

## **CHAPTER SEVEN CONSULTATION**

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport's (Sea-Tac Airport) 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 150 Study Update involved an extensive public consultation and involvement process, with several of the components far exceeding the requirements of the regulation. This inclusive tone was set by the Port of Seattle (Port) from the very beginning by preparing a Public Involvement Plan prior to the initiation of planning efforts on the study. The elements of the public consultation and involvement process included:

- Technical Review Committee
- Public Workshops
- Community Meetings
- Port of Seattle Commission Meetings
- Newsletters
- Website
- Technical Document
- Public Hearing

The Public Involvement Plan is found in **Appendix A, Public Involvement Plan**. The following is a brief description of the activities conducted in each of those categories.

### **TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The public involvement process began with the establishment of the Technical Review Committee (TRC). Composition of the TRC was developed to include representatives of the Planning Departments from six communities immediately surrounding the Airport, airline representatives, King County International Airport/Boeing Field, Puget Sound Regional Council, Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as well as Sea-Tac Airport staff. Members of the TRC are listed in **Appendix B, Technical Review Committee**. The TRC committee met eight times during the planning process. Copies of presentations and summaries of the TRC meetings are included in Appendix B.

One of the major components of the Part 150 Study is the evaluation of reasonable alternatives, both land use and operational/facility alternatives, to reduce noise impacts and achieve greater land use compatibility. Alternatives were developed based on several factors, including:

- 14 CFR Part 150 requirements,
- Input from the public during Public Information Workshops,

- Input from neighboring communities via the Highline Forum,
- Input from the Technical Review Committee members,
- Input from Port noise management office staff, and
- Consultant recommendations.

Numerous alternative and sub alternatives were considered, including alternatives that modified existing measures. The alternatives that were considered during the Study are described in **Chapter Five, Alternatives**. The recommendations that resulted from this alternatives analysis are included in **Chapter Six, Noise Compatibility Program**.

## **PUBLIC WORKSHOPS**

Five Public Workshops were held during the Study where members of the public were able to interact directly with Port and consulting staff on their noise-related concerns. At all Public Workshops, members of the public were afforded the opportunity to participate in discussions about the information, provide written comments, have their questions answered, and take away printed materials on the items being discussed. Handouts, copies of the presentations, and comments received at the Public Information Workshops are provided in **Appendix C, Public Workshops**. Public input from these workshops was influential in prioritizing issues during the Study.

The public workshops took place in public schools near Sea-Tac Airport or at the Airport itself, and were advertised in local newspapers, on the Study's website, through the Ports email distribution system "Constant Contact", as well as in the Port's periodic *Airmail* newsletter mailed to approximately 33,000 households in the airport communities. The fifth Public Information Workshop was held concurrently with a Public Hearing as described later in this chapter.

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

In addition to the scheduled workshops, Port staff and consultants attended numerous community and civic meetings to provide updates on the Study progress and explain the Study findings and recommendations. These meetings were attended by citizens, elected officials, civic groups, and community organizations, and were organized at appropriate times throughout the Study to present the Study findings to date. These community meetings included the Highline Forum, a group comprised of elected representatives from the neighboring communities which have expressed continued interest in the Study process, as well as special presentations at Council meetings and a school board meeting. Minutes of related Highline Forum Meetings may be found in **Appendix D, Highline Forum**.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

Five issues of the Port's airport community newsletter, *Air Mail*, were distributed during the Study to update airport neighbors about the evaluation process and its progress toward completion. Every public workshop and the Public Hearing were announced in the newsletter. Copies of each newsletter are reproduced in **Appendix L, Newsletters**.

## **WEBSITE**

Early during the Study, a website was created to provide broad access to schedules, technical data, and other pertinent information. Among the items posted on the website were:

- General information introducing the Study and its purpose
- Frequently Asked Questions and Answers
- Public Involvement Plan
- Workshop presentations and summaries
- Technical Review Committee presentations and minutes
- Minutes of Highline Forum meetings called to discuss the Study
- Notices of public workshops
- Glossary of terms
- Link for the public to provide comments
- Draft 14 CFR Part 150 document

The website can be accessed at the following address:  
<http://www.airportsites.net/SEA-Part150/>.

## **LIMITED-ENGLISH SPEAKING OUTREACH**

Throughout this Part 150 Study update, limited-English speaking outreach was conducted, including:

- Public Workshop announcements were published online in multiple languages (English, Cambodian, Spanish, Somali, and Vietnamese);
- Upon request, interpretive services for written and oral communication were available at the Public Workshops with interpreters available for four languages (Cambodian, Spanish, Somali, and Vietnamese);
- A dedicated language line was established that allows speakers in four languages (Cambodian, Spanish, Somali, and Vietnamese) to call and leave a message in their own language and receive a return call from someone who speaks one of the four identified languages;
- Flyers were distributed to places or organizations that have contact with limited-English speakers;

- The Part 150 Study website can be converted into other languages; and
- Responses to the outreach program were continually monitored to determine if any additional efforts were warranted.

**TECHNICAL DOCUMENT**

A Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study document (Part 150 Document) was prepared to document the technical analysis prepared during this study and to present the recommendations included in the updated Noise Compatibility Program (NCP). The Draft Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study document was published for public review prior to the Public Hearing described below. Newspaper notices were published announcing the availability of the document. The Draft Part 150 Document was made available at the following locations for review through May 30, 2013.

<b>Locations for Draft Part 150 Document Review</b>	
Boulevard Park Library 12015 Roseberg Avenue South Seattle, WA 98168	Seattle Public Library (Main Branch) 1000 4th Avenue Seattle, WA 98104
Burien Library 400 Southwest 152nd Street Burien, WA 98166	South Park Library 8604 8th Avenue South Seattle, WA 98108
Des Moines Library 21620 11th Avenue South Des Moines, WA 98198	Valley View Library 17850 Military Road South SeaTac, WA 98188
Federal Way Regional Library 34200 1st Way South Federal Way, WA 98003	Vashon Library (temporary location) 17707 100th Avenue SW Vashon Island, WA 98070
Foster Library 4060 South 144th Street Tukwila, WA 98168	White Center Library 11220 16th Avenue Southwest Seattle, WA 98146
Kent Library 212 2nd Avenue North Kent, WA 98032	Woodmont Library 26809 Pacific Highway South Des Moines, WA 98198
Port of Seattle Headquarters Pier 69 2711 Alaskan Way Seattle, WA 98121	Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Mezzanine Level 17801 International Blvd. Seattle, WA 98158
Federal Aviation Administration Seattle Airports District Office 1601 Lind Avenue, S.W., Suite 250 Renton, WA 98057	Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Part 150 Study Website: <a href="http://www.airportsites.net/SEA-part150/draft.htm">http://www.airportsites.net/SEA-part150/draft.htm</a>

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing was held on May 15, 2013, at Cedarhurst Elementary from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. to hear and record public testimony regarding the recommendations of the updated NCP for Sea-Tac Airport. A court reporter was available to take verbal comments and written comment forms were available for recording written comments about the recommendations. All written and oral comments, along with responses to those comments are included in this Final Part 150 Document and all comments will be kept on file with the FAA.

An open house style Public Information Workshop was held concurrently with the Public Hearing in nearby space to allow the participants to discuss elements of the Study with Airport staff and project consultants prior to their testimony. The open house format consisted of display boards indicating the recommendations, the Existing and Future Noise Exposure Maps (NEM), and specific NCP elements. Additional information regarding the Public Hearing is included in **Appendix E, Public Hearing**.

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