

# **Seattle-Tacoma International Airport**

## **Sustainable Airport Master Plan**

### **Near-Term Projects Environmental Review**

#### **Scoping Report**

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- SEPA Determination of Significance and Scoping Notice (DS)
- Online Open House

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- Agency Invitation Letter
- Agency Invitation List
- Agency Presentation

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- Advertisements/Notices (all languages)
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- Public Scoping Meetings Sign In Sheets
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- Presentation Boards
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- a. Comment Organization
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# I. Introduction

## Overview of SAMP

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac or Airport) is an essential transportation resource serving as the primary air transportation facility for the Puget Sound region. The Port of Seattle prepared a Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) to establish a blueprint for changes at Sea-Tac to meet future demand. The SAMP was completed in 2018 and identified a Long-Term Vision, as well as a set of Near-Term Projects that are planned for construction by 2027.

The Port of Seattle (Port) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are initiating an environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) to evaluate and disclose the potential environmental effects of the Near-Term Projects (Proposed Action).

## Purpose of Scoping

Scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues that will be addressed in the environmental review document, soliciting input regarding the Proposed Action and reasonable alternatives, and for identifying concerns regarding the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Action. To ensure that public input was solicited and gathered, comments and suggestions were invited from all interested parties.

There is no requirement under NEPA or SEPA to produce a scoping report. It was compiled at the request of the FAA to provide an update to the agencies and public on the results of scoping and because the Port determined it would be useful to the Commission and the public.

# II. SAMP Near-Term Project Scoping

## Overview

The Scoping period opened on July 30, 2018 and lasted for 60 days, closing on September 28, 2018. The Port and the FAA advertised the Scoping period through newspaper advertisements, direct mail, and social media in five languages (English, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Arabic).

Scoping information was produced in three ways by the FAA and the Port for agencies and the public to learn about SAMP Near-Term Projects and the Scoping process. A SEPA Determination of Significance and Scoping Notice (DS) was produced to provide information about Scoping and initiate the environmental review process. A Scoping Information Packet provided an overview of the need for the SAMP Near-Term Projects, including details of the Proposed Action (i.e. Near-Term Projects), and information on the environmental review process. Lastly, an Online Open House located at [www.SAMPNTPenvironmentalreview.org](http://www.SAMPNTPenvironmentalreview.org), also provided an overview of the need for the SAMP Near-Term Projects, including details of the Proposed Action, and information on the environmental review process and included electronic copies of the Scoping Information Packet and the Determination of Significance and Scoping

Notice (DS). The Online Open House also provided a method for individuals to submit comments via the internet.

The Port held an Agency Scoping Meeting and four Public Scoping Meetings during the 60-day Scoping period.

The Agency Scoping Meeting was held on September 6, 2018 at the Airport. Seven agencies attended:

1. City of SeaTac;
2. City of Des Moines;
3. City of Burien;
4. City of Federal Way;
5. Pierce County;
6. Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT); and
7. Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

The four Public Scoping Meetings were held in the cities of:

- City of Des Moines on September 10, 2018 at the Highline College Student Union;
- City of Seattle (Beacon Hill) on September 12, 2018 at the New Holly Gathering Hall;
- City of Federal Way on September 17, 2018 at the Federal Way Community Center; and
- City of Sea-Tac on September 19, 2018 at the SeaTac Community Center.

Below are tables outlining the analytics of each Public Scoping Meeting.

**City: Des Moines**  
**Date: September 10, 2018**  
**Location: Highline College Student Union**

Number of Attendees	168
Number of Comment Sheets	75
Number of People Speaking to Court Reporter	13

**City: Seattle (Beacon Hill)**  
**Date: September 12, 2018**  
**Location: New Holly Gathering Hall**

Number of Attendees	27
Number of Comment Sheets	2
Number of People Speaking to Court Reporter	5

**City: Federal Way**  
**Date: September 17, 2018**  
**Location: Federal Way Community Center**

Number of Attendees	64
Number of Comment Sheets	42
Number of People Speaking to Court Reporter	14

**City:** Sea-Tac  
**Date:** September 19, 2018  
**Location:** SeaTac Community Center

Number of Attendees	45
Number of Comment Sheets	14
Number of People Speaking to Court Reporter	11

**Total**

Number of Attendees	304
Number of Comment Sheets	133
Number of People Speaking to Court Reporter	43

**Common Themes**

The comments received fell into 13 common themes:

1. Master Plan/Purpose & Need/Proposed Action
2. Alternatives
3. Air Quality/Climate
4. Noise
5. Human Health
6. Transportation
7. Water Resources
8. Socioeconomic
9. Biological and Natural Resources
10. Public Properties and Resources
11. NEPA/SEPA Process
12. General Scoping Comments
13. Other General Comments

All comments were received by Port of Seattle and FAA staff. The Port reviewed the comments and categorized and grouped them into the major topics and common themes above and reviewed with the FAA.

### **III. Next Steps**

The comments will be considered as the approach to the environmental review is finalized and as the environmental analysis is conducted. The Port of Seattle will proceed with the preparation of the NEPA EA to comply with federal requirements. At the same time, the Port of Seattle will begin the preparation of a separate SEPA EIS. It is anticipated that the FAA will issue their decision on the NEPA EA prior to the completion of the SEPA EIS.

## **IV. Report Organization**

This report includes a number of attachments. The attachments provide everything that was presented and received by the Port during the Scoping process. Documents were created, specifically the Index of Comments, to provide cross references between comments received, topic, and the commentor.