

StART

2023 Annual Report

SEA Stakeholder Advisory Round Table

StART provides the Port of Seattle with a dedicated forum intended specifically for discussing and tackling airport and aviation industry concerns from Highline Forum-member cities and their residents. With the Port, the FAA, the primary air carriers, and the airport's neighboring cities all represented around the table, StART brings together all the relevant parties with a common purpose to share information, collaborate and achieve results.

Cities appoint:

- Two community representatives
- One city representative and an alternate

Also appointed:

- Two airline representatives and alternates
- Air cargo representative
- Airport managing director and alternate

FAA participates as non-members

StART Guest Speakers

February 22, 2023

Latest on the Neighborhood Environmental Survey –
Dan Scata, Noise Division Manager, FAA

June 28, 2023

Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission's Conclusion –
Warren Hendrickson, CACC Chair

October 25, 2023

Vision 2050 and the Regional Housing Strategy –
Paul Inghram, Growth Management Director,
Puget Sound Regional Council

Net New Housing Needs for South King County by 2044 –
McCaella Daffern, Regional Affordable Housing
Implementation Manager, King County Department of
Community and Human Services

2023 StART Membership

Burien

Diana Smith
Jeff Harbaugh
Adolfo Bailon
Garmon Newsom II (Alt)



Des Moines

Bob Leonard
Peter Philips
Michael Matthias
Denise Lathrop (Alt)



Tukwila

Brandon Miles
Petter Schilling
Laurel Humphrey (Alt)



Federal Way

Dave Berger
Michael Brugato
Bill Vadino
Steve McNey (Alt)



Normandy Park

Moira Bradshaw
Bryan Tomich
Amy Arrington
Chief Dan Yourkoski (alt)



SeaTac

Robert Akhtar
Carl Cole
Kyle Moore (Alt)



Alaska

Scott Kennedy
Randy Fiertz (Alt)



Delta

Scott Ingham (Alt)



Air Cargo

Jennifer Martin
CFI Perishables

Port of Seattle

Lance Lyttle
Sarah Cox (Alt)
Eric Schinfeld
Marco Milanese



FAA (non-members)

Justin Biassou
Grady Stone
Aleta Best



BDS Planning Facilitation Teams:

Brian Scott
Dori Krupanics
Andres Mantilla
Cheryl Swab
Skylar Benson



April 19, 2023

Retreat at SEA Airport
Airfield Tour & Reception

August 23, 2023

Sustainability: Boeing Commercial Aviation –
Rae Lutters, ecoDemonstrator Program
Manager/Chief Engineer, Boeing

December 13, 2024

Part 150 Noise Study Overview –
Autumn Ward, Aviation Specialist, ESA; Mike
Arnold, Senior Vice President, ESA; Justin
Cook, Senior Principal, ESA

StART enhances cooperation between the Port of Seattle and neighboring communities of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

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Federal Policy Working Group

The Federal Policy Working Group is tasked with advocating for policies that create new aircraft noise and emissions reduction tools, authorities, resources and approaches at the federal level. The working group meets six times a year and – in 2023 – focused on advocating for our shared policy priorities to be included in the new Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act. In particular, StART members and staff participated in the first ever StART DC Fly-in, traveling to Washington, DC to discuss our seven policy priorities with members of Congress and the FAA. As of March 2024, four of the seven priorities were included in the FAA Reauthorization in either the House and/or the Senate version:

1. **Action on the FAA Noise Policy Review:** We proposed two policies for inclusion in the 2023 FAA Reauthorization – a one-year deadline for action on potential changes to FAA noise policy, and the creation of a stakeholder advisory committee to help shape those recommendations.
2. **Renewal of the FAA Environmental Mitigation Pilot Program:** Authorizing \$6 million per year for grants to support new technologies and approaches to reducing aircraft noise and emissions.
3. **HR 1049 – The Protecting Airport Communities from Particle Emissions Act:** U.S. Representative Smith’s legislation that will bring more federal attention and engagement on ultrafine particulates from aircraft engines.
4. **FAA support for new regional airport capacity:** Requiring a report that clarify the process for FAA regulatory review and agency collaboration with cities and states in high air travel demand regions looking to invest in new airport capacity.

In addition, the Federal Policy Working Group submitted several joint comment letters on agency rulemakings, including a highly detailed response to the FAA’s Noise Policy Review – their ongoing process to identify necessary changes to FAA noise policy – including the potential for enhancing, supplementing, or replacing the current 65 DNL noise metric.

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Aviation Noise Working Group

Since its inception, StART's Aviation Noise Working Group, with a mission to prioritize and explore potential near-term actions to reduce and prevent aviation noise, has made its primary focus its Near-term Aviation Noise Action Agenda which includes several programs and efforts, some already implemented and others in development, intended to provide aviation noise relief to the Highline Forum-member cities.

The Aviation Noise Working Group is comprised of a subset of StART members, Port staff, and additional staff from the Highline Forum-member cities and other representational entities along with a noise consultant to provide expert advice.

- Each meeting in 2023 included a report on the **Aviation Near-Term Action Agenda**, including tracking the **Runway Use Plan's** goal of minimizing use of the Third Runway during the late night hours and quarterly reports on the **Late Night Noise Limitation Program** and which carriers had the most noise exceedances and why.
- Working Group members also received, at each meeting in 2023, a **Sound Insulation Status Report** detailing work completed and what would be occurring next.
- Other Port of Seattle staff reports at 2023 meetings included finalization of the continuous **taxi to takeoff language, air cargo developments, FedEx Express fleet changes, and aircraft recent trends with aircraft go-arounds.**

In addition, the working group heard about the topics below from the following guest speakers in 2023:

- Single Engine Taxiing - Steve Osterdahl, Air Traffic/Airspace Operations Director, Alaska Airlines
- Greener Skies/Optimized Profile Descents in Seattle - Lynae Craig, Director of ATM & Airfield Operations, Alaska Airlines
- Airport Go-Arounds 101 - Oscar Vela, Captain, Alaska Airlines
- Single-Engine Taxiing - Vince Mestre, Noise Consultant
- FAA Noise Portal Demonstration - Cindy Gibb, Manager, BridgeNet Intl. & Mark Karmelich, President, BridgeNet Intl.