

Federal Policy Working Group

MEETING SUMMARY

JUNE 7, 2021; 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

Meeting Objectives:

Opportunity to support three new federal policies. Discuss updates related to the StART federal policy agenda.

Meeting Summary:

- I. Facilitator welcome, introduction and meeting agenda, *Brian Scott from BDS Planning & Urban Design*
- II. New Federal Policy Agenda Items, *Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle*
 1. **EPA Grant Program**, *Amanda Wyman-Bradley, Office of Congressman Adam Smith*
 - Congressman Smith is working on a new evidence-based policy to develop a pilot grant program through the Environmental Protection Agency to research and collect data on aircraft and airport noise and emissions and to use such information and data to develop a mitigation strategy, and for other purposes. It aims to create a two-part grant program:
 - i. Communities to work with universities to study emissions & noise cumulatively to study what parts of an airport community are most impacted. Airport communities could apply with their local organizations to break down where are the neighborhoods adjacent to airport that are most impacted and to show what are they impacted by.
 - ii. Community organizations to partner with local government to create a community action plan to drive resources and explore impacts such as public health.
 - The bill wants to get outside of the FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) framework to create an entirely separate program for communities to solve the problems they have.
 - This bill is not part of the infrastructure package, and it does not specifically fall within just the transportation space. As a standalone it aims to build broader coalition toward inclusion in the next FAA Reauthorization Act.
 - Congressman Smith is working with the EPA on eligibility requirements.
 - The final text of the bill should be ready within two weeks.
 2. **American Jobs Plan**
 - The American Jobs Plan include two pieces:
 - i. A \$2.3 trillion infrastructure and climate change package.
 - ii. A \$1.8 trillion American Families Plan, including college education, child care, etc.
 - So far there are not enough votes to pass this legislation.
 - i. Either 60 votes (3/5 of the Senate) are needed or 50 Democratic votes for budget reconciliation process.
 - StART's goal is to consider what if any of the proposed are shared with StART's federal policy agenda. (Aircraft noise/emissions; economic, workforce, infrastructure development.)
 - Eric Schinfeld offered the following three options for consideration:
 - i. StART to support the entire American Jobs Plan
 - ii. StART to support only areas that are 100% specific to StART's federal policy agenda. These

can be the following:

1. Additional \$ for the Airport Improvement Program, which includes money for noise mitigation
2. A sustainable aviation fuel blender's tax credit
3. \$6 billion for a Healthy Ports Initiative to address the impact of ports in nearby communities.

iii. StART to support a Hybrid version:

1. Some items not specifically related to the airport, plus the items listed in ii.

3. **The Sustainable Skies Act**

- o This is a standalone piece of legislation, introduced two weeks ago in the House of Representatives and in the Senate this week.
- o The legislation proposes a blender's tax credit for sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) to incentivize the production of SAF and help the U.S. airline industry reach its goal of eliminating net carbon emissions by 2050.

The consensus of the group was to take these options back to their communities for review and feedback, and to make a decision on inclusion in the shared federal policy agenda at the next meeting of the working group.

III. Policy Updates, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle

1. Congressional Earmarks

- o An application for a secondary noise insulation pilot program has been submitted with letters of support from all six airport cities.

2. Upcoming emission rule by EPA

- o The FAA is working with EPA to release a draft rule this fall (September/October) that would further regulate aircraft emissions.

3. FAA Environmental Program Grants

- o One of StART's shared policy is to fund innovative approaches to air and noise.
- o This May the FAA announced six grants, each for up to \$2.5 million dollars, going toward new innovative approach to noise and emission.
- o The requirements of the grants are:
 - A consortium application has to include private companies and local jurisdictions
 - The technology has to be developed in a lab that can be transferred into practice.
 - The Port has decided to submit an application in partnership with Microsoft, using AI to turn off engines at the gate, which would produce less emission from airplanes & lower the ground noise.
 - The pilot program grant application is due by July 9, 2021.

IV. Preparation for FAA Presentation at the next StART Meeting, Brian Scott, BDS Planning & Urban Design

- o The group will jointly develop questions for the FAA based on the shared federal policy agenda.

V. Next Steps

1. Gather status of all the bills that members of congress & senators are working on for all future meetings.
2. Prepare to recommend working group support of potential new legislation for full StART.

3. Eric Schinfeld will draft the three options for the American Jobs Plan discussed for working group feedback.
4. Eric Schinfeld will draft a summary of the Sustainable Skies Act for working group feedback.
5. Eric Schinfeld will draft proposed questions to the FAA for the group's review and feedback.

MEMBER	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
ALEX STONE	OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ADAM SMITH	✓
AMANDA WYMAN-BRADLEY	OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ADAM SMITH	✓
ANTHONY HEMSTAD	DES MOINES	✓
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BRANDON MILES	TUKWILA	-
BRIAN WILSON	BURIEN	-
CHRIS HALL	FEDERAL WAY	✓
ERICA POST	TUKWILA	-
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NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 2, 2021- TENTATIVELY 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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