

## **FINAL SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) OF PROPOSED ACTION**

### **Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) Widen Arrivals Drive**

The Port of Seattle (Port) has completed an environmental analysis, including review of pertinent and available environmental information and preparation of a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist for the Widen Arrivals Drive project.

**Description of Proposed Project Action:** The Port of Seattle (Port) is proposing the Widen Arrivals Drive project (Project) to improve safety and congestion by adding two travel lanes to the Arrivals Drive roadway at SEA. Most passengers traveling to SEA by vehicle access the airport via North Airport Expressway, which is a north-south limited access freeway under the jurisdiction of the Port. As it nears the airport terminal, North Airport Expressway splits into Arrivals Drive and Departures Drive. The Arrivals Drive roadway currently supports public parking, passenger arrivals, and ground transportation including courtesy vehicles, taxis, transportation network companies (TNCs; e.g. Uber, Lyft and Wingz), limousines, shared ride services, charter buses, scheduled services, and public transit. Approximately 51.8 million passengers used the airport in 2019, and Arrivals Drive experiences recurring congestion at peak travel times on a daily basis.<sup>1</sup> Widening of Arrivals Drive is planned for the roadway section immediately adjacent and north of the terminal and will improve access to the SEA terminal parking garage, ground transportation center, and curb front by alleviating congestion and reducing queuing on the main roadway entrances for airport visitors and passengers. The Project will enhance roadway safety to accommodate the existing passenger activity at the airport but will also be designed to accommodate potential future infrastructure improvements at SEA. The Project includes the following main elements:

- Widening of Arrivals Drive
- Realignment of Air Cargo Road, Departures Drive and Arrivals drive to accommodate the widening
- Installation of supporting roadway design features such as illumination and signage, as well as utilities relocation and a new rental car bus stop

**Location of Proposed Action:** Seattle-Tacoma International Airport,  
17801 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98158

**Lead Agency:** Port of Seattle (SEPA File Number 21-04)

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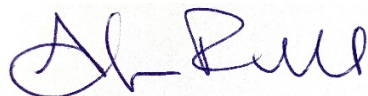
<sup>1</sup> SEA has seen a dramatic reduction in passenger volumes as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. In 2020, passenger volumes were approximately 60 percent below 2019 levels. Based on airline schedules, COVID-19 public health emergency travel restrictions, airline service announcements, and consultation with airline and travel industry sources, it is estimated the Airport will reach 2019 passenger volumes around 2025. While there is still uncertainty regarding full recovery of the impacts related to the COVID-19 public health emergency, current data are showing that recovery is beginning as airport passenger volumes increase at SEA and beyond.

**Determination:** The Port of Seattle completed an environmental evaluation including review of pertinent environmental information, following the provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) under Chapter 43.21C, Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and Port of Seattle Commission Resolution No. 3650, and Port of Seattle SEPA Policies and Procedures. The Port of Seattle's SEPA determination concludes that environmental impacts of the proposal are not significant.

**Supporting Information:** Information used to reach this determination and applicable State laws and Port of Seattle polices, regulations, and procedures are available for public review at the Port of Seattle, Pier 69, Environment and Sustainability Department, Third Floor, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle or Sea-Tac Airport, Environment and Sustainability Department, Fifth Floor, 17801 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98158. The document is also available for review online at <https://www.portseattle.org/environment/sepa-nepa>. Please contact Steve Rybolt to confirm access to these documents. See contact information below.

**Public and Agency Comment:** The DNS and Environmental Checklist for this project was published on May 17, 2021. The Port's Final DNS is now being issued based on the final determination of no significant environmental impacts. Please refer any questions relating to this determination or to the proposed actions to Steve Rybolt, Port of Seattle, Aviation Environment and Sustainability Department, P.O. Box 68727, Seattle, Washington 98168. Telephone 206.787.5527. Email [SEPA@portseattle.org](mailto:SEPA@portseattle.org). Include your mailing address when submitting comments to the electronic Internet address.

**Appeals:** The Port's decision on the proposal described above and the Port's issuance of a Final DNS on this proposal constitute the Port's Final SEPA decision. This SEPA DNS determination may be appealed by filing a writ of review in King County Superior Court within twenty-one (21) days of the date of issuance pursuant to Port of Seattle Resolution No. 3650. Any appeal of the SEPA DNS must also satisfy the requirements of RCW 43.21C.075.



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### Project Location and Vicinity

