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**On the agenda:** public comments; a presentation by host City of Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell; a presentation on the Sound Insulation Repair & Replacement Pilot Program assessment by Noise Program Manager Ryan McMullan; an update by State Government Relations Manager John Flanagan on StART legislative priorities; a StART update by Aviation Capital Delivery Director Clare Gallagher; and the usual round-the-table sharing.

Thank you for the opportunity to add comments to this public meeting.

I am a member of the Vashon Maury Island community and we are badly impacted by the fairly new air traffic system identified as "Next Gen". The public posting for this change was not posted in or around our communities; consequently, we did not have the knowledge or the time to get feedback in.

Further, emails from within the Port, indicated that the idea of placing Next Gen over the eastside was canceled due to concerns about airnoise over those communities: Bellevue, Kirkland, Mercer Island. Yet, there was no concern about airnoise over Vashon.

Prior to Next Gen, the flights were equitably distributed across Puget Sound and 2,000~ feet higher, not placing any one community in distress. We have lived in our home for 45 years, never in the past has there been this kind of airnoise, it has destroyed our community.

These flights are 2,000~ feet lower and concentrated in a narrow strip over the largest populated areas, all of the schools, and medical facilities on the Island. Vashon is the least affluent Island community and, with the knowledge of that email in mind, possibly why it was chosen.

In addition to the noise, this kind of lowered flight increases the carbon footprint and the health impacts of small particulates.

We here on Vashon, and in other places of unincorporated King County are badly impacted and have no voice on the StART committee.

We were first told that we could not have a seat at that table because we were not a fenceline community. We noted that neither is Federal Way. Then we were informed that we could not have a seat at that table because we were unincorporated. Then, our King

County Council member, Teresa Mosqueda stepped forward so that the King County government could be the government for unincorporated.

So now, we await a seat at the StART table and a voice that can actually reach the FAA and other entities involved in the decisions that impact our lives.

Thank you,

Roxanne Thayer Ed.D.