

## StART UPDATE FOR THE 11/15 HIGHLINE FORUM

- Members of the Highline Forum – here is a summary of what was discussed at StART last meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Housing Overview

- The Steering Committee recommended that the StART meeting focus on regional growth and housing, and more specifically future housing and what is needed to build and retain housing stock in South King County to keep up with our region's growth.
- The topic is also relevant to the airport's upcoming Part 150 Noise Study since as we begin calculating the airport's noise footprint, we need to not only understand current housing within the footprint, but also potential future housing.
- The first presentation was with Paul Inghram, the Growth Management Director at the Puget Sound Regional Council.
- Paul covered the Puget Sound Regional Council's Vision 2050, the region's plan for growth, and the Puget Sound Regional Council's accompanying Regional Housing Strategy.
- His presentation noted that by 2050, our region will add another 1.6 million people – the equivalent of two Seattles.
- The Regional Housing Strategy calculates that in the next 30 years (2020-2050), the region will need 800,000 additional housing units to keep up with demand.
- And over one third of the new housing units need to be kept affordable for moderate and lower-income households.
- Next, StART heard from McCaela Daffern. McCaela is the Regional Affordable Housing Implementation Manager at King County's Department of Community and Human Services and the lead staffer at the County's Affordable Housing Committee.

- McCaela covered the recent changes to the County's planning policies that set housing guidelines for each city by income level and emergency housing targets for those facing homelessness.
- McCaela then broke down the net new housing needs by 2044 for each of the six cities in the Highline area.

### **Federal Update**

- Eric Schinfeld, Federal Government Relations Manager at the Port, also joined the meeting to provide the latest on all things federal.
- Eric covered the FAA authorization bill and what's preventing it from progressing, the appropriation process and the continued threat of a government shutdown and the recent completion and submittal of the joint Port-cities letter to the FAA in response to the agency's Noise Policy Review.
- A big thanks to the representatives from the six Highline Forum cities for contributing to the very comprehensive joint letter.

### **Next StART Meeting**

- The final StART meeting for the year is on December 13. An agenda is being confirmed, and we hope to have the Part 150 consultants come to present on the upcoming work.