

**MOTION 2020-08:  
A MOTION OF THE PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION**

To extend the deadlines established in Motion 2019-13 for policy recommendations on the use of public-facing biometric technology at Port facilities to June 30, 2020 and for policy governing the use of public-facing biometric technology at Port facilities to August 31, 2020.

**ADOPTED  
APRIL 14, 2020**

**TEXT OF THE MOTION**

The Port Commission hereby extends the deadline for the following:

- (1) Policy recommendations on the use of public-facing biometric technology at Port facilities to be delivered to commission from end of first quarter of 2020 to June 30, 2020.
  
- (2) Policy for governing the use of of public-facing biometric technology at Port facilities to be delivered to commission from end of second quarter of 2020 to August 31, 2020.

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION**

On December 10, 2019, the port commission approved Motion 2019-13 which adopted guiding principles for the public-facing use of biometric technology at Port of Seattle maritime and aviation facilities; established a working group and an external advisory group to develop policy recommendations governing public-facing biometric use at the port; and directed a policy to be developed.

On January 7, 2020 a Port of Seattle Biometric Special Committee at was established and chartered to review policy recommendations and policies developed by the working group and reviewed by the external advisory group. On February 25, 2020, the Port Commission received an update on the progress of the working group and external advisory group and reviewed the first set of policy recommendations for biometric air exit at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA). On March 10, 2020, the Port Commission authorized the Executive Director to award a contract for a biometric air exit system at up to 30 international gates at SEA and approved the policy recommendations for biometric air exit directing the Executive Director to develop a policy on biometric air exit.

Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the working group and external advisory group have not been able to review policy recommendations for the remaining four use cases: Biometric Air and Cruise Entry, Non-Federal Biometric Passenger Processing, Biometrics for Customer Functions and Biometrics for Law Enforcement and Security Functions.

An extension to the deadline for policy recommendations would allow for more engagement and feedback from the external advisory group on the remaining policy recommendations. It will also allow additional time for the working group to develop policies once policy recommendations have been reviewed by the Biometrics Special Committee and approved by the Commission.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED**

Motion 2019-13 Biometric Principles and Biometric Working Group