

# StART

## MEETING SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 26, 2025; 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

### Meeting Objectives:

- A report out on the assessment completed for the Sound Insulation Repair and Replacement Pilot Program and a recap of StART's February 12 Olympia Day on the Hill.
  
- I. Facilitator Welcome, Meeting Management, Introductions, Opening Comments  
Andrés Mantilla, Facilitator, Uncommon Bridges; Lance Lyttle, StART Chair/SEA Managing Director, Port of Seattle (POS)
  - Andres covered the presentations that have occurred at past StART meetings.
    - Night noise: regular updates presented consistently at Aviation Noise Working Group meetings.
    - Noise metrics: FAA noise policy review presentation at StART August 2024 meeting.
    - Sustainable Aviation Fuel: Incentivizing production conversations at Policy Working Group meetings; included in StART's 2025 State Legislative Priorities
    - Secondary Sound Insulation: Regular reporting at Aviation Noise Working Group meetings including comprehensive presentations at the February and April 2024, and February 2025 meetings. Included in StART's 2025 State Legislative Priorities and topic at today's meeting.
    - Second Airport/Airport Capacity: CAWG presentation at June 2024 StART meeting; FAA presentation on operational growth at October 2023 StART meeting. Included in the StART's 2025 State Legislative Priorities. Met with Aviation Director Anne Richert in February 2025.
    - Sustainable Airport Master Plan: Updates at 2023 and December 2024 StART meetings along with regular updates to the Steering Committee.
  - Director's Report – Lance Lyttle
    - Thank you to everyone who took part in StART's February 12 Olympia Day on the Hill. Lance expressed his appreciation for the community members and elected officials who participated.
    - Thanked the community for responding to the outreach for the Sound Insulation Repair and Replacement Pilot Program survey. With assessment complete, Port will move into the implementation phase.

## II. Sustainable Airport Master Plan Update

Clare Gallagher, Capital Project Delivery Director, Port of Seattle

- Several thousand comments were received from five agencies and approximately 600 people. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is now working on responses to those comments. The responses to the comments will be made available in the NEPA Final Environmental Assessment (EA) that is anticipated to be published later this year. The FAA has not provided a specific date when the NEPA Final EA will be released as they are still going through the comments. The date we have in the current schedule is Q2, but FAA will confirm or update as they know more.
- Once the NEPA final EA is released and the FAA issues its Record of Decision, the Port will publish its State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Port is currently planning on publishing the SEPA Draft EIS by the end of 2025.

## III. Sound Insulation Repair and Replacement Pilot Program Assessment

Ryan McMullan, Noise Programs Senior Manager, Port of Seattle

- Update on the program, assessment, and next steps  
Commission order: "The Port Commission hereby orders an assessment regarding the effectiveness of previously installed Port of Seattle funded noise insulation packages be conducted and concluded by the end of the year 2024. Commission authorized a tax levy-funded budget of \$6.5M with \$5M of those funds being set aside for design/construction associated with the Pilot Program.
- Extensive outreach to community and stakeholders
- Survey results
  - 1,067 responses (> 33% response rate)
  - Responses reflected variety of packages installed
- Field assessment and acoustic testing
  - Third-party consultants conducted field assessment and acoustic testing concurrently at 30 homes over a two-week period beginning on August 19, 2024
  - The 30 homes that were selected reflected distribution of window manufacturers
- Assessment and key findings
  - Aging, design, and installation issues are primary factors for resident-noted concerns
  - 99% of products installed prior to 2014 are past their expected useful life and most are beyond warranty period
  - Lack of available replacement parts limits residents' ability to maintain and/or perform regular care
  - All homes (including five pre-1993) tested under 45dB DNL interior
  - Despite operational and appearance concerns, all the tested homes' sound insulation packages are acoustically "effective"
  - Implementation workshops are underway, but we have a basic idea of where the program is heading

- Port staff plans to conduct outreach to homes in the highest DNLs and acoustically test homes that respond
- Design and construction phase is anticipated to start by the end of the year

