

StART

MEETING SUMMARY

JUNE 22, 2022; 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

Meeting Objectives:

- Updates on the Port's Noise Insulation Program.
- Updates on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation.
- Overview of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's air quality efforts.
- Aviation Noise Working Group Activities.
- SAMP Update.

Meeting Summary:

- I. Facilitator welcome, introduction and meeting agenda, *Brian Scott, BDS Planning & Urban Design*
 - Opening Remarks, *Laurel Dunphy, Alternate StART Chair/SEA Operations Director*
 - Laurel Dunphy stepped in to chair the StART meeting in lieu of the Chair/SEA Managing Director Lance Lyttle who was unavailable.
 - Laurel thanked all who joined tonight's meeting, including all the presenters.
 - Laurel addressed Vashon Island residents and announced that the Port of Seattle and the FAA are planning a presentation at the Vashon-Maury Island Community Council to address aviation-related issues of interest to Vashon residents. The tentative plan is a presentation sometime in July or August.
- II. Noise Insulation Program Update, *Stan Shepherd, Noise Programs Senior Manager, POS*
 - The Port Commission passed a motion in 2020 to complete the noise insulation program by the end of 2026. To do so, the Port added two additional staff to oversee the program. The Port also hired two consulting firms to provide architectural and construction oversight for the projects.
 - Eligibility Requirements:
 - The Port is doing targeted outreach to enroll eligible homes located within the noise boundary area into the program.
 - Eligible homes need to be built prior to 1986 in Des Moines and 1987 in all other areas.
 - Homes must pass a noise audit to determine if the interior noise levels are at least 45 dBA DNL.
 - The Port has been engaged in this work since 1985, insulating 9,400 single-family residences and spending \$300 million.
 - The Port signed an agreement with the Highline School District in 2002 that identified 15 schools being rebuilt and eligible for sound insulation costs funding. 10 have been completed, with 5 remaining.
 - There are currently 140 single-family residences (SFR) eligible under the program. The Port's outreach program, which utilizes various tools, including mailings, have been trying to get these homes into the program. The goal for 2022 is to complete 13 SFR's. So far 62 applied, 25 asked to be placed on hold, four have been already completed, and there are nine more in line for

construction in 2022.

- The Port has completed seven Villa Enzian Condominium units in 2021 with 21 more units remaining to be completed in 2022. The work for the remainder is starting in July.
- Sound insulation for apartment buildings is a new program. The Port identified 18 potentially eligible complexes which include a total of 903 units, and the acoustic testing is complete. The Port is seeking Commission approval for contracting in August 2022 with an anticipated construction start date of early 2023.
- Sound insulation for places of worship is also a new program. Seven have been identified and the Port received five applications so far. Construction on the first structure is set to begin in the fall of 2023.
- Total funding through 2026 is estimated at approximately \$200M, which includes Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grants, the sale of grant funded noise acquired land, and other airport revenues. If FAA funds fall short, the Port is committed to upfront funding with the anticipation that future grants could be used for reimbursement.

III. Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation Update, *Eric Schinfeld, Federal Government Relations Senior Manager, POS*

- In November 2021, President Biden signed into law an 8-year, \$1.2 trillion infrastructure investment package. As of May 2022, \$110 billion has been awarded for roads and highways, bridges, ports, airports, and water systems.
- The Port has so far applied for three grants. 1) Competitive dollars for terminal projects in the amount of \$14 million, 2) \$25 million for the airport arrivals roadway project, 3) \$17 million for the seaport's Terminal 5 expansion and emissions reduction project. In addition, the US Army Corps of Engineers has designated \$10.8 million for upgrades to their Lake Washington Ship Canal ("Ballard Locks").
- Upcoming application opportunities for the port and the community include 1) rebates for clean school buses (the Port reached out to Highline School District to see if it can be of any support), 2) safe streets, 3) bridge investments, 4) clean hydrogen hubs that facilitate a clean hydrogen economy, and 5) electric-vehicle infrastructure (possible joint application between the airport and surrounding communities).
- The Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) Program is based on a formula tied to the number of passengers. This program does not include competitive dollars. The Port is expecting about \$240 million over 5 years in reimbursements. If in the program's fifth year there are funds still available, the Secretary of Transportation will convert them into competitive grants. This would allow more flexibility and partnership with communities.

IV. Puget Sound Air Quality, *Erik Saganić, Technical Analysis Manager, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency*

- The agency covers four counties and work with partners on improving air quality.
- PM 2.5 particulates are a major health hazard leading to asthma, cardiac and respiratory effects, premature death, strokes, and reduced lung functions. These health consequences have been well established.
- PM 2.5 comes from heating, travel, wildfires, wood burning, commercial cooking, cars, trucks, ships, planes, and trains.
- Diesel exhaust, which is a main pollution source with a potential cancer risk, is a high priority..
- The focus is on highly impacted communities such as those around SEA. These areas are all affected by air pollution , socioeconomic barriers, and poor health. The agency is working with communities and forming partnerships via grant programs to improve air quality across communities. Grants

- include, but are not limited to, cleaner trucks, retrofitting school buses, and electric charging stations.
- Ultrafine particles are a fairly new field of research and not yet fully understood. Research is ongoing. They are high in number but low in mass and could cause cardiovascular, respiratory and affect the nervous system.
- The agency is currently working on an air toxics study
- The agency has also recently received EPA funding to install a long-term fine particle monitoring station in the airport area.

V. Aviation Noise Working Group Activities, Tom Fagerstrom, Noise Programs Coordinator, POS

- There was an increased usage during the late night on the third-runway due to a construction project on the east runway.
- Vashon reported the most noise complaints.
- Chris Schaffer, Manager of Planning, Environmental and Financial Programs, NW Mountain Region, Airports Division, FAA presented at the last working meeting on airport grant obligations and assurances.
- Rolling takeoff noise monitoring has been fraught with challenges and further monitoring is needed.

VI. SAMP Update, Clare Gallagher, Capital Project Delivery Director, POS

- The Port had anticipated publishing the environmental assessment in the fall. The Port and FAA are in the middle of the federal review and will take additional time to complete the analysis. Therefore, the fall publication date will be postponed, and the Port will continue to look at the schedule and most likely will share the publication date before the end of the year. The Port is expecting a 45-day comment period and will update the Port's webpage and send email to the SAMP listserv to give notice about the change.
- StART members raised their concern about the 45-day comment period, and once again asked for a comment period of more than 60-days. The Port confirmed that the community's request for a more than 60-day period is on record and will be raised closer to the publishing timeline.

VII. Public Comments

- David Goebel - I am the President of Vashon Fair Skies. During this meeting, 23 planes flew overhead. They shatter the rural nature of the island. I want to talk about last November's meeting, where extending StART membership was discussed. Being a non-governmental entity, Vashon has been shut out. Adding King County representation would allow StART to bring in communities like Vashon and also, others like Beacon Hill. We found a way to get around the obstacle of excluding non-incorporated areas and we hope it will be considered.
- Roxanne Thayer - I am a 42-year resident of Vashon. I enjoyed it until NextGen changed everything. We should get our noise monitor back. Flights cut across the island. It is essential that SAMP include a review of the NextGen flightpath over Vashon Island. Talking about pollution, I'm wondering if the Port is going to cover their health insurance plans. I am talking about everyone who attends schools where these particulates flow.
- Richard Faulkes - We have warm weather and the windows are open and the deafening flight noise is frustrating. We long time island residents feel a permanent noise monitor is needed. We had it but was taken off. Why would that be? Would there be an opportunity for Vashon to become a member of StART.
- Carol Jones - I have been living on Vashon since 1989. There have always been flights over but they use to be dispersed. NextGen ruined life on Vashon. Things have got to change. I want to reiterate all that David Goebel said. And the Port needs to start talking with the FAA.

- Gary Peterson - When the air noise data is collected, will it be compared with other data?? I was in Seattle yesterday and heard planes going over occasionally, but such a difference in noise level on Vashon. We experience it very differently and its very disruptive. Can't converse outside when planes are flying over. It seems nobody is listening to us. We were omitted from a map presentation several years ago. How minimal we are portrayed in the Port's eyes. We are not getting our fair representation for the amount of noise that we get every day.

Written Comments

- Susan Fiedler - Keep up the great work!
- Virginia Louise Friend - We need to be included in StART.
- Bryce Will - Please allow Vashon Island, the community most upset about aviation noise to become a member of START.
- R and N Thayer - We are asking for an equitable distribution of flights over Puget Sound. NextGen has destroyed life on Vashon as we knew it.
- Linda Remmers - Please include Vashon Island in Start.
- Bernedine Lund - Note: The comments below are an updated version of the comments I sent the Highline Forum in May 2022. See https://www.portseattle.org/page/StART_Partners for links to annual meeting summaries and the bi-monthly meeting summaries for 2018-2021 under each respective year.
 - Hello, everyone, Anyone reviewing the 2021 StART Annual Report and thinking back to the bi-monthly meeting summaries for the previous years, 2018 – 2021, or even the annual meeting summaries for 2020 – 2018, you will see a marked difference in the reports. The bi-monthly meeting summaries gave a summary of the agenda, discussion, presentations, and public comments. The 2021 annual summary gives a different type of summary, with each meeting and working group meeting listed, members attending the meeting, and general list of topics. This more recent annual summary does not give details of any of the discussions and is like a boilerplate presentation with full color pictures, ready for printing as a glossy brochure that can be passed out as advertisement for Sea-Tac. If a reader wants to know what happened at the meeting, the reader needs to go to the individual bi-monthly minutes. However, there is no way someone can determine what was done or said at StART Steering Committee meetings that began in 2021, as there are no minutes or summaries of these meetings. As noted in the 2021 StART annual report, page 5 "Steering Committee", the Steering Committee does make decisions about StART membership. Non-StART members such as the FAA also join the Steering Committee meetings. This lack of openness and mixing of state laws regarding meetings seems to contradict the heading of the 2021 StART Annual Report, page 4, "Renewed Culture of Trust & Cooperation." Not everyone may know that the state established the Port of Seattle with its own taxing district, and many of us pay the Port with part of our property taxes. This makes the Port's lack of openness to the public more egregious.
- Rob Harmon - 1) NEPA EA must include a full AEDT analysis on the impact of NextGen flight paths as actually flown over Vashon Island. 2) Vashon should be part of StART. 3) Vashon needs its noise monitor back.
- Carol Jones - Stop SEATAC FREEWAY ABOVE VASHON.
- Rob Briggs - Vashon Island need representation on the START.

MEMBER	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
AMY ARRINGTON	NORMANDY PARK - CITY	✓
LAUREL DUNPHY (ALT)	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓

BILL VADINO	FEDERAL WAY – CITY	✓
BOB LEONARD	DES MOINES – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
BRANDON MILES	TUKWILA - CITY	-
CARL COLE	SEATAC – CITY	-
CHRIS HALL	FEDERAL WAY – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
DAVE BERGER	FEDERAL WAY – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	-
DIANA SMITH	BURIEN – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
ERIC SCHINFELD	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
GARMON NEWSOM II (ALT)	BURIEN - CITY	✓
GRADY STONE	FAA (EX-OFFICIO)	✓
JEFF HARBAUGH	BURIEN – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
JUSTIN BIASSOU	FAA (EX-OFFICIO)	-
LANCE LYTTLE (CHAIR)	PORT OF SEATTLE - CHAIR	-
MARCO MILANESE	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
MICHAEL MATTHIAS	DES MOINES – CITY	✓
MOIRA BRADSHAW	NORMANDY PARK – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
PETER PHILIPS	DES MOINES – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
PETER SCHILLING	TUKWILA – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	-
ROBERT AKHTAR	SEATAC – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
SCOTT INGHAM (ALT)	DELTA AIR LINES	-
SCOTT KENNEDY	ALASKA AIRLINES	✓
SHAN HOEL	AIR CARGO	-
SUSAN CEZAR (ALT)	DES MOINES – CITY	✓
STAN SHEPHERD	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
TEJ BASRA	SEATAC – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	-
TOM FAGERSTROM	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
VIKAS UBEROI	FAA (EX-OFFICIO)	✓
NON-MEMBERS	TITLE	
CLARE GALLAGHER	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
JEFFREY BROWN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
LESLIE STANTON	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
CONSULTANTS		
BRIAN SCOTT	BDS PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN	✓
DORI KRUPANICS	BDS PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN	✓
VINCE MESTRE	CONSULTANT	-
PUBLIC COMMENTS & ATTENDANCE		
CAROL JONES	PUBLIC	✓
BERNADINE LUND	PUBLIC	✓
DAVID GOEBEL	PUBLIC	✓
GARY PETERSON	PUBLIC	✓
DONALD SULLIVAN	PUBLIC	✓
MICHAEL SPERAZZA	PUBLIC	✓
NANCY STONE	PUBLIC	✓
PETER	PUBLIC	✓
RICHARD FOULKES	PUBLIC	✓
ROB BRIGGS	PUBLIC	✓
ROXANNE THAYER	PUBLIC	✓

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 24, 2022 - TENTATIVELY 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE