



SEA-TAC STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY ROUND TABLE

April 24, 2019 Recap

The Sea-Tac Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) meeting took place on April 24, 2019 with a focus on recapping the Aviation Noise Working Group and the Federal Policy Working Group meetings, reviewing updates on the Aviation Noise Action Plan efforts, expanding understanding of airspace and flight paths, and reviewing StART's 2019 priorities. This voluntary, advisory roundtable, convened by Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Managing Director Lance Lyttle, is a venue for the Port of Seattle to engage with the communities of SeaTac, Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, Tukwila and Federal Way. Representatives from Delta Air Lines, Alaska Airlines, and Lynden Transport are also members. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) participates as a non-member.

The Airport Managing Director, Lance Lyttle, recognized Commissioner Steinbrueck, who was in attendance. Lyttle shared that the FAA has provided input and is working with Port staff to finalize language for the Revised Runway Use Agreement. This was a near-term action item that was recommended by the Aviation Noise Working Group. Also, he stated that letters were sent to eight carriers who operate A320 series aircraft, asking for their timeline and/or plans to modify aircraft to address a whistling noise that occurs while descending. StART welcomed Larry Cripe, the new community representative from the City of Burien. Port staff provided a brief update on the timing of the SAMP process and opportunities, separate from StART, for community involvement.

The Aviation Noise Working Group (Working Group) reported on their March 11 and April 8 meetings. The summary, provided by Stan Shepherd, Port of Seattle, focused on the status of a number of the Working Group's recommended efforts including:

- A scope of work for a soon to be hired consultant to analyze Noise Abatement Departure Procedure Profiles and whether they lessen noise for airport communities
- A scope of work and timeline for hiring a consultant to do a comprehensive Airfield Noise Assessment

The Federal Policy Working Group (FP Working Group), reported on their March 4 and April 1 meetings. Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle, reviewed the discussion items including:

- The history of federal legislation and policies related to noise
- An initial list of federal policies that the FP Working Group may want to consider focusing on
- An overview of the sections of the FAA Reauthorization Act pertaining to aviation noise and public health

The FP Working Group drafted and utilized a set of criteria for selecting priority focus areas related to the FAA Reauthorization Act. They discussed what might be appropriate initial action steps for each priority.

Tom Fagerstrom, Port of Seattle, provided an update on the Late Night Noise Limitation Program and current efforts to communicate with aircraft carriers to educate them about the program's upcoming



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launch later this year and to encourage them to voluntarily limit late night flights and/or consider flying quieter aircraft.

A focus of the meeting was a presentation on airspace and flight paths. Robert Tykoski, Port of Seattle, with assistance from FAA staff, reviewed the air traffic control process including the difference in responsibility between the Tower, TRACON, and the Center. Graphics were shown that explain the location and interaction between flight paths. They identified some of the factors that impact flight paths including topography, aircraft mix, and airspace complexity (interaction between flights from Boeing Field, Paine Field, Renton Municipal Airport, Joint Base Lewis- McCord, and Sea-Tac Airport.).

Discussion concluded with a review of StART's 2019 priorities as identified on February 27 in small group discussions and written comments with StART participants and public attendees. The 5 key priorities that emerged are:

- Aviation Noise
- Air Quality/Health Impacts
- Future of Aviation/Mobility
- Federal Policy and continuing the Federal Policy Working Group
- Short and Mid-Term Noise Relief including continuing the Working Group's Aviation Noise Action Agenda

These priorities will be used to drive StART agendas as well as inform priorities in the Working Groups.

Public comment was heard. The next meeting is scheduled for June 26 at 6 p.m., at the Conference Center at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. The public is invited to attend.

StART meeting documents may be found on the Port of Seattle [website](#).