#### Questions/Comments

- **None of the houses measured qualified for any kind of remediation or replacement, so what is the design and construction phase if no homes have qualified?** *While we tested 30 homes (five pre-1993) that were under the noise limit, we had in the past re-tested two homes that did test over the noise limit. We know the houses are out there; we need to do more testing to find them.*
- **So, you have plans to test more houses? How many?** *Plan to test homes within the highest DNLs. About 10-15% homes near SFO Airport tested above the limit in the highest DNLs.*
- **Most of the complaints are about the physical failure of the windows themselves. Community is upset that the windows have not held up (but acknowledge end of life issues for older windows). Are we focusing the money in the wrong place?** *Commission order was about the failed noise insulation packages.*
- **The community is going to need some kind of explanation about what the Port is dealing with (just noise) and what it isn't (mold, failed windows and other concerns). Be prepared to deal with that issue.**
- **Concerns that residents cannot enjoy being outdoors at their homes due to airplane noise.**
- **Are you having difficulty making contact with residents? Is there anything cities can do to help?** *Outreach in several languages will be going out multiple times.*
- **Insulation and failed packages are impacted by the number of flights. 65 DNL doesn't really account for the total living environment. Should you go back to the Commission and let them know that the issues may be different than just noise?**

#### IV. StART Olympia Day on the Hill

John Flanagan, State Government Relations Manager, POS

- Took a group of community members, elected officials and StART members to meet with legislators on February 12, 2025
- Each meeting focused on the five shared StART priorities: noise, siting second airport, air quality, SAF, and decarbonizing ground transportation
- Met with legislators from the 33<sup>rd</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, most of the 37<sup>th</sup>, and two from the 34<sup>th</sup>
- Anne Richert, Director of Aviation at WSDOT joined attendees for lunch along with Governor Ferguson's Deputy Policy Director for Infrastructure, Kenneth Martin
- Update on the state legislative priorities:
  - Noise: The Senate Operating budget is preferred because it retains the \$1M set aside for noise repair and replace secured in the prior session. The House Operating budget repurposes those funds. The Port is working with the Dept of Commerce to find a way to receive those funds before the budget is enacted to eliminate any

- possibility of the funds being repurposed.
- SAF: The omnibus bill did not advance, but portions of the bill were included in the Senate Transportation budget.
- Airport siting: Full funding was included in both the House and Senate Transportation budgets to continue the work of the Commercial Aviation Work Group (CAWG), which is charged with finding a suitable location for a second commercial service airport to serve the region. The House version is preferred because it also includes language that was vetoed two years ago in the legislation creating the CAWG regarding deadlines for deliverables.
- Air quality work is funded in both operating budgets and capital budgets.
- Both transportation budgets fund ongoing decarbonization of transportation, but the specifics are still undecided while we wait for a joint 'conference budget'. We expect the Legislature to dedicate new revenue towards these efforts, but those conversations are ongoing.
- Comments/Questions:
  - **Reasonably good experience. The fact that we showed up seemed to matter.**
  - **Do you get a sense that the new administration is open to a second airport? Do they realize how urgent this is?** *We are in a wait and see phase with the administration. May be more reactive than pro-active. We are asking for a more participatory role from the governor's office.*
  - **Do you have some sense from the governor's office that would motivate them to take an interest in a second airport?** *The governor seems to be focused on economic development and benefits. Cares a lot of about transportation efficiency but we don't really know yet how that will play out in terms of a second airport. Need to request some time to specifically talk to senior staff in the governor's office.*

#### V. Aviation Noise Working Group Activities

Marco Milanese, Community Engagement Manager, POS

- Welcome Jonathan Young, new SeaTac city manager.
- February meeting included a 2024 operations recap, a 2025 forecast, the Late-Night Noise Limitation Program's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter numbers, late night third runway use in 2025, the monthly averages for aircraft go-arounds, the December noise comment report, the beginning work on identifying possible airfield monitoring to track noise related events and the latest on the Sound Insulation Repair and Replacement Pilot Program.

Questions/Comments:

- **Part of the discussion of the late-night landings is that we're going to be getting more. Is that accurate?** *Yes. There will be more overnight passenger flights as additional flights are added. There is availability at night. Hopefully, they will continue to fly quieter aircraft at night.*
- **Item to propose for another meeting** – *John Flanagan testified on SB 5626 this past week. He mentioned the Port was working on its own environmental justice protocols.*

*We would be very interested in hearing about that at another StART meeting.*

#### VI. Public Comment

- David Ortman: Loyal Heights residents are not being heard. No commissioners present at meetings. Low noisy turns over Ballard, Loyal Heights and Shoreline. Horizontally, it's as if we are half a mile from airport. Annoying that SEA and FAA pay no attention to noise issues up north. Received a property tax reduction for impact from the airport. February 18 overhead flights recorded. Back in 1997, JBLM was identified as a good alternative space for the airport. Perhaps we can make progress with the new governor.

#### Wrap Up/Next Steps

- Next Meeting is on April 23, 2025 – 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

MEMBERS	INTEREST REPRESENTED	PRESENT
ADOLFO BAILON	BURIEN - CITY	✓
ALETA BEST	FAA (EX OFFICIO)	-
ALETHIA MILLER	ALASKA AIRLINES	✓
AMY ARRINGTON	NORMANDY PARK - CITY	✓
BILL VADINO	FEDERAL WAY – CITY	✓
BRANDON MILES	TUKWILA - CITY	-
BRYAN TOMICH	NORMANDY PARK – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
ERIC SCHINFELD	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
GARMON NEWSOM II	BURIEN – CITY (ALT)	✓
GRADY STONE	FAA (EX-OFFICIO)	-
JASON WOYCKE	DES MOINES – CITY (ALT)	-
JEFF HARBAUGH	BURIEN – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
JOE DUSENBURY	DES MOINES – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
JOSEPH BERT	FAA	-
JONATHAN YOUNG	SEATAC – CITY	✓
JULIE LE	SEATAC – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
JENNIFER MARTIN	AIR CARGO REPRESENTATIVE, CFI FORWARDERS	✓
KAREN VELORIA	BURIEN – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
KATHLEEN WILSON	TUKWILA – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	-
KATHERINE CAFFREY	DES MOINES - CITY	✓
LANCE LYTTLE	PORT OF SEATTLE - CHAIR	✓
LAUREL HUMPHREY	TUKWILA – CITY (ALT)	-
MARCO MILANESE	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
MICHAEL BRUGATO	FEDERAL WAY – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
MOIRA BRADSHAW	NORMANDY PARK – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
PETER SCHILLING	TUKWILA – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	-
REBECCA DEMING	DES MOINES – CITY	-
ROGER KADEG	SEATAC – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	✓
SARAH COX	PORT OF SEATTLE – CHAIR (ALT)	✓
SCOTT INGHAM	DELTA AIR LINES (ALT)	✓
SCOTT KENNEDY	ALASKA AIRLINES	-
STEVE NOVAK	DES MOINES – COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	-
RESOURCES		

RYAN McMULLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
ANTHONY HEMSTAD	CITY OF DES MOINES/HEMSTAD CONSULTING	✓
PARIS EDWARDS	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
DAVE KAPLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
TOM FAGERSTROM	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
PARIS EDWARDS	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
STEVE VITNER	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
PRESENTERS		
JOHN FLANAGAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
CLARE GALLAGHER	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
CONSULTANTS		
ANDRÉS MANTILLA	UNCOMMON BRIDGES	✓
CHERYL SWAB	UNCOMMON BRIDGES	✓
VINCE MESTRE	CONSULTANT	-
PUBLIC COMMENTS		
DAVID ORTMAN		✓
AUDIENCE		
KRISTI DUNCAN		✓
JC HARRIS		✓
LAURA HOLTHUS		✓
DAWSON FRANK		✓
CHARLENE JONES	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
ELIS BYEON		✓
JULIE KINZIE	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
RYAN DUCKWORTH	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
KAREN KALANICK	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
BRIAN DAVIS	BURIEN AIRPORT COMMITTEE	✓
DAVID GOEBEL		✓
KEN NICHOLS		✓
WILL CRAWFORD	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
ROB MILLAR		✓

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LOCATION: SEA AIRPORT