



# AGENDA

## Burien Airport Committee

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Zoom Webinar Link: <https://bit.ly/3fcykmq>

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES

- 2.1 Approve minutes from May 19, 2020 Burien Airport Committee meeting. 3 - 4  
[May 19, 2020 BAC Draft Minutes](#)

### 3. BUSINESS AGENDA

- 3.1 Review draft letter on "new normal" to Port Commission. (Draft letter to be provided prior to meeting.)
- 3.2 Update on discussions relating to NEPA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (including Debi Wagner letter to Port Commissioners). 5  
[NEPA Process Public Comment to Port-DW 060920](#)

3.3 Update on joint meeting with other cities on StART re-engagement.

3.4 Other.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 4.1 There are two ways to provide public comment:
1. **Email (preferred):** You can provide a public comment in advance by sending an email to [AirportCommittee@burienwa.gov](mailto:AirportCommittee@burienwa.gov). The staff liaison will read your comment aloud for up to two minutes per email comment during the meeting.

2. **Online (Zoom):** If you are unable to provide public comment via email, and would still like to provide public comment during the meeting, you will need to login to the Zoom meeting that begins at approximately 6:00 p.m.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

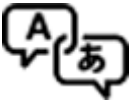
### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Chair; Mayor Jimmy Matta;  
Councilmember Sofia Aragon**

**Larry Cripe; Jeff Harbaugh; Nekya Johnson; Sharyn Parker; Javier Tordable; Debi  
Wagner**

**Ex-Officio Member: Brian Wilson, City Manager**

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# MINUTES - Draft

## Burien Airport Committee

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Via Virtual Zoom Webinar

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Nancy Tosta (Chair); Mayor Jimmy Matta; Councilmember Sofia Aragon; Larry Cripe; Jeff Harbaugh; Nekya Johnson; Sharyn Parker; Javier Tordable; Debi Wagner; City Manager Brian Wilson; Management Analyst Lori Fleming; and Deputy City Clerk Heather Dumlao.

**GUESTS:** Sheila Brush, JC Harris, Dave Kaplan, Anne Kroeker, and Earnest Thompson.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

### 2. APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES

The minutes from the April 21, 2020 Burien Airport Committee (BAC) meeting were approved.

### 3. BUSINESS AGENDA

#### 3.1 Discuss possible letter to Port Commissioners from Burien City Council on a "new normal."

The Burien Airport Committee discussed a possible letter to Port Commissioners on a "new normal." Discussion occurred about noise and air quality data being collected during the Stay Home order and whether or not it is useful. The Committee said they have been enjoying the quieter skies, with less flights, but know it is not sustainable. There were multiple perspectives from the Committee regarding the possible letter, with agreement that correspondence needs to be strategic and selective.

Viewpoints from Committee members included the need for a decision on StART participation, importance of Elected to Elected relationships, how to engage the airlines, good time to find allies, value of keeping the community informed, ideas for more environmentally friendly travel, need to address economic interests, and possibly having Port Commissioners come to a Burien Airport Committee meeting.

Chair Tosta agreed to draft a letter for the Burien City Council to send to the Port Commissioners to request them to address their economic development strategy related to the "new normal" and invite the Port Commissioners to an upcoming Burien City Council meeting. She plans to circulate the letter to the Committee for review and then present it at the June 1, 2020 Burien City Council meeting.

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3.2 **Discuss comments on the Department of Commerce Stantec Report.**

Comments on the report were due May 15, 2020. Committee member Debi Wagner submitted comments. Questions were asked on what the next steps were for the report and how it would be presented to the Legislature, with the COVID-19 situation happening now.

3.3 **Discuss possible invite to Justin Biassou (FAA Community Ombudsperson) to a future BAC meeting.**

Mr. Biassou has been attending StART meetings. The Burien Airport Committee (BAC) agreed to invite him to a future BAC meeting.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anne Kroeker – Commented on importance of letters to FAA to do an EIS rather than an EA.

Sheila Brush – Agreed with having Elected to Elected connection, such as the Highline Forum. She suggested working with Congressman Adam Smith’s Office to facilitate having the FAA Community Ombudsperson come to a meeting.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Burien Airport Committee Meeting is Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

**From:** Debi Wagner  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 12:18 PM  
**To:** [steinbrueck.p@portseattle.org](mailto:steinbrueck.p@portseattle.org); [cho.s@portseattle.org](mailto:cho.s@portseattle.org); [felleman.f@portseattle.org](mailto:felleman.f@portseattle.org); [bowman.s@portseattle.org](mailto:bowman.s@portseattle.org); [calkins.r@portseattle.org](mailto:calkins.r@portseattle.org)  
**Cc:** Larry Cripe; 'Sheila Brush'; Sharyn Parker; Nancy Tosta; Jimmy Matta; Sofia Aragon; Nekya Johnson; Jeff Harbaugh; 'Peter Kwon'; [ecoe69@hotmail.com](mailto:ecoe69@hotmail.com); 'Sea-Tac Noise Information'  
**Subject:** NEPA

June 9, 2020

RE: Commission meeting public comment

Hello Commissioners:

Early on Commissioner Felleman asked the Port staff and FAA why they were doing two separate processes for the environmental consequences of the SAMP. Clearly, this seemed to be a wonky process that would divide environmental responsibilities and confuse accountability.

Cities, citizens, environmental organizations and others have repeatedly requested an Environmental Impact Statement from the FAA rather than their very limited in scope Environmental Assessment. It has never made sense that one agency would view the environmental impacts of the SAMP as warranting an EIS while another agency sees the same action as rising to a much lower level.

Commissioner Felleman was right about his feelings and NEPA affirms AND NEPA REQUIRES one document and co-lead agencies. I remind you again that the court has affirmed FAA is in violation of NEPA on the Burien turn. And I maintain that separating the similar consequences of NSAT, IAF, hardstands, 509 and other attendant projects FROM A CUMULATIVE IMPACT ANALYSIS is also a violation of NEPA 1508.7. NEPA 1506.2 STATES:

“Agencies ***shall*** cooperate with State and local agencies to the fullest extent possible to reduce duplication between NEPA and comparable State and local requirements, unless the agencies are specifically barred from doing so by some other law. Except for cases covered by paragraph (a) of this section, such cooperation ***shall*** to the fullest extent possible include joint environmental impact statements. In such cases one or more Federal agencies and one or more State or local agencies shall be joint lead agencies...Federal agencies ***shall*** cooperate in fulfilling these requirements as well as those of Federal laws so that one document will comply with all applicable laws.” (emphasis added)

FAA ***will*** find significance and have already admitted significance in the Burien Turn CATEX. To dismiss significance in a limited EA after already admitting significance would be illegal.

Sincerely,

Debi Wagner