

Federal Policy Working Group

MEETING SUMMARY

APRIL 18, 2022; 5:00 PM – 6:15 PM
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

Meeting Objectives:

Federal Policy update on the Infrastructure Bill, Appropriations, and the Build Back Better Act. Review of the 2023 FAA Reauthorization Act and identification of legislative priorities. Develop questions for US Representative Jayapal's presentation at the next StART meeting.

Meeting Summary:

- I. Facilitator welcome, introduction and meeting agenda, Melodie Garcia from BDS Planning & Urban Design
- II. Federal Policy Update, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle
 1. Infrastructure Bill
 - There are a lot of opportunities there. Both the airport and the surrounding communities will receive funds. If your city or community is applying, the Port can support you with technical help or advocacy. We want to get as many funds to communities as possible.
 - The Port submitted a RAISE grant for the widening of the airport arrivals drive. Thank you to the City of SeaTac and Tukwila for their letters of support. We are still waiting for FAA to share more details on potential uses of airport formula funding from the infrastructure bill. We are expecting this formula next month.
 2. FY23 Appropriations
 - We are in the 2023 cycle now and Members of Congress are soliciting feedback and request about what to fund.
 - They are also soliciting applications for earmarks, called congressionally directed spending now. The Port submitted an earmark request for our aircraft auxiliary power unit emissions reduction project, which would save 50,000 tons of carbon every year and would reduce ground noise. However, there is some uncertainty whether the current Congress will pass an appropriations bill before the end of the year. If the next Congress is Republican heavy, it is likely that these earmarks may be removed, therefore, we want to pass this before there is a change in Congress.
 3. Build Back Better Act
 - This Act is dead, and if anything is revived it would be investments in climate and environment, possibly including our sustainable aviation fuel provisions. May or June is our priority deadline before Congress starts looking toward the November election
 4. EPA Aircraft Emissions Comment Letter
 - We submitted the EPA Aircraft Emissions Comment Letter. Thank you for everyone's feedback and to all the 6 cities that signed it.
 5. FAA Climate Challenge Grant
 - The new FAA Climate Challenge Grant is coming in May and will specifically focus on GHG at airports. The dollar figures and how those funds would be used are unknown at this time but will

bring it back to the working group once the Port has all the information.

- III. Prepare for US Representative Jayapal's Presentation at the next StART Meeting, Melodie Garcia, BDS
The working group developed the following questions for US Representative Jayapal's presentation at the next StART meeting.
- General update on what she is supporting.
 - What is the status of the provisions of the 2018 FAA Reauthorization Act not moving forward?
 - Since noise at SEA is increasing, what are her thoughts on the concept of a new airport?
 - Burien is significantly impacted by motor vehicle traffic to and from the airport. What are her thoughts on that?
 - What are the prospects for the Build Back Better Act?
 - If Congress changes, what policies might change that impact our region?
 - What's the best path to success on the 2023 FAA Reauthorization Act?
- IV. 2023 Reauthorization Act, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle
1. The working group has its shared policy agenda, but bigger pieces are slow going, and there is not a lot of action at the congressional level.
 2. The 2023 FAA Reauthorization Act is truly one vehicle where we can have optimism that things will get moved. This is a huge opportunity, worthy of the working group's time in the next 6 -18 months.
 - It is worth noting that the StART Federal Policy Working Group didn't have this opportunity last time, prior to the 2018 FAA Reauthorization Act, as we started StART after.
 - In the 2018 FAA Reauthorization Act noise & emission was the focus.
 3. The working group has the opportunity now to identify priorities and revisit the shared policy agenda to get into the 2023 FAA Reauthorization Act.
 4. Our goal for the next meeting or two is to finalize our priorities.
 5. Working group members shared the following topics they would like to revisit or add to the priority list:
 - Insulation.
 - More discussion is necessary on the determination on what houses are eligible for insulation with the 65 DNL, as it is not the best way to determine eligibility, and a study would be useful.
 - Purchase & redesignate properties that will always have noise/emission/impact problems.
 - The FAA is not currently planning on taking any immediate action on the issues that were covered in their noise study. The 2023 FAA Reauthorization Act is the opportunity to push them on noise mitigation, air quality (UFP) and sustainable aviation fuels.
 - We want the FAA to work on actionable items with set timelines.
 - We know that the 65 DNL used is not the right measurement when it comes to noise. How could we change this number the FAA is using?
 - We should think about a new airport, since FAA has authority to authorize new airports.
- V. Next Steps
1. Eric Schinfeld will share the topics & questions developed by the working group with Marielle Trumbauer from the Office of Congresswoman Jayapal.
 2. Alex Stone from the Office of Congressman Adam Smith will check on if in the event of a Republican Congress, they may keep the current earmarks but would change the rules.
 3. Alex Stone from the Office of Congressman Adam Smith shared that any working group member is free to reach out to their offices, to think of them as resources, and they are always ready to help write letters of support.

4. The working group members agreed that the next meeting should be earlier than the originally scheduled meeting time to prioritize shared policy agendas for the 2023 FAA Reauthorization Act.

MEMBER	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
AMY ARRINGTON	NORMANDY PARK	✓
ANTHONY HEMSTAD	DES MOINES	✓
BILL VADINO	FEDERAL WAY	✓
BRANDON MILES	TUKWILA	-
CHRIS HALL	FEDERAL WAY	-
DIANA SMITH	BURIEN	✓
GARMON NEWSOM II	BURIEN	✓
JEFF HARBAUGH	BURIEN	✓
JESSICA MULLIGAN	OFFICE OF CONGRESSWOMAN PRAMILA	-
KYLE MOORE	SEATAC	✓
LANCE LYTTLE	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
MICHAEL MATTHIAS	DES MOINES	-
ROBERT AKHTAR	SEATAC	✓
TOMMY BAUER	OFFICE OF SEN. MARIA CANTWELL	-
NON-MEMBER		
ALEX STONE	OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ADAM SMITH	✓
AMANDA WYMAN-BRADLEY	OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ADAM SMITH	-
JESSICA MULLIGAN	OFFICE OF CONGRESSWOMAN JAYAPAL	-
MARIELLE TRUMBAUER	OFFICE OF CONGRESSWOMAN JAYAPAL	-
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RESOURCES		
	TITLE	
CLARE GALLAGHER	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
DAVE KAPLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
ERIC SCHINFELD	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
JUSTIN BIASSOU	FAA	-
KELLY SCHIMELFENIG	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
LESLIE LARDIE	FAA	-
MARCO MILANESE	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
PATRICIA LY	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
STAN SHEPHERD	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
CONSULTANT		
MELODIE GARCIA	BDS PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN	✓
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NEXT MEETING: MAY 23, 2022, 5:00 PM - 6:20 PM
LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE