

Federal Policy Working Group

MEETING SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 1, 2021; 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

Meeting Objectives:

Update on the Biden administration and recent Virtual DC Fly-in meetings. To discuss how to best utilize the fly-in meetings going forward and what areas the Federal Policy Working Group will track and focus on the next few months.

Meeting Summary:

- I. New facilitator introduction, *Brian Scott from BDS Planning & Urban Design*
- II. Biden Administration and Opportunities, *Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle*

The Biden Administration presents new opportunities for progress StART's federal policy agenda. Eric noted that Federal Policy Working Group priorities can be accomplished through three mechanisms:

 1. Executive action by the President and relevant federal agencies
 2. Legislation (60 votes needed in the Senate to overcome filibuster), including the annual appropriations bills
 3. Budget reconciliation between the House and Senate for fiscal and tax matters (only 50 votes are needed, but can only be used once or twice each year). The two available vehicles in 2021 are:
 - o COVID relief package
 - o Build Back Better package (rebuilding the economy via infrastructure/climate actions)

Eric also noted that the Biden administration, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Congress, and the U.S. Department of Transportation all support sustainability and the environment, which aligns well with the Working Group's framework, which puts StART priorities in a strong position.
- III. Congressional Briefing Update, *Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle*

Feedback from participants in the Virtual DC Fly-ins was positive and optimistic about the upcoming meetings. The group sees opportunities to build stronger relationships and to foster alliances through a unified voice on key topics.

Target groups to approach:

 - o Schedule with Senator Cantwell and Representative Larsen
 - o Eastern Washington Members of Congress
 - o Start conversations with USDOT and FAA
 - o Members of Congress and community representatives from other aviation regions (i.e. - Boston & Bay Area)
- IV. Next Steps
 1. Group to send suggestions on how to improve the congressional meetings to Eric
 2. Circle back with Congressional staff to identify tangible next steps for progress on the policy priorities

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NEXT MEETING: APRIL 5, 2021- TENTATIVELY 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE