

# Federal Policy Working Group

## MEETING SUMMARY

OCTOBER 18, 2021; 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

### Meeting Objectives:

Federal Policy update on the administration's legislative priorities. Develop questions for US Representative Smith's presentation at the next StART meeting.

### Meeting Summary:

- I. Facilitator welcome, introduction and meeting agenda, Brian Scott from BDS Planning & Urban Design
- II. Federal Policy Update, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle
  1. Infrastructure Bill
    - The \$1.2 trillion bill passed by the Senate a couple of weeks ago is currently awaiting passage by the House. Many progressive Democrats will not vote on the infrastructure bill until the Build Back Better Act, the social legislation that needs only 50 votes, passes.
  2. Build Back Better Act
    - This bill would provide funding for programs such as education, childcare, health care, immigration, and the environment.
    - There has not yet been agreement on the cost and scope of the legislation by the Senate and the House and thereby there is no real clarity as to what will happen with either bill.
    - Some conservative Democratic legislators are not ready to pass the bill in its current form, and there is about a 25%-30% chance of the bill not passing.
    - StART members previously identified the environmental/climate portion of the bill as a priority to support, which address sustainability, air quality, and noise mitigation.
    - Earlier in the year, a joint letter signed by StART member cities and the POS was sent in support of keeping these priority areas in the Build Back Better Act.
    - If it passes, it is most likely that our priorities will stay in the legislation. POS thinks that if any cuts are made, it will mainly impact childcare, health care and education.
  - If both bills pass, StART will need to identify the successes and adjust its priorities accordingly.
  - The next deadline is October 31, 2021, when federal surface transportation funding reauthorization runs out, but it is most likely it will be extended again until December 3.
3. Vaccine Policies
  - Starting on November 8, 2021, fully vaccinated international travelers will be able to travel to the USA.
    - Any of the six approved vaccines by WHO will be accepted.
  - This will cause an increase in international flights at SEA.
4. Federal Funding & Federal Debt Ceiling
  - Since Congress did not enact the 2022 appropriation bills by October 1<sup>st</sup>, when 2022 funding starts, it

is funding at 2021 levels until at least December 3rd. To avoid a federal shutdown at that time, Congress will need to act by that day.

5. 2023 FAA Reauthorization
  - o The reauthorization occurs every 5 years.
  - o Implementation of the 2018 Reauthorization Act is underway now.
  - o StART needs to look at what priorities it wants to advocate for inclusion into the 2023 bill because it is the key driver of FAA policies and programs.
  - o StART should distinguish focus areas and shared priorities at the January 2022 Federal Policy Working Group meeting.

### III. Prepare for US Representative Smith's Presentation at the next StART Meeting, Brian Scott, BDS Planning & Urban Design

U.S. Representative Adam Smith will provide a federal policy update at the October 27<sup>th</sup> StART meeting. The working group suggested to capture the following items during the discussion:

1. Supporting Airport Communities Act
2. Home mitigations under the Infrastructure Bill
3. Secondary noise insulation
4. EPA legislation
5. Advice on what StART as a group could do to help him push his agenda forward.

### IV. Next Steps

1. At a future meeting, StART members to identify future focus areas and shared priorities ahead of the 2023 FAA Reauthorization Act.

MEMBER	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
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*NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 6, 2021- TENTATIVELY 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM*  
*LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE*