

SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) OF PROPOSED ACTION
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA)
S Concourse Evolution (SCE) Project

The Port of Seattle has completed an environmental analysis, including review of pertinent and available environmental information and preparation of a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist for the S Concourse Evolution (SCE) Project.

Description of Proposed Project Action: The primary objective of the SCE Project is to extend the useful life of the facility and to meet current building code requirements (e.g., seismic requirements). The secondary objective of this SCE Project is to enhance the passenger experience by renovating interior spaces and improving passenger amenities. No new gates are proposed as part of the SCE Project.

The S Concourse, at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) is a satellite passenger terminal located at the south end of the airport. International flights, from both domestic and international carriers operate from the S Concourse, which is designed to accommodate 13 widebody (WB) aircraft, or 18 narrowbody (NB) aircraft. The S Concourse was constructed in 1973 and has been heavily utilized over time while receiving limited capital improvements since it was expanded in 1982. The existing structure depends on building systems that are well past their useful service life. In order to accommodate current code requirements, the building footprint of the S Concourse would increase by about eight percent to install external seismic and structural bracing. Existing, unused, and vacated spaces in above ground floors would be renovated to serve and enhance passenger amenities and experience.

During construction at S Concourse up to three WB gates and associated holdrooms may be out of service at a time. To accommodate existing passenger levels while gates are out of service during renovations, facilitating projects are required to provide short-term facilities to maintain operations at SEA. These include off-site aircraft parking positions (e.g., hardstands), reconfiguring passenger loading locations (i.e., ground loading to passenger loading bridges), and support facilities (e.g., short-term processing facilities, ground support equipment, and buses to transport passengers).

Location of Proposed Action: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, 17801 International Blvd S SeaTac, WA 98158

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (SEPA File Number 2024-03)

Determination: The Port of Seattle has completed an environmental evaluation including review of the proposed SCE Project, including review of pertinent and available environmental information, following the provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) under Chapter 43.21C, Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and Port Commission Resolution 3650, Port of Seattle SEPA Policies and Procedures. On September 4, 2024, as lead agency, the Port of Seattle determined

the proposed project would not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced within 21 days from the date of last newspaper publication of the notice or be barred. Port Commission Resolution 3650 contains the procedures for appealing a SEPA decision of the Port of Seattle.

Supporting Information: Information used to reach this determination and applicable State laws and Port of Seattle policies, regulations, and procedures are available for public review at the Port of Seattle, Pier 69, Environment and Sustainability Department, Third Floor, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle or Sea-Tac Airport, Environment and Sustainability Department, Fifth Floor, 17801 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98158. The document is also available for review online at <https://www.portseattle.org>.

Public and Agency Comment: No action will be taken on the proposed project until after the 14-day public comment period expires on 4:00 PM on September 20, 2024, after which the Port will (1) formally adopt this Determination of Non-Significance; (2) clarify or review the proposal; or (3) complete additional environmental analyses, as appropriate. The Port will accept public and agency comments until 4:00 PM on September 20, 2024. Please refer any questions relating to this determination or to the proposed actions to Steve Rybolt, Port of Seattle, Aviation Environment and Sustainability Department, P.O. Box 68727, Seattle, Washington 98168. Telephone 206.787.5527. Email Rybolt.S@portseattle.org or the Port of Seattle electronic mail Internet address at SEPA@portseattle.org. Include your mailing address when submitting comments to the electronic Internet address.

Appeals: This SEPA DNS determination may be appealed by filing a writ of review in King County Superior Court within twenty-one (21) days of the date the Port formally adopts this determination pursuant to Port of Seattle Resolution No. 3650 and RCW 43.21C.080.

Sarah Cox

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Port of Seattle, Seattle – Tacoma International Airport
September 4, 2024

Proposed SCE Project and Facilitating Project Locations



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