

Policy Working Group

MEETING SUMMARY

JANUARY 13, 2025; 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

Meeting Objectives:

- Federal Policy Update
- State Olympia Day on the Hill

Meeting Summary:

- I. Welcome: Facilitator Andres Mantilla, Uncommon Grounds, opened the meeting and covered meeting ground rules.
- II. Olympia Day on the Hill, John Flanagan, POS
 - The date for our lobbying day is **Wednesday, February 12, 8AM – 5PM** (location is the Washington Public Ports Association building in Olympia; staff will be there by 7AM)
 - A formal agenda will be sent out prior to the 12th
 - Begin at 8AM with breakfast, including a “lobbying 101” as well as setting expectations; this will include materials to hand out to legislators during meetings
 - Meetings with legislators. If we have a large group attend, we will divide into groups for legislator meetings
 - Lunch together (John will order box lunches for everyone; let us know any dietary restrictions)
 - Afternoon legislator meetings. There may be options to observe committee meetings. Additional potential speakers/meetings: representative of the CAWG and Governor’s lead on transportation policy.
 - We’ll wrap up and debrief from 4-5
 - You will receive a google sheet from us; please be sure to tell us which legislative district you’re in
 - Key strategies for successful meetings: Share a personal story, discuss the issues that are most important to you personally and part of the StART legislative agenda; include key data points about your city.
 - Port will cover costs of breakfast and lunch. Members are required to cover their transportation and hotel rooms if they choose to stay overnight.
 - StART members, elected officials and staff are encouraged to attend; please let us know as soon as possible who will be attending.

- We'd like members to make the scheduling requests directly if they are able. This is more impactful than the request coming from the Port staff.
- Our goal is to provide one shared message on our legislative priorities.

III. Federal Policy Update, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle

- No news yet on the replacement for the departing FAA administrator.
- There are 220 Republicans and 215 Democrats in the House.
- The Senate split is 53/47 with Republicans in the majority.
- Chirag Vedullapalli gave an update on Rep. Adam Smith's legislative priorities related to the airport.
 - **Aviation Noise and Emissions Mitigation Act** seeks to help communities near airports and airflight pathways monitor and mitigate aviation noise and emissions. This legislation would create two new pilot grant programs at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for hyperlocal studies of air quality and noise and for mitigation projects in these communities.
 - **The Aviation Impacted Communities Act will:**
 - Establish a new "aviation impacted communities" designation for areas suffering from excessive noise or environmental impacts
 - Establish a process to bring together airport operators, designated community leaders, public health and environmental experts, and the FAA to discuss solutions
 - Require that appropriate FAA representatives attend community board meetings and respond to community questions and concerns about issues involving aviation or the FAA when requested
 - Allow communities to petition the FAA for comprehensive impact studies and require that the FAA develop action plans to respond to communities' concerns and the recommendations for mitigation provided in the impact studies
 - Expand the availability of mitigation funding for aviation impacted communities outside of the current 65 day-night average sound level (DNL) contours
 - Provides grants for noise mitigation in a designated community for residences, hospitals, nursing homes, adult or child day care centers, schools, places of worship, or other impacted facilities identified in a community assessment
 - Establish a sustainable ongoing revenue stream for relief efforts/noise insulation in the bill through funding from increases in revenue to the Airport and Airways Trust Fund
 - **Aviation Noise and Emissions Mitigation**
 - **Protecting Airport Communities from Particle Emissions**
 - **The Sound Insulation Treatment Repair and Replacement Program** (in partnership with Sen. Murray) is still being finalized. Once there are finalized docs, we will forward along to members.

IV. Wrap Up

- Next meeting is April 7, 2025, 5-6 pm.

MEMBER	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
ADOLFO BAILON	BURIEN	-
AMY ARRINGTON	NORMANDY PARK	✓
ANTHONY HEMSTAD	DES MOINES	✓
BILL VADINO	FEDERAL WAY	-
BRANDON MILES	TUKWILA	-
GARMON NEWSOM II	BURIEN	-
JASON WOYCKE	DES MOINES	-
JEFF HARBAUGH	BURIEN	-
JOE DUSENBURY	DES MOINES	✓
KYLE MOORE	SEATAC	-
LANCE LYTTLE	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
MIKE BRUGATO	FEDERAL WAY	-
MOIRA BRADSHAW	NORMANDY PART	✓
REBECCA DEMING	DES MOINES	✓
ROGER KADEG	SEATAC	✓
STEVE NOVAK	DES MOINES	-
NON-MEMBER		
CHIRAG VEDULLAPALLI	OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ADAM SMITH	✓
JOSIE MCKINLEY	OFFICE OF SENATOR MARIA CANTWELL	-
MARIELLE TRUMBAUER	OFFICE OF CONGRESSWOMAN JAYAPAL	-
MEGAN UTEMEI	OFFICE OF SEN. PATTY MURRAY	-
RESOURCES	TITLE	
CLARE GALLAGHER	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
DAVE KAPLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
ERIC SCHINFELD	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
JOHN FLANNAGAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
MARCO MILANESE	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
NATE CAMINOS	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
PARIS EDWARDS	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
RYAN MCMILLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
SARAH COX	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
CONSULTANT		
ANDRES MANTILLA	UNCOMMON BRIDGES	✓
CHERYL SWAB	UNCOMMON BRIDGES	✓

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LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE