

**FINAL SEPA MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (MDNS) OF  
PROPOSED ACTION  
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA)  
Snow Storage Expansion**

**MODIFIED on November 29, 2022**

The Port of Seattle has completed an environmental analysis, including review of pertinent and available environmental information and preparation of an Environmental Checklist for the following proposal:

**Description of Proposed Project Action:** The purpose of the Snow Storage Expansion (herein Project) is to designate additional snow storage area that would provide needed capacity during large snow events and allow SEA to meet the terms of their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit during typical winter snow events.

The Project includes expansion of the two existing snow storage areas (identified as Phase 1 in the SEPA Environmental Checklist), construction of a new snow storage area (identified as Phase 2 in the SEPA Environmental Checklist), and adjacent roadway improvements to accommodate large snow equipment.

**Location of Proposed Action:** The project would occur within Seattle-Tacoma International Airport's Airport Operating Area. The physical address is:

17801 Pacific Highway South  
Seattle, WA 98158

**Lead Agency:** Port of Seattle (SEPA File Number 22-01)

**Determination:** The Port of Seattle completed an environmental evaluation including review of pertinent environmental information, following the provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) under Chapter 43.21C, Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and Port of Seattle Commission Resolution No. 3650, and Port of Seattle SEPA Policies and Procedures. The Port of Seattle's SEPA determination concludes that environmental impacts of the proposal are not significant. The Phase 1 work has no potential for wetland fill or wetland impacts, and therefore no wetland impact mitigation is required.

**Phase 2 Mitigation:** Phase 2 would require placement of fill in two wetlands and wetlands buffer impact mitigation consistent with the requirements of the City of SeaTac critical areas regulations, SeaTac Municipal Code ("SMC") Chapter 15.700, as provided in the 2018 Interlocal Agreement between the Port and the City of SeaTac. Specific amounts, locations and monitoring requirements for wetlands mitigation would be developed in consultation with agencies consulted on the JARPA application for Phase 2, including, but not limited to, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps),

Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the tribes. The Port anticipates an individual Corps Section 404 permit may be needed, but the Corps would make the final determination on what type of permit is required. This Final MDNS has been modified to specifically acknowledge the wetlands impact mitigation obligations identified in the SEPA Checklist.

**Supporting Information:** Information used to reach this determination, including the Environmental Checklist and supporting documentation prepared for this action, and applicable State laws and Port of Seattle policies, regulations, and procedures are available for public review at the Port of Seattle, Pier 69, Environment and Sustainability Department, Third Floor, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle or Sea-Tac Airport, Environment and Sustainability Department, Fifth Floor, 17801 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98158. The document is also available for review online at <https://www.portseattle.org/environment/sepa-nepa>.

**Public and Agency Comment:** The MDNS and Environmental Checklist for this project was published on September 15, 2022. The Port SEPA Responsible Official signed the Final MDNS on October 13, 2022 and the Port published the Final MDNS on October 17, 2022, based on the final determination of mitigated environmental impacts. The Port is now issuing this Modified Final MDNS to reiterate wetlands and wetlands buffer impact mitigation requirements that were identified in the SEPA Environmental Checklist. No additional public comment is required. Please refer any questions relating to this determination or to the proposed actions to Steve Rybolt, Port of Seattle, Aviation Environment and Sustainability Department, P.O. Box 68727, Seattle, Washington 98168. Telephone 206.787.5527. Email [SEPA@portseattle.org](mailto:SEPA@portseattle.org). Include your mailing address when submitting comments to the electronic Internet address.

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### Project Location and Vicinity








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