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# Airport Noise Programs Overview

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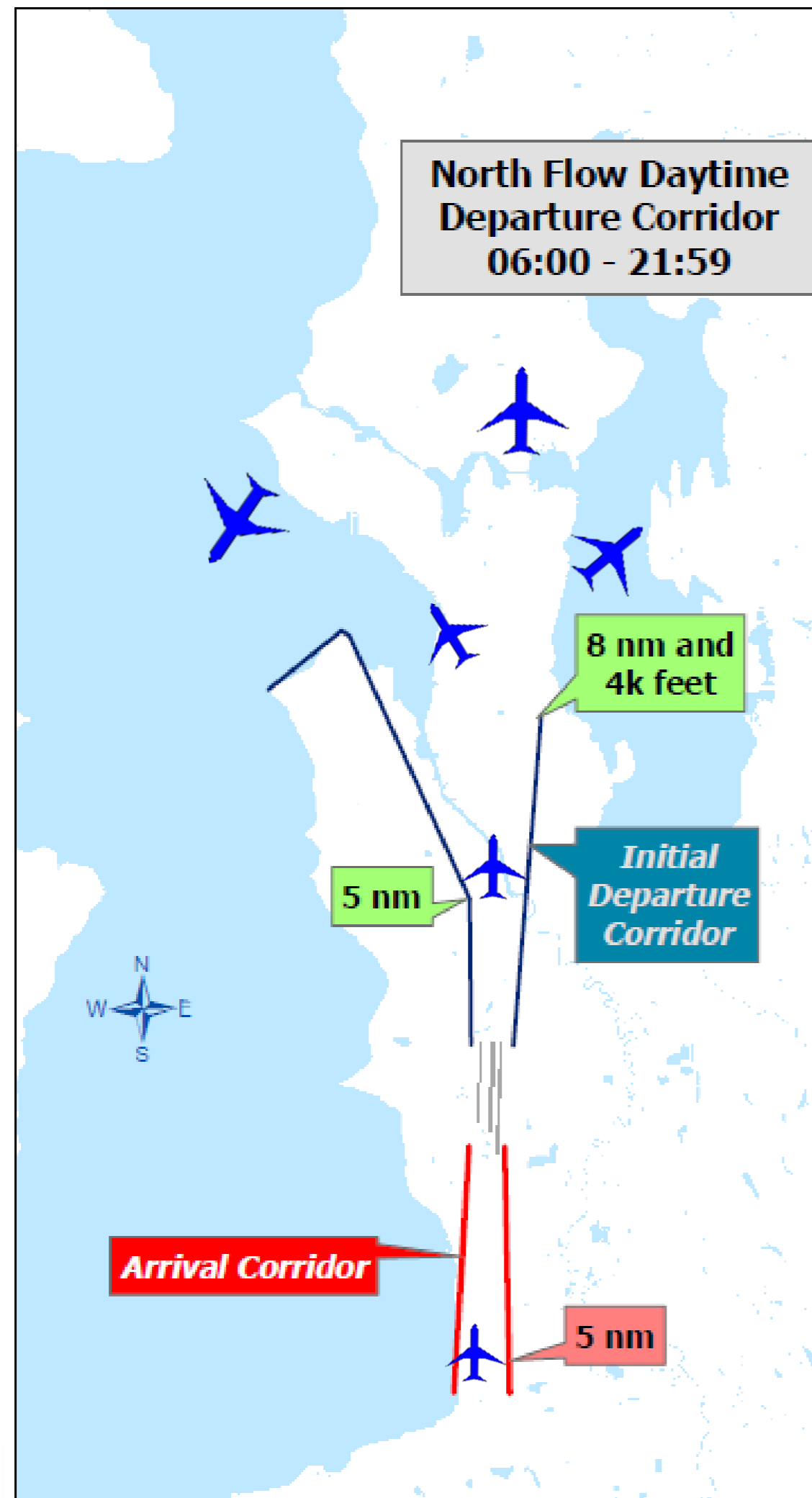
- Noise Abatement
- StART
- Noise Monitoring
- Noise Mitigation
- Community Outreach

# Noise Abatement Programs

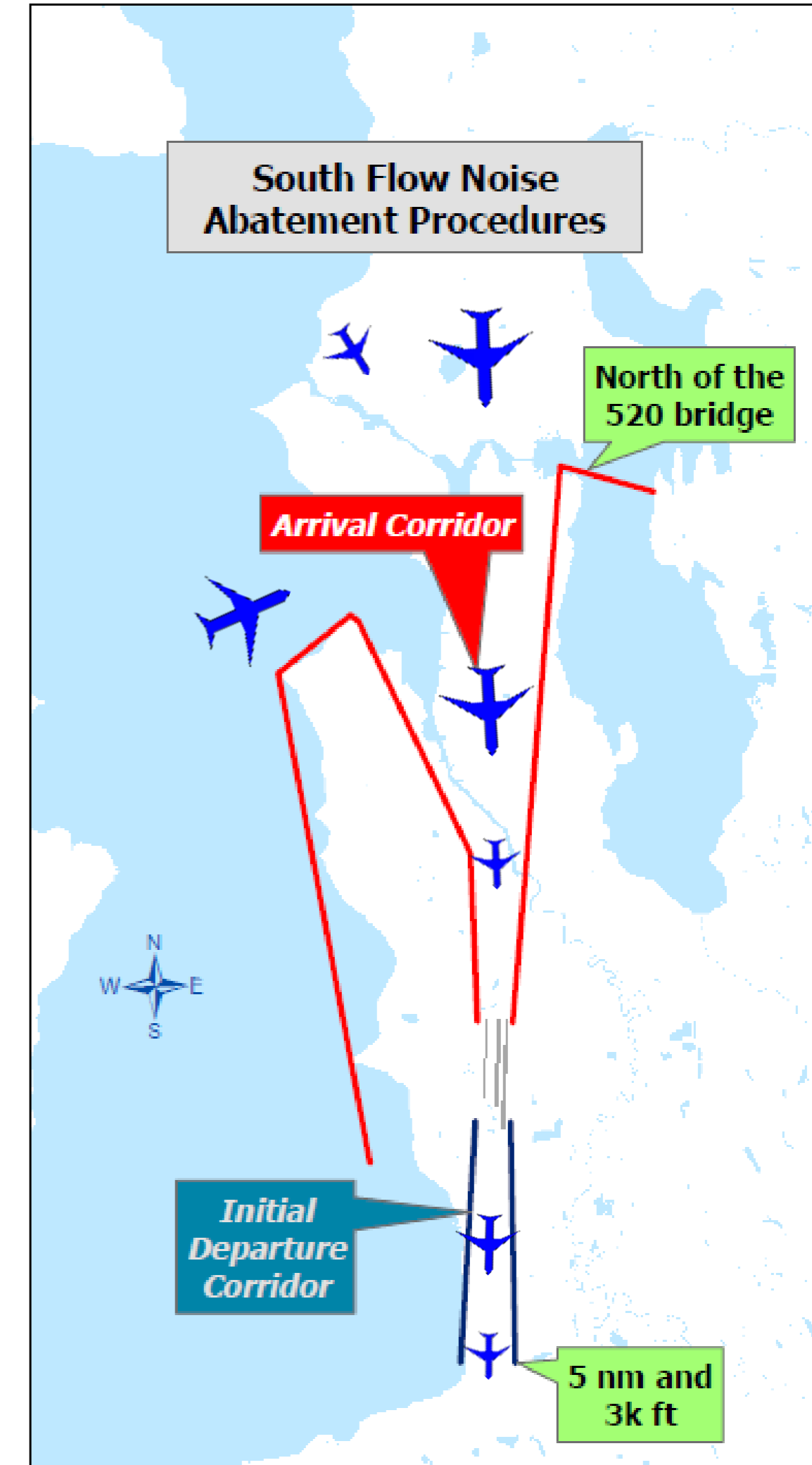
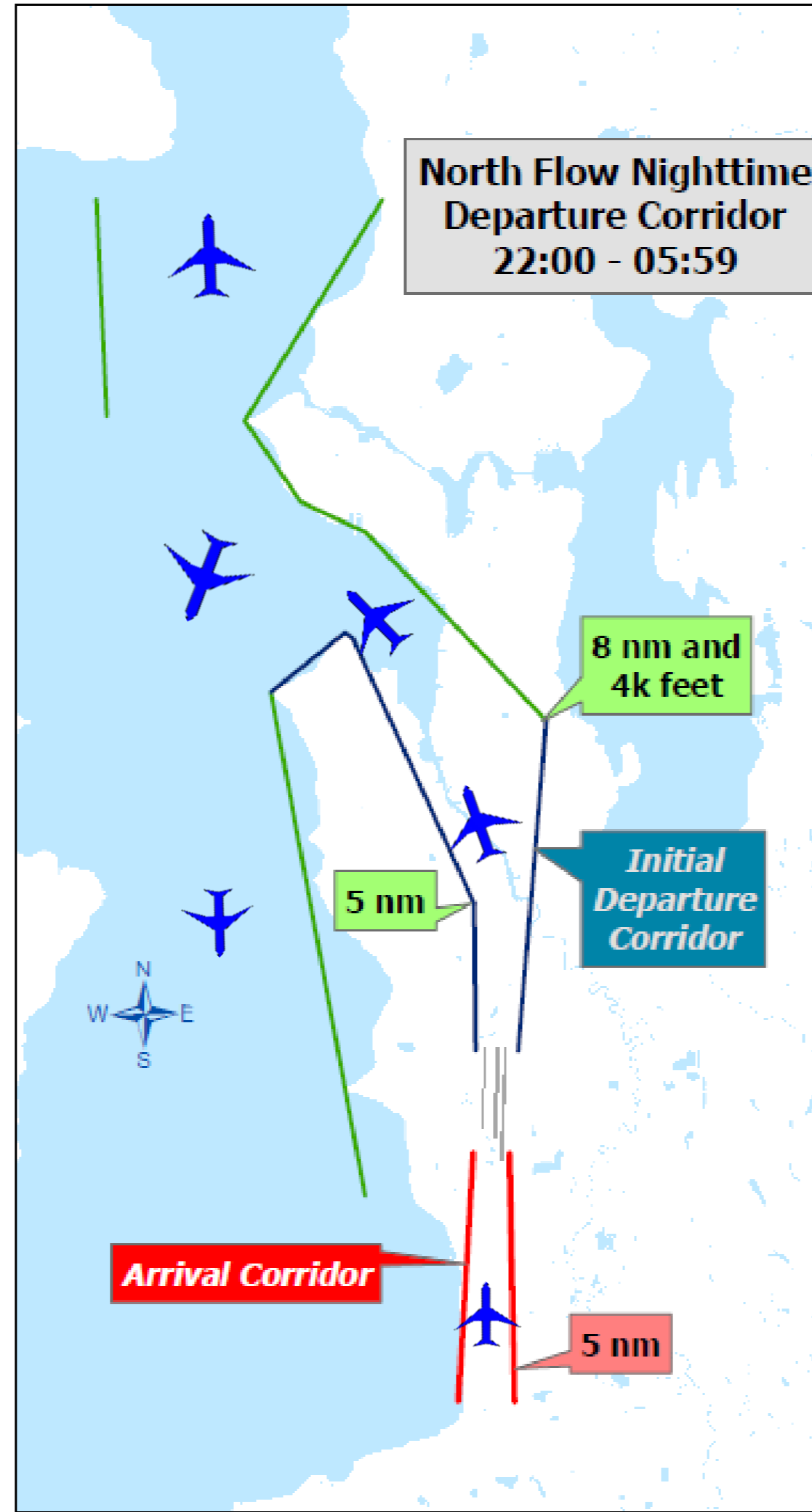
- Flight Procedures Monitoring
- Fly Quiet
- Start Noise Working Group Initiatives



