

# **2023 FAA Reauthorization Aircraft Noise & Emissions Policies Update**

# FAA Reauthorization Overview

- Current 2018 FAA authorization expires on 9/30/23
  - Sets FAA policies, programs and funding
- House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and Senate Commerce Committee have both introduced bills
  - House T&I passed bill out of committee unanimously; floor action expected in July
  - Senate Commerce has hit roadblock over pilot training amendment; bill consideration indefinitely postponed
- House and Senate must both pass bills, create a compromise version, and pass by 9/30, or else pass an extension

# StART Advocacy

- 2018 FAA Reauthorization aircraft noise and emissions policies served as the basis of StART's initial Federal Policy Working Group (FPWG)
- For 2023, FPWG identified 7 aircraft noise and emissions policies to advocate for inclusion in the FAA Reauthorization
  - Traveled to DC in April to promote those policies
  - 1) Secondary insulation funding, 2) EPA engagement in aircraft noise and emissions, **3) *deadline for FAA action on 65 DNL policy change consideration***, 4) **ultrafine particulate study**, 5) sustainable aviation fuel investments, **6) FAA environmental grant program**, **7) regional airport capacity guidance**
- 4 of the 7 policies currently included in House and/or Senate bills!

# Other Noise & Emissions Provisions

- Creation of a Chief Noise Officer
- Prioritizing noise mitigation in the setting of new flight paths
- Creation of a community taskforce to advise the FAA on noise
- Creation of an internal FAA program to coordinate and interact with the taskforce
- A National Academies study of noise metrics

Also, both House & Senate versions include language to increase flexibility around the future of North SeaTac Park

# Next Steps

- Continue to advocate for inclusion of remaining StART priorities in the House and Senate bills
  - Opportunity for amendments on the House floor, in the Senate committee, on the Senate floor, and during the House-Senate conference committee
- Continue to support the existing aircraft noise & emissions policies in the House & Senate bills, to keep them included
- Support timely final passage of FAA Reauthorization
  - Last version was extended six times before final passage in 2018