

## **AGENDA**

### **AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Des Moines City Hall  
North Conference Room  
21630 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue S, Suite C**

**May 14, 2018 – 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

1. Chair's Report: Update
  - a. Discussion regarding recommendation: City to send letter or not send letter. (Attached).
2. On-Going follow up to recommended actions and messaging from City Council/Aviation Advisory Meeting.
  - a. Review of Steve Edmiston's draft framework document (Attached).
3. Hush House.
4. Next Report to Council.
  - a. May 24, 2018
5. Public Comment (10 minutes).
6. Next Meeting Date:  
June 11, 2018, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
7. Adjourn.

\*Materials provided to the Committee are available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

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**Cc:** Schinfeld, Eric  
**Subject:** FAA Community Engagement / Approps Letter  
**Attachments:** FAA Community Engagement Approps Letter - Airport and Community YW EDITED.docx

Greetings –

I've spoken or emailed with each of you about having your city's Mayor sign onto a letter to the FAA regarding the hiring of new community engagement staff funded in the 2018 omnibus appropriations bill to focus on aviation noise concerns. I have attached an updated version of the letter that includes edits by Yarden from Federal Way for your review. As I understand it, the edits largely reemphasize key messages in the letter.

As I mentioned to several of you, the Port Commissioners and Executive Director Metruck heard important feedback from you and your mayors during the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, including a desire to find opportunities to support a positive action by the FAA, build trust with the Port and enhance our communications together.

**Please let me know if your Mayor is interested in signing onto this letter by Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.** If the Mayor plans to sign, please let me know if you have the following: 1) electronic signature or preferred method for signature and 2) city logo to add to the letterhead.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to call me on my cell phone if you have any questions.



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April 30, 2018

Acting Administrator Daniel K. Elwell  
Federal Aviation Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
800 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Elwell,

We are pleased to join together to request the prompt hiring of the new Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) community engagement staff funded in the 2018 omnibus appropriations bill to focus on aviation noise concerns.

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac) has been one of the fastest growing airports in the country, serving almost 47 million passengers last year. That growth creates economic benefits to our region and state, but it has also led to more airplane noise concerns from local residents. Our community members need your help. **We are asking that the eight staff members authorized for activities “to address aviation noise concerns, including community engagement,” be specifically charged with helping community members** better understand the rules for regulating aircraft impacts, what options exist to address their concerns and how they can work with you to develop creative solutions.

The \$2 million in the appropriations bill for staff “to address aviation noise concerns, including community engagement” will be welcomed with open arms by airport community members, who have expressed frustration about their inability to communicate directly with the FAA on these issues. Many airplane noise issues we hear about from constituents are best answered by your staff. In this way, the hiring of these new positions, **and their specific assignment to help community members better understand the rules for regulating aircraft impacts, what options exist to address their concerns and how they can work with you to develop creative solutions,** will help your regional offices serve the general public better.

In today’s increasingly engaged world, it is increasingly important for you to balance your commitment to aviation safety and efficiency with additional focus on helping community members better understand your programs, policies and the implementation of new technologies and systems. While Sea-Tac airport has a role in engaging the surrounding communities on these issues, the FAA must increase its outreach and responsiveness to these same constituents. Ideally, this new staff person will be in place by the end of the fiscal year.

We will be happy to offer our assistance to the new community engagement person assigned to the Northwest Mountain Region, and to introduce them to the key community leaders they will need to build relationships with. Feel free to contact us directly if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,  
Commissioner Fred Felleman  
Port of Seattle  
Co-Chair, Highline Forum

Mayor Michael Siefkes  
City of SeaTac  
Co-Chair, Highline Forum

Mayor Jimmy Matta  
City of Burien

Mayor Matt Pina  
City of Des Moines

Mayor Jim Ferrell  
City of Federal Way

Mayor Allan Ekberg  
City of Tukwila

Mayor Jonathan Chicquette  
City of Normandy Park

CC: Steve Metruck, Executive Director, Port of Seattle

## FRAMEWORK –OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIES, MESSAGING AND ACTIONS

### 1. Objectives

- a. **Setting up maximum visibility and input on City-framed requirements for adequate community involvement in SAMP environmental scoping, SAMP environmental review.**
  - i. **Consultant(s) for scoping + comments – the facts/strategies we need; AAC in loop for input at all stages;**
  - ii. **AAC makes recommendations to Council;**
  - iii. **City Council leadership on implementing any action items and leadership on encouraging citizen involvement; then**
  - iv. **Activist groups (e.g., QSPS) promotes citizen involvement**
- b. **Setting up maximum visibility and input on the requirements for adequate community engagement relating to above.**
  - i. **There is no reason we are not defining what adequate engagement should be. If we don't, it will be done for us / to us.**
  - ii. **We must request the Port engagement process provides multiple town hall opportunities for live Q&A – we can submit our requirements for the Port to accept or reject.**
  - iii. **We must seek Port clarification about what are possible outcomes of engagement – is there a possibility that engagement can lead to an outcome where the Port does not pursue the growth to phased 56m and if so, what are they looking for?**
- c. **The mitigation study – all in. Maximum participation and guidance.**

### 2. Priorities

- a. **Six cities – unified front**
  - i. **Time is now to site new airport – want request POS support for this now.**
    - i. **Request Port identify all information it knows about right now that suggests regional needs could not be met with regional airport.**
  - ii. **Want EIS NEPA**
- b. **Highline Forum – action items uniting cities around shared objectives – action items must yield public facing documents/agreements – joint letters, etc., to Port and other agencies.**
- c. **POS commission –city council members from neighbor cities must start showing up and testify. An amazing leadership opportunity. Cities can take turns and can**

share that their testimony is in fact shared by other cities. The Port is taking notice of citizens, but is not seeing city leadership.

- d. Request that ALL Port growth related community-facing documents include translation of passenger increases to number of increase airplanes over our heads. This is essential for community understanding and engagement.
- e. Engagement must be redefined – see below
- f. Voluntary curfew – follow up on what Port has done to date to seek compliance

### 3. Messaging

- a. POS is at capacity. Every way – land, airspace (Lytle, Staff, all say so repeatedly at presentations). They say “constrained” and they talk about peak hours. The point is, capacity has been reached.
- b. FAA not requiring change/growth. There is no legal requirement to create new capacity.
- c. POS is making choices to burden those already unfairly burdened.
- d. Urge the Port to joint the cities, not fight them, on seeking regional airport now.
- e. Urge Port to be world leader in how you treat your neighbor cities – view it as discretionary choice, not minimum regulatory compliance – like biofuels, like recycling.

### 4. Action – the engagement must be proportional the project - massive

- i. Redefine engagement. Look at the mitigation study (original version, with quality of life and crime, etc.). Demand that these topics be addressed in live community settings.
- ii. Deliver a six-city letter spelling out adequate engagement
- iii. Town hall, public forums, or even hearing-style (city council/staff Q&A public including FAA)
- iv. Neighborhoods – list historic neighborhoods/parks and request in person meetings.
- v. Six cities share the topics WE want to discuss during the engagement – not their choices of what to share