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