

FAA public meeting about changing flight patterns to be rescheduled

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The Federal Aviation Administration says its Oct. 23 public meeting about changing flight patterns over Seattle will be rescheduled for another date in November.

“Key officials were unavailable for the Oct. 23 date,” said Ian Gregor, an FAA spokesman.

The South Seattle meeting was first scheduled after residents from several neighborhoods [railed against](#) the FAA’s reluctance to publicly address questions regarding its proposed “[Greener Skies Over Seattle](#)” program, which changes flight paths for planes approaching Sea-Tac Airport.

A North Beacon Hill-based task force campaigned to have the public comment period for Greener Skies’ environment assessment extended until the FAA agreed to have a public question and answer meeting clarifying the program’s impact on their neighborhood.

The FAA did not extend the public comment period, which closed in mid-September, but it did offer to put together an Oct. 23 public meeting with the Port of Seattle to discuss changing air-traffic patterns over Seattle neighborhoods. The FAA said in a statement it’s working with “community leaders” to identify another convenient date and location.

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