

Policy Working Group

MEETING SUMMARY

OCTOBER 6, 2025; 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

Meeting Objectives:

- Brief federal policy update; choose dates for DC Fly-in
- Review proposed state policy priorities; choose date for StART Olympia Day
- Finalize federal policy priorities

Meeting Summary:

- I. Welcome: Facilitator Andrés Mantilla, Uncommon Grounds, opened the meeting and covered meeting ground rules.
- II. Federal Update, Eric Schinfeld, POS
 - Current Status:
 - The federal government shutdown continues, with growing concern that it may extend for a long period. Will impact FAA involvement in StART
 - Implications:
This could delay FAA-related initiatives and communications, affecting coordination around federal grant programs and regulatory discussions.
 - Action:
Monitor developments and adjust federal engagement plans accordingly.
 - December Meeting Focus
 - The December meeting will center on substantive policy development and refining state and federal advocacy strategies and visits.
 - Discussion will include:
 - Finalize the updated advocacy language around possible SAMP impact study requests.
 - Coordination for Olympia and federal visits.
- III. Review Proposed State Policy Priorities, John Flanagan, Senior State Government Relations Manager, POS
 - Adjustment to SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) Priority:
The group agreed to remove SAF as a stand alone priority in the statewide advocacy and priorities list. Instead, it will be referenced within broader long-term decarbonization efforts, ensuring it remains part of the conversation within a more integrated policy framework.

- **Rationale:**
This approach aligns SAF with overarching climate and sustainability goals rather than isolating it as a singular issue. It also reflects the evolving policy environment where decarbonization strategies are expected to address multiple sectors simultaneously, including aviation.
- Eric, John, Anthony, and Barton will collaborate to draft more specific language and framing for this adjustment.
- The December meeting will bring a revised proposal for review and endorsement.
- **Interest in Legislative Resources:**
 - Members supported advocating for state-level resources to analyze better and demonstrate the impacts of the study areas identified in the SAMP (Sustainable Airport Master Plan).
 - **Context:**
This ask mirrors efforts undertaken in the 1990s, when legislative support and technical research funding helped assess the regional and environmental impacts of aviation growth and infrastructure expansion.
 - **Objective:**
Ensure decision-making is data-informed, regionally coordinated, and grounded in measurable outcomes.
- **Olympia Visit Planning**
 - **Timing:**
The group is targeting the first two weeks of February for the Olympia legislative visit.
 - **Next Steps:**
 - Finalize specific dates and logistics by early January.
 - Notify participants once schedules are confirmed.
 - Begin preparing briefing materials and talking points aligned with the updated statewide advocacy priorities.

IV. Review Proposed Federal Policy Priorities

- Discussion of Sustainable Aviation Fuel as a federal policy priority. The group chose to keep SAF on the priority list but to split asks into short-term (those with momentum and most likely to move forward) and longer-term (those that need more work or change of administration).

V. Wrap Up/Next Steps

- Reach out with any additional comments for the agenda
- Next meeting is December 1, 2025, 5-6 pm.

MEMBER	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
ADOLFO BAILON	BURIEN	-
AMY ARRINGTON	NORMANDY PARK	✓

ANTHONY HEMSTAD	DES MOINES	✓
ARIF GHOUSE	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
BILL VADINO	FEDERAL WAY	✓
BRANDON MILES	TUKWILA	-
GARMON NEWSOM II	BURIEN	-
JASON WOYCKE	DES MOINES	-
JEFF HARBAUGH	BURIEN	✓
JOE DUSENBURY	DES MOINES	✓
MIKE BRUGATO	FEDERAL WAY	
MOIRA BRADSHAW	NORMANDY PART	✓
REBECCA DEMING	DES MOINES	-
ROGER KADEG	SEATAC	✓
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 McMULLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
SARAH COX	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
CONSULTANT		
ANDRES MANTILLA	UNCOMMON BRIDGES	✓
CHERYL SWAB	UNCOMMON BRIDGES	

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 1, 2025, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE