



City of Des Moines

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September 12, 2019

Dear Executive Director Metruck,

The City is in receipt of your letter of September 5, 2019. We appreciate your acknowledgement and apology regarding the issues that prompted our letter informing Mr. Lyttle of Des Moines City Council action to temporarily suspend our participation in the StART Committee. As you will recall the issues are:

- The allocation of \$10 million to begin design work on Near-Term projects of the Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) without environmental review.
- The meeting was held at a remote location (Kirkland).
- This action violates state SEPA requirements.
- The item was on consent agenda.
- There was no prior notice given to any stakeholder.

The City of Des Moines is disproportionately impacted by the year-over-year, double-digit growth of activity at the Airport. It is precisely this dynamic that was the catalyst for the StART committee whose charter was to support meaningful and collaborative public dialogue and engagement on Airport related operations, planning, and development. Additionally, the charter states that StART's effectiveness will be driven by a willingness by all parties to fully and candidly discuss matters of mutual concern.

1. To that end, your letter makes a number of statements about actions accomplished by the StART. I would ask you to clarify the following of your statements:
Regarding the Late Night Noise Limitation program: We are aware the Airport gave out awards to airlines with "quieter" flights but, of course, our community is concerned with the "noisier" flights. Please clarify the results attributable to this program.
2. You state there has been accommodation in late-night schedules and publicizing of performance: Can you please provide the changes to night-time flights, specific airlines and scheduled flights that have been changed to reduce night-time impacts from Airport operations?
3. Adjusting the runway glide slope: It is our understanding that this has not occurred and will take up to a four year process with the Federal Aviation Administration, and could cost anywhere from \$5 million to \$30 million [StART Facilitators meeting Summary, February 27th, 2019 – presentation by Mr. Robert Tyroski, Airfield, Airspace Planner, Port of Seattle].

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4. Working with the FAA to reduce use of the Third Runway at night: Can you please inform us of the results of these efforts in regards to specific flight reduction? How will any changes to runway use mitigate noise and how will these potential noise reductions be measured to confirm their value?
5. Initiating a Ground Noise Analysis: It is our understanding this is a proposal and has not yet been implemented.
6. Requesting airlines to upgrade or replace older, louder equipment at Sea-Tac: Please provide any specific information to changes in airline fleets as the result of this request from the Airport.

All of these elements are potentially helpful, but transparency would require that they be cast in the light of the possible rather than that they have been accomplished.

The City of Des Moines values the many positive partnerships we have with the Port, such as:

- The unique presence of our Marina (in South King County) provides potential emergency management benefits and access to the Airport.
- Infrastructure improvements along 216th street and the connection along 24th provide direct access to the Airport and Marina that do not rely on I-5 or Pacific Highway in an emergency situation.
- The Port was supportive and collaborative in providing funding at the front end to allow the City to move forward with the 216th street improvements, completing our gateway access to the City.
- Extension of the Light Rail to the South and SR 509 through Des Moines will benefit the Airport.
- We have worked closely with the Port and Washington State Department of Transportation to facilitate the extension of the Des Moines Creek Business Park, a very successful public/private partnership between the Port, the City of Des Moines and Panattoni (private developer).
- We have reviewed potential habitat restoration opportunities along the Sound with Port environmental staff.
- The City has received three economic development grants from the Port (matched with City resources) in order to move forward on Marina redevelopment focusing on sustainable development and mitigating environmental impacts.

We believe StART can be transformed and also become a positive partnership. We look forward to further dialogue toward the aim of increasing transparency and finding constructive ways to move forward.

Sincerely,



Mayor Matt Pina on behalf of the Des Moines City Council

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