

StART

MEETING SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 28, 2024; 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

Meeting Objectives:

- An overview of StART's operating procedures including the role of the Steering Committee, two working groups, and membership responsibilities; A recap of the Sustainable Airport Master Plan's (SAMP's) Near-term Projects Environmental Review.

I. Facilitator Welcome, Introductions and Meeting Agenda

Andrés Mantilla, Partner, BDS Planning & Urban Design; Lance Lyttle, StART Chair/SEA Managing Director, Port of Seattle (POS)

- Lance gave an overview of the agenda and welcomed new StART community representatives:
 - Karen Veloria, Burien
 - Steve Novak, Des Moines
 - Joe Dusenbury, Des Moines
 - Roger Kadeg, SeaTac
 - Julie Le, SeaTac – not in attendance

II. StART Structure: A Refresher

Marco Milanese, Community Engagement Manager, POS, and Eric Schinfeld, Federal Government Relations Manager, POS, Andrés Mantilla, BDS

- StART is the preeminent forum for:
 - Information-sharing between the Port and the near-airport cities
 - Discussing near-airport cities' concerns
 - Providing feedback to the Port on airport related issues
 - Identifying opportunities for collaboration
 - And, focusing on practical solutions to address community concerns about the airport and about aircraft noise and emissions
- History of StART
 - StART's creation based on Port desire to enhance cooperation between Port and near-airport cities
 - Conducted extensive research at other airports on their community engagement

- strategies
 - Over several months, worked closely with a consultant and near-airport city leadership to develop StART
 - Inaugural meeting: February 28, 2018
 - Operating Procedures revised extensively in 2021
- Organizational structure
 - Port provides StART with staff support and technical expertise
 - Chaired by the Airport Managing Director
 - Meetings managed by an independent/neutral facilitator
 - Formal relationship with the Highline Forum
 - Voluntary, non-governing advisory roundtable
 - Strives to operate by consensus
- Steering Committee, operating procedures, working groups and member responsibilities were all covered (additional details can be found in the presentation located [here](#)).
- Working Group membership
 - Current Working Group membership was shared at the meeting. The consultant will contact all members soon to update working group participation preferences.
- Discussion
 - There was confirmation that community representatives may suggest topics and ideas to be discussed at full StART meetings. Any community representative may raise an issue to their Steering Committee member (usually the city manager or a city representative). If in concurrence, the Steering Committee member will then bring the topic to the Steering Committee for consideration.
 - In the past, an occasional StART meeting included a brainstorming session for agenda ideas and topics to be considered for future meetings. It was requested at a previous meeting that we would do that for 2024 as well. The request will be considered for an upcoming full StART meeting.
 - Agenda ideas and topics may also be given to the BDS consultants who are available to meet one on one with members.

III. SAMP Near-Term Projects Environmental Review

Steve Rybolt, Environmental Program Manager, POS

- Near-Term Projects
 - Additional passenger processing facilities and gates to accommodate projected 56 million annual passengers (MAP) at an optimal level of service
 - Additional cargo facilities to accommodate projected cargo demand
 - Airfield infrastructure modifications to meet current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airport design standards
 - Improvements to enhance the efficiency of the overall taxiway layout
 - Additional fuel storage facilities to meet projected demand and the POS's Sustainable Aviation Fuel initiative

- NEPA/SEPA
 - Projects must go through NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) and SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) reviews before they can be completed. A draft analysis is expected by summer 2024 and the NEPA draft document by Q4 2024 (which will kick-off the community engagement process) if there are no delays. More information will be available late summer 2024.
- Discussion
 - A question was raised about siting another airport. It is expected that a new state-level committee will begin work at some point to consider the issue.
 - NEPA and SEPA are regulatory decisions about the airport's future projects; once complete, the project themselves will ultimately be decided by the POS Commissioners.

IV. Aviation Noise Working Group Activities.

Ryan McMullan, Sr. Manager, Noise Programs POS

- Ryan provided a summary of the order taken up at the February 27, 2024, Port of Seattle Commission meeting. The POS order sets a timeline for the completion of an assessment of prior sound insulated properties; creates a Sound Insulation Repair and Replacement Pilot Program; and sets equity guidelines for the program. Five million dollars is budgeted for the effort with a goal to complete the assessment and begin construction in 2025.
- Recap of February 12 Aviation Noise Working Group meeting:
 - SEA Operations Recap and Preview – Steve Vittner, Airline Scheduling Manager, POS, discussed recent statistics highlighting SEA operation levels and provided a snapshot of what can be expected in the first quarter of 2024. He also covered how 2023 operationally compares to previous years and offered some additional airport statistics.
 - Aviation Near-Term Noise Action Agenda – Tom Fagerstrom, Noise Programs Manager, POS, covered Third Runway use to date in 2024. SEA is averaging less than one nightly late-night landing on the Third Runway so far this year. Tom also covered the Late-Night Noise Limitation Program's fourth quarter results (2023) and gave a sense of some of the early trends beginning in 2024. Tom also covered the December/yearly totals for noise comments/complaints.
 - Sound Insulation 101 – Julie Kinzie, Sound Insulation Manager, provided an overview of the sound insulation program from the first steps of eligibility to construction completion. Julie also discussed the different types of treatments used when noise insulating single family homes, multi-family condos and apartments and places of worship.

V. Federal Policy Working Group Update

Eric Schinfeld, Federal Government Relations Manager

- At the February 5th meeting, Eric discussed the latest update regarding the FAA Reauthorization Bill and which Port-Cities' legislative priorities were still within the bill. The Working Group also discussed priorities for the Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations bill and the possibility of a trip/fly-in to DC in 2024.
- The group proposed adding state legislative issues to their workplan. The proposal will be discussed with the Steering Committee.
- Per a request, the 65 DNL map will be sent out to members.
- The seven legislative priorities will also be sent out to members.

VI. Remarks

Lance Lytle, StART Chair/SEA Managing Director, POS

- **FAA Community Engagement Manager Justin Biassou** is leaving his post at the end of the month. Lance thanked Justin for his faithful service to StART over the years. Justin will be taking on a new role at the FAA's Air Carrier Safety Division. Justin thanked the group for the good wishes and expressed his appreciation for the StART process and his involvement over the past five years. Joseph Bart will be filling in until Justin's replacement is named.
- Lance then gave a tribute to former **SeaTac City Manager Joe Scorcio** who recently passed away: Joe played a significant role building StART from the ground up and establishing it along the successful path it journeys down today. Joe was also instrumental in launching StART's Aviation Noise Working Group and the many initiatives put in place by the group to lessen noise. Lance ended by saying he owed Joe a significant debt of gratitude for the substantial effort he made creating StART and for building a close working relationship between the Port and the City.

VII. Public Comment

- JC Harris: Although not a member, JC Harris has attended every meeting. He concurred with Lance about Joe and how instrumental he was in establishing StART. JC feels that StART is very different from its original iteration; it could have gone in a very different direction. The community should be able to make StART more about what they want. SEA noise insulation could have been discussed at StART; could have been on the state agenda four to five years ago. More could have been accomplished by StART. Residents would not be happy with how it's going right now. He's providing another point of view. SAMP is coming and it's super technical. Members should push back for their communities. A second airport would not influence SEA Airport.

VIII. Wrap Up/Next Steps

- Next meeting is April 24, 2024

MEMBER	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
ADOLFO BAILON	BURIEN - CITY	✓
ALETA BEST	FAA (EX OFFICIO)	✓
AMY ARRINGTON	NORMANDY PARK - CITY	✓
BILL VADINO	FEDERAL WAY - CITY	✓
BRANDON MILES	TUKWILA - CITY	-
BRYAN TOMICH	NORMANDY PARK - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
CARL COLE	SEATAC - CITY	✓
DAVE BERGER	FEDERAL WAY - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
DENISE LATHROP	DES MOINES - CITY	✓
ERIC SCHINFELD	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
GARMON NEWSOM II	BURIEN - CITY (ALT)	✓
GRADY STONE	FAA (EX-OFFICIO)	-
JEFF HARBAUGH	BURIEN - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
JOE DUSENBURY	DES MOINES - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
JULIE LE	SEATAC - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	-
JENNIFER MARTIN	AIR CARGO REPRESENTATIVE, CFI FORWARDERS	-
JUSTIN BIASSOU	FAA (EX-OFFICIO)	✓
JOSEPH BERT	FAA (EX OFFICIO)	✓
KAREN VELORIA	BURIEN - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
LANCE LYTTLE	PORT OF SEATTLE - CHAIR	✓
LAUREL HUMPHREY	TUKWILA - CITY (ALT)	-
KYLE MOORE	CITY OF SEATAC (ALT)	✓
MARCO MILANESE	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
MICHAEL BRUGATO	FEDERAL WAY - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
MOIRA BRADSHAW	NORMANDY PARK - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
NICHOLAS MATZ	NORMANDY PARK (ALT)	-
PETER SCHILLING	TUKWILA - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
RANDY FIERTZ	ALASKA AIRLINES (ALT)	✓
ROGER KADEG	SEATAC - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
SARAH COX	PORT OF SEATTLE - CHAIR (ALT)	✓
SCOTT INGHAM	DELTA AIR LINES (ALT)	✓
SCOTT KENNEDY	ALASKA AIRLINES	-
STEVE NOVAK	DES MOINES - COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
TIM GEORGE	DES MOINES - CITY (ALT)	-
NON-MEMBERS	INTEREST REPRESENTED	
PARIS EDWARDS	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
RYAN McMULLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
ANTHONY HEMSTAD	CITY OF DES MOINES/HEMSTAD CONSULTING	✓
PARIS EDWARDS	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
CLARE GALLAGHER	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
DAVE KAPLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
WARREN FERRELL	FAA (EX-OFFICIO)	✓
KELLY SCHIMELFENIG	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
STEVE VITNER	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
JENNIFER REDDING	FAA (EX-OFFICIO)	✓
ALBERTO RODRIGUEZ	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
PRESENTERS		
STEVE RYBOLT	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
TOM HOOPER	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
CONSULTANTS		

ANDRES MANTILLA	BDS PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN	✓
CHERYL SWAB	BDS PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN	✓
VINCE MESTRE	CONSULTANT	-
PUBLIC COMMENTS		
JC HARRIS	SEATAC NOISE INFORMATION	✓
COMMUNITY ATTENDEES		
ANNE KROEKER	DES MOINES	✓
LYNDA WONG	BEACON HILL	✓
LAURA HOLTHUS	CONSULTANT	✓
BRIAN DAVIS	BURIEN AIRPORT COMMITTEE	✓
ALEX DILLEY	REP. ADAM SMITH'S OFFICE	✓
DAWSON FRANK	PAINE FIELD	✓
DAVID GOEBEL	VASHON FAIR SKIES	✓
MATT SYKORA	BFI	✓
ROBER MILLAR	CONSULTANT	✓
ALEX SHANNON	CONSULTANT	✓
DAVID DECOTEAU	BFI	✓

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 24, 2024 - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION: TBD