# Jet Noise Abatement Procedures



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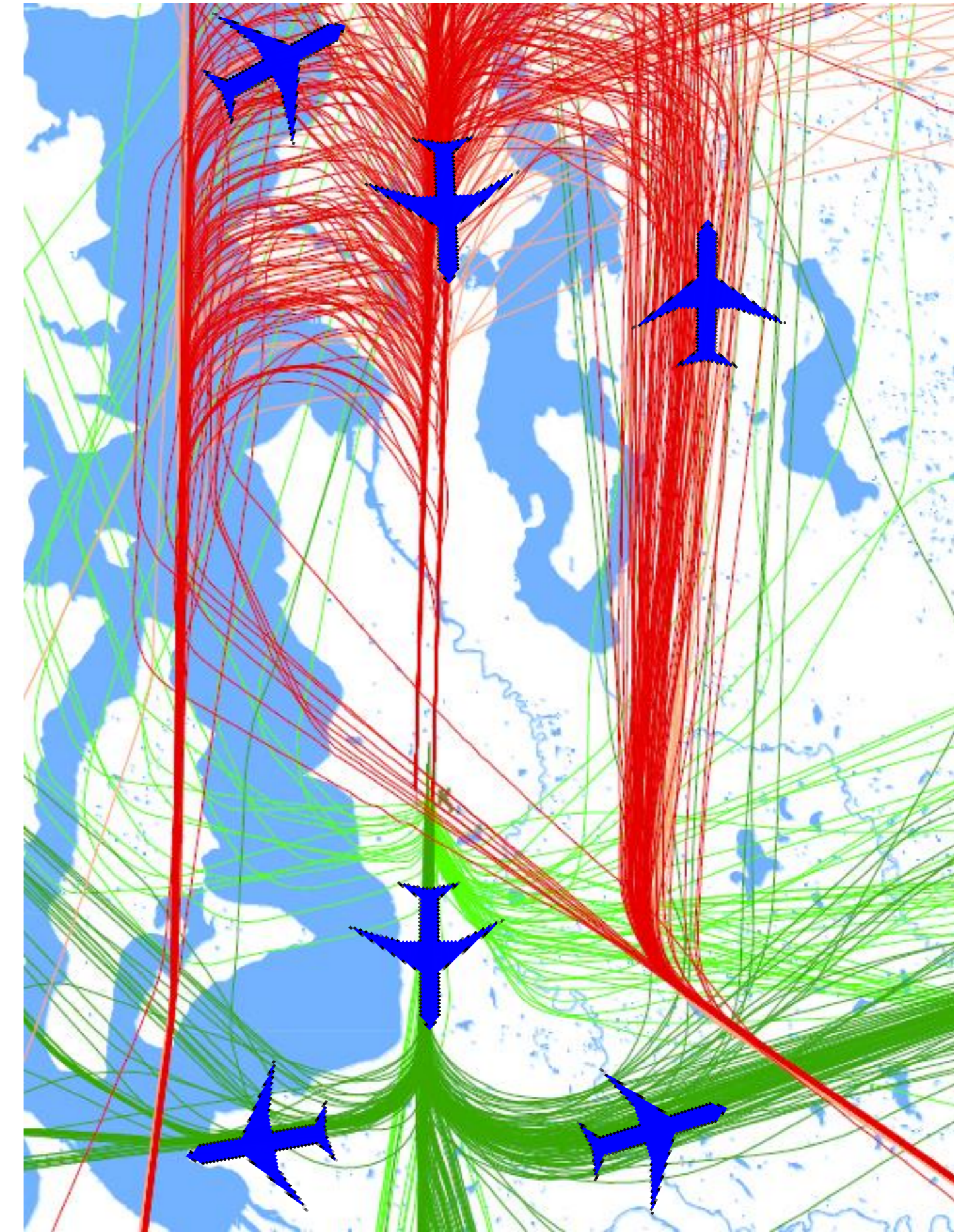
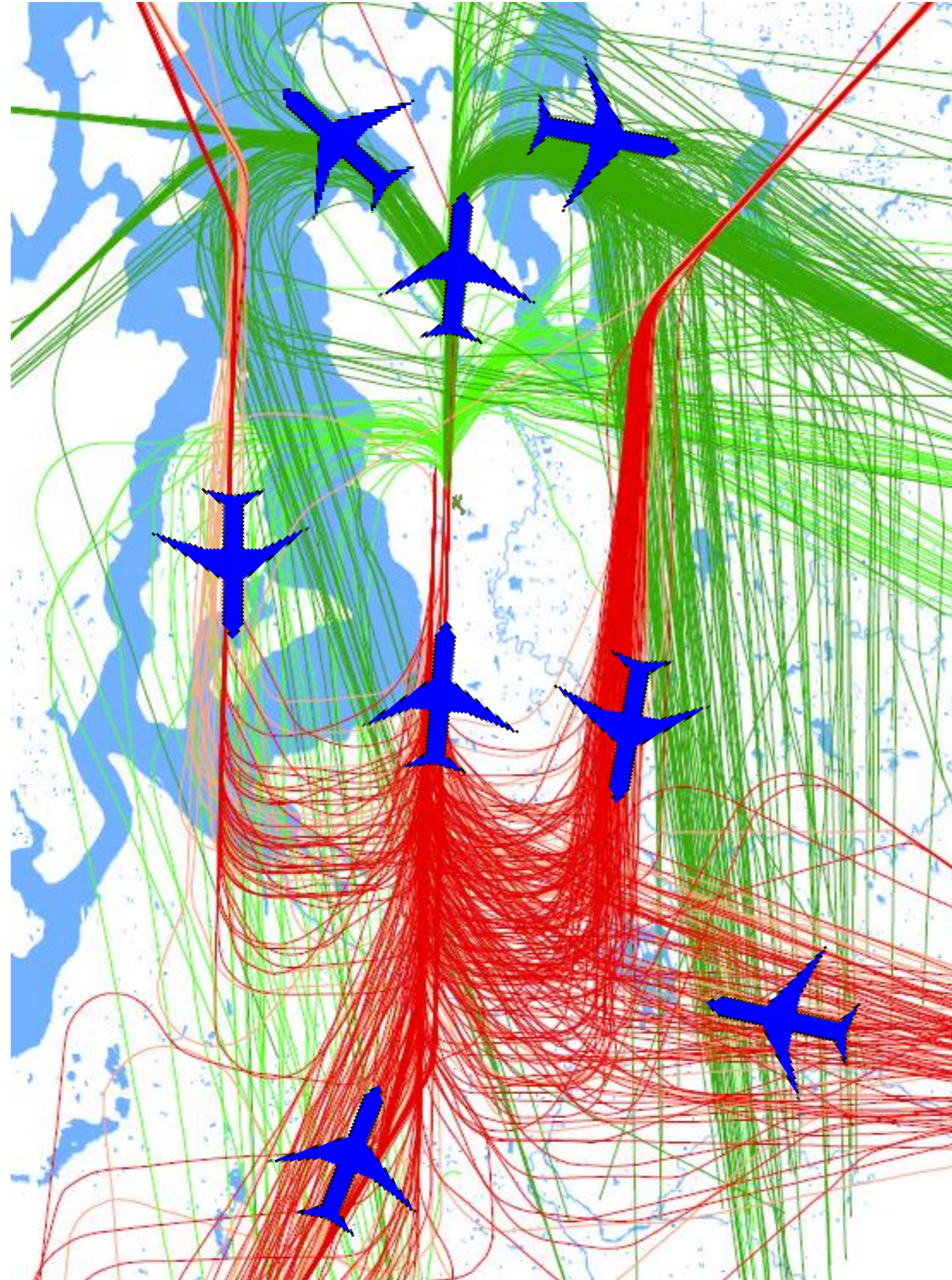
Noise staff meet monthly with FAA TRACON to discuss compliance



# North Flow

# SEA Flight Paths

# South Flow



Flight paths have been in place since 1990



# Fly Quiet Award Program

**Annual award given to 2 airlines that score the highest in these categories:**

Low noise levels at 4 monitor locations north and south of runways

Compliance rate with Noise Abatement Procedures

Adherence to SEA ground maintenance run-up rules

Low levels of noise during late night hours (new category)

**Award given to one airline for significant contribution to reducing noise**

Increases airline awareness of noise programs and the impacts on communities

Various outreach efforts for winning airlines

# Fly Quiet 2021 Winners

- **Frontier Airlines** – Operate the newest, quietest version of the A320, low noise levels, fly the noise abatement procedures very accurately
- **Skywest Airlines** – Operate the quiet E175 regional jet with low noise levels
- **British Airways** – Changed from the older, louder 747 & 777 to the much quieter 787 resulting in significantly reduced noise levels

# StART Noise Initiatives

- Runway Use Agreement with the FAA
- Late Night Noise Limitation Program from 12am to 5am - monitoring noise levels and encouraging airlines to move flights out of late nights or change to a quieter aircraft
- Ground Noise Study
- Raise the glideslope on runway 34R to 3 degrees



# Noise Monitoring System



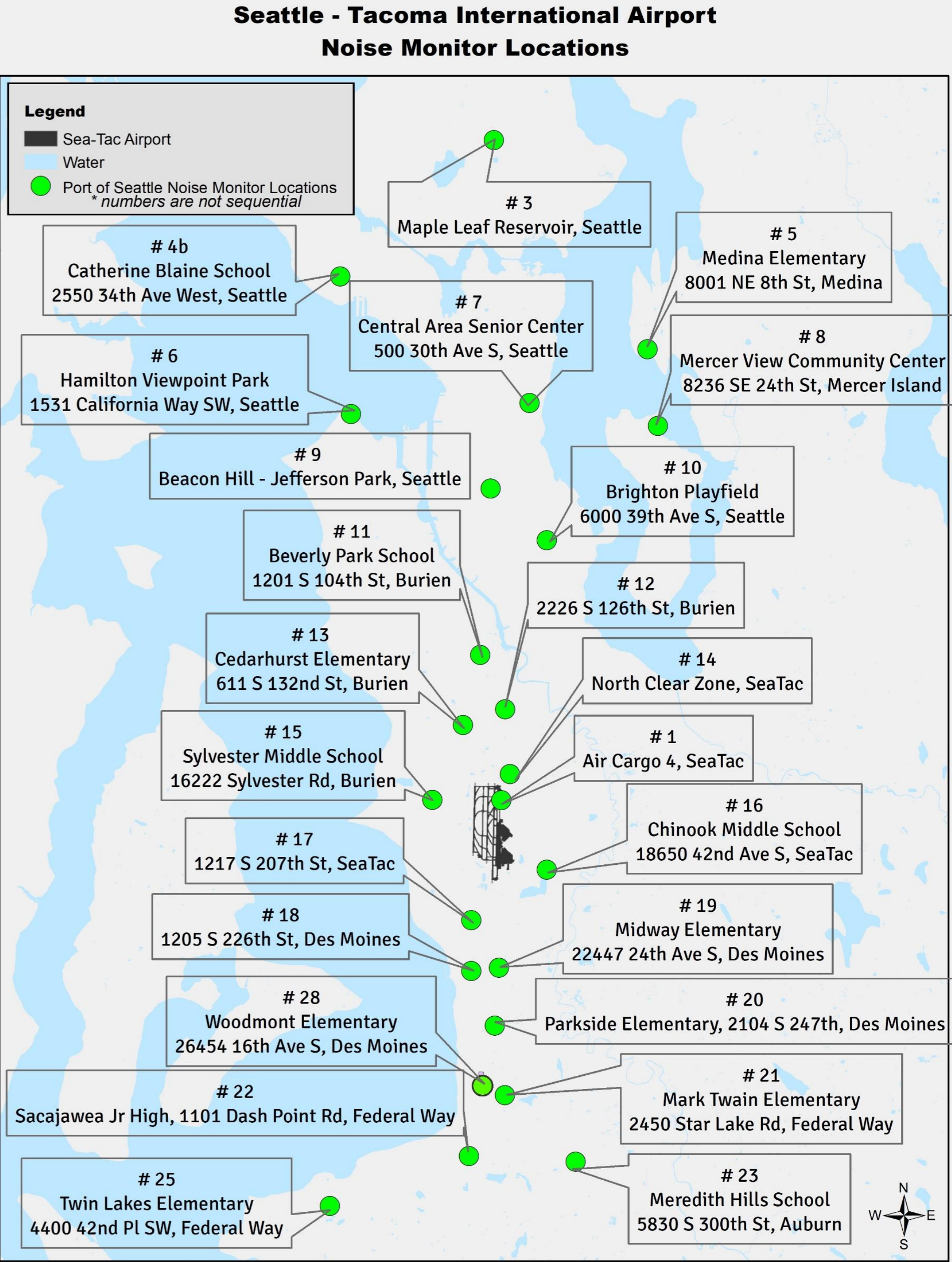


# Noise Monitoring Program

## 24 Permanent Noise Monitors

## 2 Portable Noise Monitors

- Monitoring in Burien (Seahurst Elementary) finishing this month
- Consultant undertaking a gap analysis for potential monitoring in areas under the flight path without close-proximity to permanent monitors
- Additional City requests (two-month intervals) – send to Dave Kaplan
- Monitoring on Vashon Island for one year





# Noise Monitoring Data

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## Airport Noise Programs

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**Sound Reduction for Airport Neighbors** PAUSE

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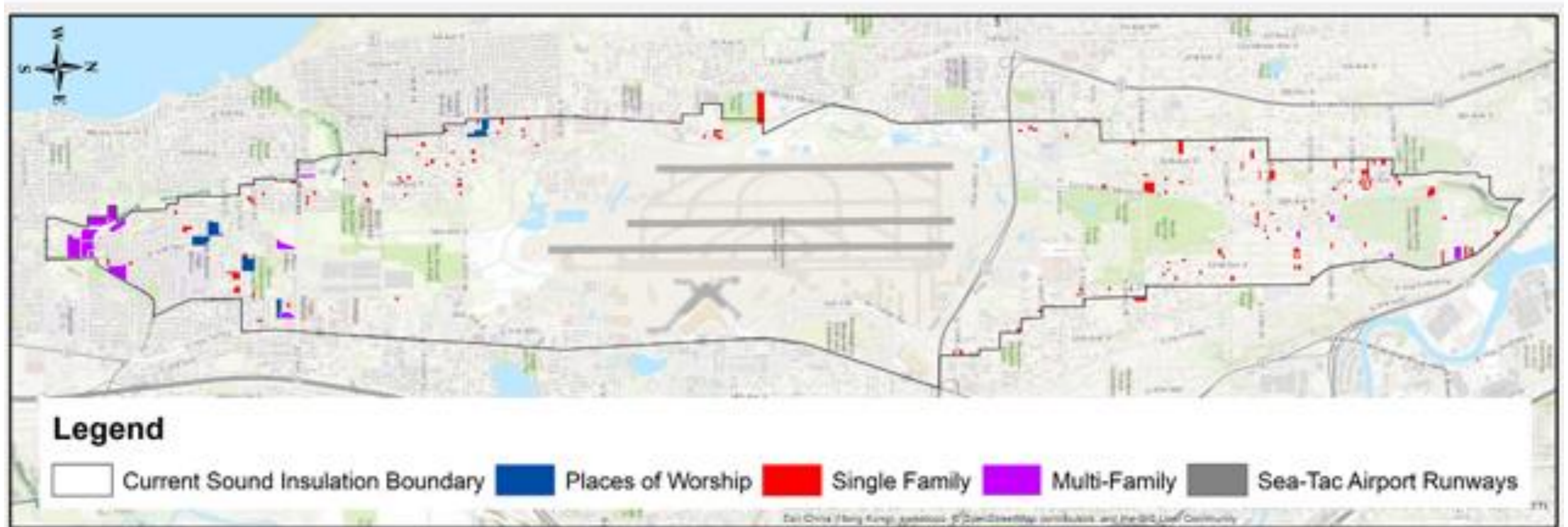
# Sound Insulation Programs

- Homes must be located within the 65 DNL contour or higher
- Goal of reducing the interior noise levels to 45 dBA DNL
- New windows, doors, ventilation systems
- No cost to the homeowner
- Port receives an Avigation Easement in return for the investment
- FAA requires that all homes must pass a noise audit for eligibility – ensures the structure is not already at or below an interior 45 dBA





# Sound Insulation Program Boundary





# Residential Projects

## Single-Family Home Sound Insulation

- 140 potentially eligible homes remain
- 10 anticipated for completion this year
  - 5 homes currently under construction
- Continued outreach to targeted homes

## Condominium Sound Insulation

- 3 potentially eligible complexes
- 2 chose not to participate
- Villa Enzian in Des Moines – currently under construction to complete 7 units this year

## Apartment Sound Insulation

- 18 potentially Eligible Complexes, 903 Units
- Program beginning in 2022 through 2026



# Places of Worship Sound Insulation

7 Places of Worship Potentially Eligible





# Highline Schools Sound Insulation

Memorandum of Agreement for financial contributions to noise mitigation of new construction

- \$50 million from the Port
- \$50 million from FAA Grants

Contributed to 10 schools for a total of \$50M (includes Highline High currently in the payment review process)

5 schools remain to be completed for a contribution amount of \$50M



# Community Outreach

Hotline

206-787-5393

https://www.portseattle.org/environment/airport-noise-programs

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## Monthly Totals & Trends

**424**

Distinct Households

**25,002**

Comments

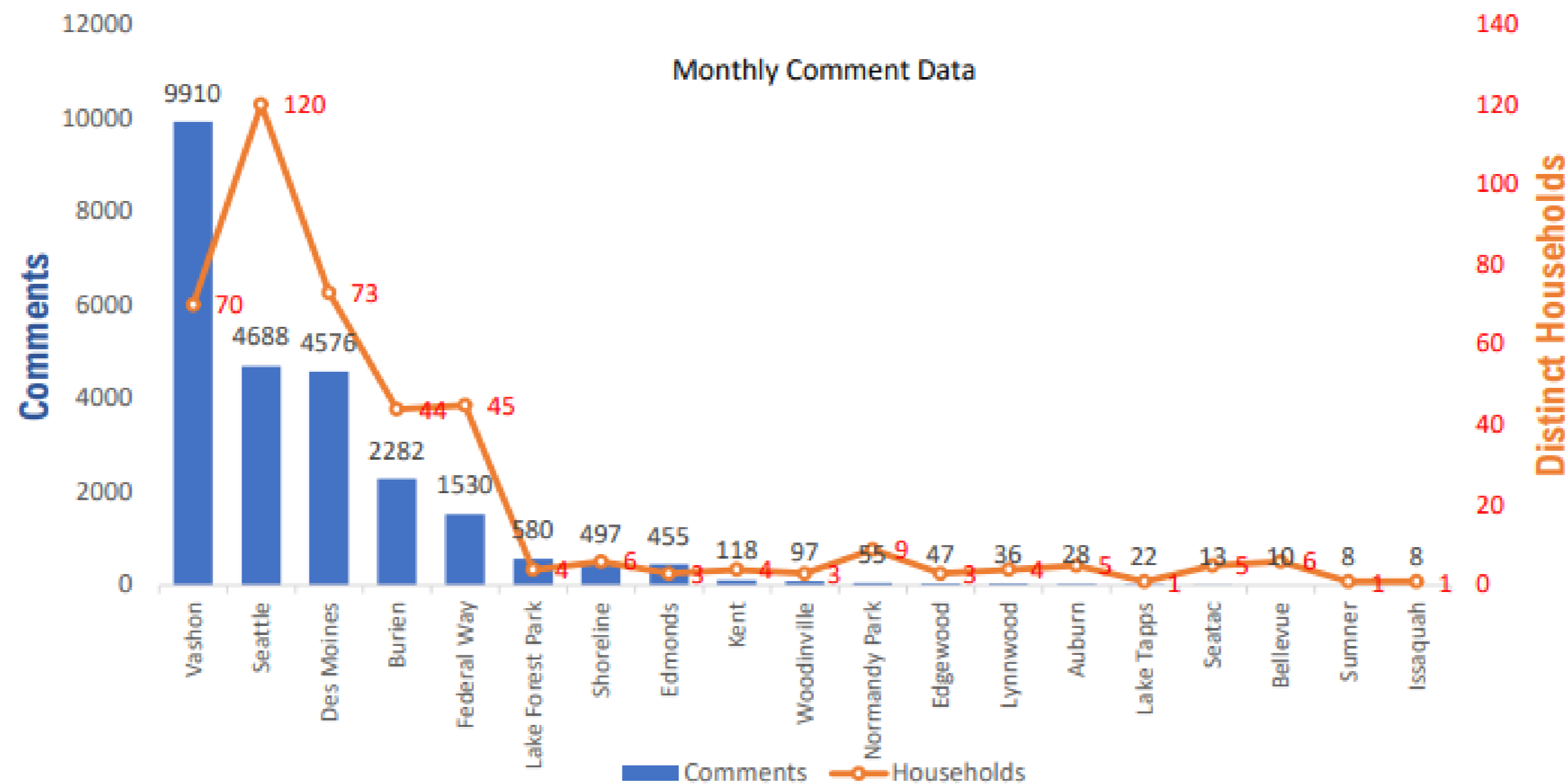
**154,248**

Comments YTD

**853**

Distinct Households YTD

## Monthly Totals & Trends: By City



<https://www.portseattle.org/projects/noise-comment-monthly-reports>



# Questions?



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