

Federal Policy Working Group

MEETING SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023; 5:00 PM – 6:10 PM

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

Meeting Objectives:

- Federal Update
- Walk through joint FAA Noise Policy Review Comment Letter

Meeting Summary:

- I. Welcome: Andres and Cheryl were away, so Eric Schinfeld, POS, and Dori, Krupanics BDS, facilitated the meeting.
- II. Federal Policy Update, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle
 - What's happening in DC
 - FAA reauthorization bill – stuck in the Senate committee since July. Issues remain regarding changing current flight training hour requirements to allow for use of flight simulator training hours. This is deemed toxic by some Democrats. House did its job in an efficient fashion - passed its bill by a huge bipartisan margin.
 - Regarding the delay on the Senate side. Does pilots' association even care one way or the other on this delay? There is a shortage of qualified trained pilots. It's very hard to get 1500 hours training.
 - It's a shame this one thing is holding up the entire bill. What's the likely timeline of the extension? Rumor is FAA asked for six months extension - because they say they can't do their training and funding levels in less than six months. Congress wants a six week extension. Likely we will get one or two extensions this year. If more next year those may be six months. Lance confirmed this. He is at a conference right now: US Representative Rick Larsen, speaker this morning, said the same thing.
 - Appropriations: Looking pessimistic on this side. House and Senate are \$130 billion apart. Maybe a September 30th government shut down if you are a pessimist; a November 30th shutdown if you're an optimist. We can hope for a short shut down. Most federal employees will be deemed essential but will not get paid while under shut down.
 - Discussion:

- There is a change in how some employees are paid. There are banks that make exceptions now. They consider a payment of ongoing salary a loan. When the budget is passed, the bank just keeps all the money. So, some employees do get paid.

III. FAA Noise Policy Review Comment Letter, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle

- Eric provided an approximation map of the 55, 60 and 65 DNL noise contours (estimated), as requested by Dave Berger.
- Tried to keep the letter germane to the questions the FAA was asking. It's 11 pages long because they were asking a lot of questions in various ways.
- Discussion
 - Last paragraph on page 5 - 4th line should be think not thing
 - Second to last sentence 'follow flight path' add or even attach the contour map right here - important to stay with the concept the FAA is trying to analyze. Responding to the contour following the flightpath 60 or 55 DNL.
 - It's not in our (six cities') interest to steer the FAA toward a policy that not metric based. Suggestion is to delete the four examples because they are not metric based. Do not reference policy, focus on metric. Other than that excellent letter.
 - Preference for signature: city managers or city mayors? Easier to get a city managers signature but either way is fine.

IV. Next Steps

- Eric will send this draft, and each city manager will run it up their chain for signature. Port doesn't care if it is hybrid regarding who signs.
- Eric will share updates on who signed it from each city.
- One week deadline for signature.
- Next meeting: December 4, 2023

MEMBER	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
ADOLFO BAILON	BURIEN	✓
AMY ARRINGTON	NORMANDY PARK	✓
ANTHONY HEMSTAD	DES MOINES	✓
BILL VADINO	FEDERAL WAY	✓
BRANDON MILES	TUKWILA	-
DAVE BERGER	FEDERAL WAY	✓
DIANA SMITH	BURIEN	-
GARMON NEWSOM II	BURIEN	-
JEFF HARBAUGH	BURIEN	✓
KYLE MOORE	SEATAC	✓
LANCE LYTTLE	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓

MICHAEL MATTHIAS	DES MOINES	-
ROBERT AKHTAR	SEATAC	✓
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CLARE GALLAGHER	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
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KELLY SCHIMELFENIG	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
LESLIE LARDIE	FAA	-
MARCO MILANESE	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
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NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 4, 2023, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE