

## Federal Policy Working Group

### MEETING SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 5, 2024; 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

#### Meeting Objectives:

- Federal Update
- Discussion on 2024 Priorities

#### Meeting Summary:

- I. Welcome: Facilitator Andres Mantilla, BDS Planning, opened the meeting and covered meeting ground rules.
- II. Federal Policy Update, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle
  - FAA reauthorization bill – stuck in the Senate committee since July. The bill is held up by an effort to change current flight training hour requirements to allow for use of flight simulator training hours. House bill passed its bill by a huge bipartisan margin.
    - As we have discussed before, four to five of our seven priorities remain alive in the reauthorization process.
    - If Congress does not pass the bill by March 8, Congress will need to extend the current authorization.
    - (Editor's Note: Three days after the meeting, the Senate Commerce Committee passed its version of the FAA Reauthorization bill. Still unclear is the exact timing for full Senate consideration, but good to see progress.
  - Appropriations FY24:
    - Congress has until March 8 to pass FY24 appropriations. We are hopeful that Senator Murray's provision in the Senate's FY24 transportation funding bill remains, which would fund a study of failed noise insulation to get a more accurate sense of the scope of the issue in our community.
- III. Discussion of 2024 Priorities, Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle
  - Eric opened a discussion about what priorities the Policy Working Group would like to focus on in 2024.
    - Continued advocacy for passage of FAA bill and follow-up work
    - New priorities for FY25
    - Review of 2024 highest priorities (this was sent out to the group after the meeting):

1. The Sound Insulation Treatment Repair and Replacement Program Act (didn't make it into the Senate version but still working to include it in the final bill)
  2. Empower the EPA to play a productive role in addressing community concerns about aircraft noise and emission (not in House or Senate versions)
  3. Impose a deadline for action on FAA Neighborhood Environmental Survey (in both House and Senate versions)
  4. Expand Sustainable Aviation Fuel (not in either version)
  5. Renew the FAA Environmental Mitigation Pilot Program (in House version)
  6. The Protecting Airport Communities from Particle Emissions Act (in House version)
  7. Ensure FAA support for new regional airport capacity (in Senate version)
- DC Fly-In: Eric raised the question about interest in a 2024 trip to DC. Might not have the same impact in an election year; if there's an extension to the FAA reauthorization, it might make sense to go. We'll know more by March 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - State legislative process: we have spoken about this in the past. Should we expand to include local, state, and federal policy issues? The group was supportive of that idea. We'd need to bring Jon Flannigan in for the state issues. Eric will check with him on that. Although not required, the group agreed to run any changes by the Steering Committee.

**IV. Wrap Up**

- We discussed meeting earlier than April 1 depending on the outcome of the FAA reauthorization situation. We will update you as we learn more.

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	✓
GARMON NEWSOM II	BURIEN	-
JEFF HARBAUGH	BURIEN	✓
JOE DUSENBURY	BURIEN	✓
KYLE MOORE	SEATAC	✓
LANCE LYTTLE	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
MOIRA BRADSHAW	NORMANDY PART	✓
<b>NON-MEMBER</b>		
ALEX DILLEY	OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ADAM SMITH	-
PAUL QUINONEZ	OFFICE OF SENATOR MARIA CANTWELL	-
MARIELLE TRUMBAUER	OFFICE OF CONGRESSWOMAN JAYAPAL	-

MEGAN UTEMEI	OFFICE OF SEN. PATTY MURRAY	-
RESOURCES	TITLE	
CLARE GALLAGHER	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
DAVE KAPLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
ERIC SCHINFELD	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
JUSTIN BIASSOU	FAA	-
MARCO MILANESE	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
NATE CAMINOS	PORT OF SEATTLE	-
PARIS EDWARDS	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
RYAN MCMILLAN	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
SARAH COX	PORT OF SEATTLE	✓
CONSULTANT		
ANDRES MANTILLA	BDS PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN	✓
CHERYL SWAB	BDS PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN	✓

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 1, 2024, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE