

SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) OF PROPOSED ACTION
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA)
Water System Plan (Limited Update)

The Port of Seattle (Port) 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 approval and adoption of the SEA Water System Plan (Limited Update). Note a separate project-specific environmental review of each recommended capital improvement within the Plan that is selected for design and construction would be conducted in compliance with applicable regulations and policies.

Description of Proposed Action: Water System Plans provide the foundation for a safe, reliable, and sustainable public water system. The Port owns and operates the water system at SEA, which provides drinking water and fire protection water to the airport and associated facilities within the planning area. The water system at SEA is comprised of water mains, junctions, pipes, storage reservoirs, fire hydrants, and pumps. The purpose of the Plan update is to bring up-to-date SEA planning resources that guide the routine maintenance and orderly development/upgrade of SEA's water system. The Plan update includes water demand forecasting; an assessment of water resources, conservation, and reuse practices; relevant minimum design criteria; a system review and analysis (hydraulic modeling); a review of the water system operations and maintenance program; and recommendations for capital improvement projects to provide greater reliability, redundancy, and flow capacity. If the Plan is approved by the Washington State Department of Health and adopted by the Port, the recommended capital project would be incorporated into the Port's Capital Improvement Program to progress design and construction. A separate project-specific environmental review of capital improvements selected for design and construction would be conducted in compliance with applicable regulations and policies.

Location of Proposed Action: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, 17801 Pacific Highway South SeaTac, WA 98158

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (SEPA File Number 2025-01)

Determination: The Port of Seattle has completed an environmental evaluation including review of pertinent and available environmental information for the approval and adoption of the SEA Water System Plan (Limited Update), 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 January 29, 2025, 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/environment/sepa-nepa>.

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 February 14, 2025, 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 February 14, 2025. 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.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sarah Cox, Director, Aviation Environment and Sustainability and SEPA Responsible Official
Port of Seattle, Seattle – Tacoma International Airport
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