

# StART

## 2024/25 Annual Report

### SEA Stakeholder Advisory Round Table

StART provides the Port of Seattle with a dedicated forum intended specifically for discussing and tackling airport and aviation industry concerns from Highline Forum-member cities and their residents. With the Port, the FAA, the primary air carriers, and the airport's neighboring cities represented around the table, StART brings together all of the parties with a common purpose of sharing information, collaborating and achieving results.

Cities appoint:

- Two community representatives
- One city representative and an alternate

Also appointed:

- Two airline representatives and alternates
- Air cargo representative
- Airport managing director and alternate

FAA participates as non-members

## StART Guest Speakers

### February 23, 2024

StART's Structure/SAMP Environmental Review  
Marco Milanese, Community Engagement Manager &  
Steve Rybolt, Environmental Projects Manager, POS

### June 26, 2024

Commercial Aviation Work Group  
Ann Richart, Director, WSDOT Aviation

### October 23, 2024

Aircraft Go-arounds Analysis/SEA's Operational  
Growth & Ensuring Safety  
Paris Edwards, Noise Programs Coordinator, POS &  
Joseph Bert, Team Manager, FAA

## 2025 StART Membership

### Burien

Karen Veloria  
Jeff Harbaugh  
Adolfo Bailon  
Garmon Newsom II (Alt)



### Des Moines

Joe Dusenbury  
Steve Novak  
Katherine Caffrey  
Rebecca Deming (Alt)



### Tukwila

Petter Schilling  
Kathleen Wilson  
Brandon Miles  
Laurel Humphrey (Alt)



### Federal Way

Michael Brugato  
Bill Vadino  
Brian Davis (Alt)



### Normandy Park

Moira Bradshaw  
Bryan Tomich  
Amy Arrington



### SeaTac

Roger Kadeg  
Julie Le  
Jonathan Young



### Alaska

Scott Kennedy  
Alethia Miller (Alt)



### Delta

Scott Ingham



### Air Cargo

Jennifer Martin  
CFI Perishables

### Port of Seattle

Lance Lytle  
Sarah Cox (Alt)  
Eric Schinfeld  
Marco Milanese



### FAA (non-members)

Joseph Bert  
Jennifer Redding  
Aleta Best  
Grady Stone



### Uncommon Bridges Facilitation Team:

Andres Mantilla  
Cheryl Swab  
Brian Scott  
Dori Krupanics  
Skylar Benson



### April 23, 2024

In-person Planning Session  
Airfield Cargo Tour & Reception at SEA

### August 28, 2024

FAA Noise Policy Review  
Ryan Weller, Environmental Protection Specialist,  
FAA

### December 18, 2024

Impact of State & Federal Elections on StART's  
Policy Agenda  
John Flanagan, State Government Relations  
Manager & Eric Schinfeld, Federal Government  
Relations Manager, POS

*StART enhances cooperation between the Port of Seattle and neighboring communities of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.*

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## Policy Working Group

The Policy Working Group is tasked with advocating for policies that create new aircraft noise and emissions reduction and mitigation tools, authorities, resources and approaches at the federal and state levels. The working group, comprised of a subset of StART members, Port staff, and additional staff from the Highline Forum-member cities and other representational entities, typically meets every other month and focuses on two major efforts: 1) tracking and advancing their shared policy priorities through the 2024 FAA Reauthorization Act, and 2) developing and advocating for a shared State Legislative policy agenda.

### Federal Policy Priorities

Through unprecedented coordination and joint advocacy, the Port and the six airport-area cities celebrated the inclusion of four of their seven shared federal policy priorities in the 2024 FAA Reauthorization Act, which was signed into law in May 2024. Those policies were as follows:

1. **Implementation of a Deadline for Action and a Stakeholder Advisory Group for the FAA's Noise Policy Review**
2. **Renewal of the FAA's Environmental Mitigation Grant Program**
3. **Requirement of a Federal Study of Ultrafine Particle Emissions from Aircraft Engines**
4. **Requirement of a FAA report on policies and funding related to the development of new regional airport capacity**

The Policy Working Group continues to track the implementation of these new policies and looks for other ways to advance StART's remaining federal priorities.

### State Legislative Agenda

The Policy Working Group also successfully crafted the first-ever Port and airport-area cities' shared state policy agenda and has been advocating for the passage of these priorities during the 2025 State Legislative Session. Those policies are as follows:

1. **Effectively implement the Noise Insulation Repair and Replacement Program**
2. **Make tangible progress toward identifying locations for additional regional airport capacity in the next three years**
3. **Sustain existing State programs to enhance air quality**
4. **Maintain and expand Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) production and use in Washington**
5. **Decarbonize ground transportation, reduce transportation emissions, and promote electrification**

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### Aviation Noise Working Group



Since its inception, StART's Aviation Noise Working Group, with a mission to prioritize and explore potential near-term actions to reduce and prevent aviation noise, has made its Aviation Near-term Noise Action Agenda its primary focus. The Agenda includes several programs and efforts intended to provide aviation noise relief to the Highline Forum-member cities. In 2024 and 2025, work on the Agenda continued but with more of a focus on results monitoring, considering refinements, if needed, and promoting the agenda's outcomes both with internal and external audiences.

The Aviation Noise Working Group is comprised of a subset of StART members, Port staff, and additional staff from the Highline Forum-member cities and other representational entities along with a noise consultant to provide expert advice. The working group typically meets every other month.

- Each meeting included a report on the **Aviation Near-Term Noise Action Agenda**, including tracking the **Runway Use Plan's** goal of minimizing use of the Third Runway during the late night hours and quarterly reports on the Late Night Noise Limitation Program which attempts to incentivize air carriers to fly at less noise sensitive hours or transition to quieter aircraft.
- Working Group members also received, at each meeting, a **Sound Insulation** update including the latest on the **Noise Insulation Repair and Replacement Pilot Program** and a SEA operations update.

Along with appointed land use planners, the working group members also participate on the Part 150 Noise Study's Technical Review Committee. The Part 150 Noise Study provides the Highline Forum-member cities with a significant opportunity to influence current aviation noise reduction and prevention programs and recommend new approaches. Two of the working group meetings dedicated substantial agenda time to the Part 150 Noise Study in 2024. Your paragraph text

