

## Highline Forum public comments, 5-27-2020, Bernedine Lund

See below for comments I submitted to the PoS Commissions in response to the draft Century. (The specific comments about the wording on the presentation slides are not included here.)

PoS Commissioner's meeting 5-26-2020, Bernedine Lund, Federal Way resident, member of QSPS and 350 Seattle Aviation group

Thank you for modifying the Century Agenda Policy Directive to have more realistic goals. Given the Covid-19 pandemic it is reasonable to reduce the Port's long term goals for air cargo and all travel, including international travel.

Here are a few changes and additions to the Century Agenda that would make it more meaningful to the public:

- Add a goal to not operate at the expense of the health and safety of the local communities. You already know that the noise from aircraft has a negative impact on people in local communities, based in part on the WHO Report of 2018. And recent reports also state that pollution from the jet engines falls to the ground and has a negative impact on health, that is both the noise and pollution cause increase illnesses, disease, and death in local communities

- Modify the goal to become the greenest Port in North America to also endorse climate change limits. It is not enough to say that the operations of the airport will be using green energy, as the public can easily misunderstand this goal to include the jet flights they take. The Port needs to take responsibility for the emissions from the jet fuel it pumps each day. You already know that the jet engine emissions are spread around the world, and each airport cannot keep saying that it is not responsible for the fuel it pumps.

- Add a goal to become a transportation – communication hub as described in my last public comments. Airline flights cannot continue (at the present number) into the future if you are serious about meeting climate goals. The Covid-19 pandemic has already shown the public that jet flights need to be reduced and the Port can take advantage of this new awareness to plan for a real Century agenda. The 5-year goal could be to develop some general proposals which you could circulate to legislature for comment.