

Federal Policy Working Group

MEETING SUMMARY

JANUARY 23, 2022; 5:00 PM – 6:20 PM

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

Meeting Objectives:

Federal Policy update. Planning discussion 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
The prospects for FY24 Appropriations & the FAA Reauthorization Bill is not as encouraging as hoped for.
 1. FY23 Appropriations
 - Appropriation is challenging. Senator Murray is the Chair, but the House is conservative and wants to reduce federal spending by as much as \$165 billion. The reduction would not come from defense spending but rather from non-defense spending. Therefore, this is a challenging time but there is still a lot of value in working with them to get key language into the appropriation bill to address aviation and emission issues. There are no guarantees but still chances to move forward.
 2. FAA Reauthorization Act
 - This is more positive potentially as it goes through the senate committee chaired by Senator Cantwell and the House Committee that Representative Larsen is Ranking Member of. Our delegation has two of the four seats who will decide what happens to the bill.
 - It's hard to say if both the House and Senate will pass a bill or a compromised version will materialize that Biden could sign this year. The odds are that Congress will pass an extension and maybe try again after the 2024 presidential election.
 - The focus is on drafting and getting out the bill. What comes out of the committee this year should makes us feel optimistic about progress even if we don't get all the way in the next year or two. Therefore, advocating now is a good thing to do.
 - House and Senate is scheduled to move forward with earmarks this year for congressionally directed spending funds.
 - Alex Stone, from U.S. Representative Adam Smith's office shared that their office collected feedback from community on what priorities should be for the bill, and that they are still accepting feedback. Representative Smith's FY 24 Community Project Funding Information Sign Up Page:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQDY3yjonuaZp3aaDCeQlW6RkZklW-3BOiT4uwnelDtSg3A/viewform>

- Megan Utemei, from U.S. Senator Patty Murray's office shared that their office is in transition from 90 to 45 staffers and asked for patience as they are undertaking these changes.

III. Planning for joint DC Fly-in, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle

Working Group members generally agreed to the following:

- Trip length: 3 days
- Timing: April 25-27 to accommodate inviting state legislators
- Representation: No more than 3 participants from each jurisdiction

IV. Next Steps

1. BDS to ask that working group members send us a definite agreement on the DC Fly-In by Friday, February 3.
2. After the above deadline, the Port will start making arrangements, including travel recommendations, a prep meeting for all participants, and meeting scheduling. We will also follow up with each jurisdiction to finalize the list of participants.
3. BDS will put a prep session on the calendar once people made final decisions. Continued communication over email and maybe adding a meeting for March.

MEMBER	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
ADOLFO BAILON	BURIEN	✓
AMY ARRINGTON	NORMANDY PARK	-
ANTHONY HEMSTAD	DES MOINES	-
BILL VADINO	FEDERAL WAY	✓
BRANDON MILES	TUKWILA	-
DAVE BERGER	FEDERAL WAY	✓
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		
ALEX STONE	OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ADAM	✓
AMANDA WYMAN-BRADLEY	OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ADAM	-
JESSICA MULLIGAN	OFFICE OF CONGRESSWOMAN	-
MARIELLE TRUMBAUER	OFFICE OF CONGRESSWOMAN	-
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: APRIL 3, 2022, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM OR EARLIER TO FACILITATE DC FLY-IN
 PLANNING
 LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE