

StART

2025/26 Annual Report

SEA Stakeholder Advisory Round Table

StART provides the Port of Seattle and the six near-airport cities with a dedicated forum for discussing and tackling airport and aviation industry concerns. StART brings together the Port, the cities, the FAA, and SEA's primary air carriers 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
- Airport managing director and alternate
- FAA participates as a non-member technical expert

StART's 2025/26 Strategic Priorities

- Reduce Noise Impacts
- Environmental Justice (Air Quality)
- Airport Growth & Capacity

StART Meeting Agendas

February 26, 2025

Sound Insulation Repair and Replacement Pilot Program
Ryan McMullen, Noise Programs Senior Manager, POS

June 25, 2025

Identifying StART 2025/26 Priorities

October 22, 2025

Sustainable Airport Master Plan Environmental Review/Part 150 Noise Study
Arif Ghouse, Aviation Chief Operating Officer
Tom Fagerstrom, Noise Programs Manager, POS

February 25, 2026

SEA Airport Growth Projections
Steve Rybolt, Environmental Program Manager, POS
Rob Adams, President, Landrum & Brown

2026 StART Membership

Burien

Karen Veloria
Jeff Harbaugh
Bob Larson
Nathan Hawthorne (Alt)



Des Moines

Joe Dusenbury
Barton Delacey
Katherine Caffrey
Rebecca Deming (Alt)



Tukwila

Petter Schilling
Kathleen Wilson
Brandon Miles
Laurel Humphrey (Alt)



Federal Way

Michael Brugato
Jack Dovey
Bill Vadino
Brian Davis (Alt)



Normandy Park

Moira Bradshaw
Bryan Tomich
Amy Arrington
Jeremy Hammar (Alt)



SeaTac

Roger Kadeg
Will Booth
Jonathan Young
Evan Maxim (Alt)



Alaska

Scott Kennedy
Alethia Miller (Alt)



Delta

Scott Ingham (Alt)



FAA (non-members)

Joseph Bert
Jennifer Redding
Aleta Best



Port of Seattle

Wendy Reiter
Sarah Cox (Alt)
Eric Schinfeld
Marco Milanese



Uncommon Bridges Facilitation Team

Andrés Mantilla
Julia Martinez



April 23, 2025

In-person Planning Session
StART Overview & Policy Framework Exercise

August 27, 2025

Commercial Aviation Working Group
Ann Richart, Aviation Director, WSDOT

December 18, 2025

Roundtable of Airport Roundtables
Launch/Instrument Flight Procedures Process
Maria Becce, LaGuardia Airport Committee Chair
Joe Bert, Team Manager, FAA

April 29, 2026

Sustainable Airport Master Plan Update
Steve Rybolt, POS
Clare Gallagher, Capital Projects Delivery Director, 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 advocates at the state and federal levels for policies that create new approaches, resources and authorities for aircraft noise and emissions reduction and mitigation tools. The working group is composed of a subset of StART members, Port staff, additional staff from neighboring cities, and other representational entities. It typically meets every other month.

Federal Policy Priorities

The Policy Working Group continues to build on the successful inclusion of four of its seven shared federal policy priorities in the 2024 FAA Reauthorization Act, which was signed into law in May 2024. Specifically, the group is working with Congress and the FAA to ensure that those policies are successfully implemented. For example, one of the policies passed was a renewal of the FAA's Environmental Mitigation Grant Program. StART successfully advocated in 2025 for \$3 million to be included in the most recent FAA appropriations bill, and the FAA recently released an RFP for applications to use those funds to study the effectiveness of previously installed sound insulation treatments in residential areas associated with large-hub airports for noise mitigation.

At the end of 2025, Congress passed legislation that StART has been advocating for the last eight years, which allows for federal funding to be used to repair and replace federally funded noise insulation. The Policy Working Group continues to look for additional opportunities to make progress on these topics.

State Legislative Agenda

The Policy Working Group continues to find opportunities for progress on priorities in Olympia. Unfortunately, the group did not reach consensus on its legislative agenda before the 2026 session. However, the Port and several of the StART communities were able to distinctly advocate for several small budget and policy successes, including:

- Securing adequate ongoing funding in the State Transportation budget for the Commercial Aviation Work Group.
- Ensuring sustained investment in various programs intended to study and address air quality concerns for residents of South King County.
- Preventing rollback of funding for programs that provide alternatives to air travel and help to decarbonize ground transportation and incentivize the use of lower-emission energy and fuel types.

The most pressing shared issue for the Port and StART members is the restoration of funding for alternatives to air travel, to help decarbonize ground transportation, and to address noise packages that qualify for repair or replacement.



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Aviation Noise Working Group

Since its inception, StART's Aviation Noise Working Group has focused primarily on its Near-Term Noise Action Agenda, which outlines programs designed to reduce and prevent aviation noise for neighboring cities. Throughout 2025 and 2026, the group continued this work by monitoring results, refining active programs, and promoting successful outcomes to both internal and external audiences.

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

- Every meeting featured an update on the **Aviation Near-Term Noise Action Agenda**. This included tracking the Runway Use Plan goal to minimize use of the third runway during late night hours, alongside quarterly reports on the Late Night Noise Limitation Program, which incentivizes quieter aircraft and off-peak scheduling.
- Updates on sound insulation, including the latest on the **Noise Insulation Repair and Replacement Pilot Program**, were also shared at every meeting.

Working group members also participate in the **Part 150 Noise Study's Technical Review Committee** alongside appointed land use planners. The Part 150 Noise Study provides the neighboring cities with an opportunity to influence current aviation noise reduction and prevention programs and recommend new approaches for possible implementation. Three of the working group meetings dedicated substantial agenda time to the Part 150 Noise Study in 2025.

