIANA SMITH	BURIEN	✓
GARMON NEWSOM II	BURIEN	✓
JEFF HARBAUGH	BURIEN	✓
KYLE MOORE	SEATAC	-
LANCE LYTTLE	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
MICHAEL MATTHIAS	DES MOINES	-
ROBERT AKHTAR	SEATAC	-
NON-MEMBER		
ADOLFO BAILON	BURIEN	✓
ALEX STONE	OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ADAM SMITH	✓
AMANDA WYMAN-BRADLEY	OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ADAM SMITH	-
JESSICA MULLIGAN	OFFICE OF CONGRESSWOMAN JAYAPAL	-
MARIELLE TRUMBAUER	OFFICE OF CONGRESSWOMAN JAYAPAL	-
MEGAN UTEMEI	OFFICE OF SEN. PATTY MURRAY	-
TOMMY BAUER	OFFICE OF SEN. MARIA CANTWELL	-
RESOURCES	TITLE	
CLARE GALLAGHER	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
DAVE KAPLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
ERIC SCHINFELD	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
JUSTIN BIASSOU	FAA	-
KELLY SCHIMELFENIG	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
LESLIE LARDIE	FAA	-
MARCO MILANESE	PORT OF SEATTLE	-

PATRICIA LY	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
STAN SHEPHERD	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
TOM FAGERSTROM	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
CONSULTANT		
BRIAN SCOTT	BDS PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN	✓
DORI KRUPANICS	BDS PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN	✓

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 23, 2022, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE