



**AGENDA
DES MOINES AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Monday, May 11, 2026 - 4:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA ITEMS

- Item 1. **Approval of Minutes**
Motion: "I move to approve the minutes from the Airport Advisory Committee meeting held on April 13, 2026."
- Item 2. **Complaints/Communications**
- Item 3. **Sea-Tac Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) Meeting Update**
- Item 4. **Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) Update**
- Item 5. **Airport Committee Workplan Amendment Discussion**
- Support City response and/or comments to the SAMP Draft EIS
 - Support the City, as needed, in public education efforts regarding the impacts of the airport on the Des Moines Community
 - Research mitigation measures and make additional mitigation recommendations
 - Advocate for a more comprehensive traffic analysis in the SEPA process for the SAMP that includes impacts from WSDOT's completed HWY 509 project
 - Community Survey

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 08, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

**Airport Advisory Committee
AGENDA ITEM**

BUSINESS OF THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
City of Des Moines, WA

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. April 13, 2026 Airport Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

FOR AGENDA OF:

May 11, 2026

DEPT OF ORIGIN:

Administration

DATE SUBMITTED:

CLEARANCES:

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Committee to review the minutes from the April 13, 2026, Airport Advisory Committee Meeting.

Suggested Motion:

Motion: "I move to approve the minutes from the Airport Advisory Committee meeting held on April 13, 2026."

Background

The City Clerk's Office has prepared action-format meeting minutes for City Council's consideration.

Alternatives

The Committee may make corrections to errors and approve the meeting minutes as amended.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Committee approve the meeting minutes as presented.



**MINUTES
DES MOINES AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

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CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Joe Dusenbury called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Present:

Committee Chair Joe Dusenbury, Barton DeLacy, and Steve Reagin

Committee Absent:

Jeffrey Bogen and Todd Downing

Staff Present:

Community Development Director Rebecca Deming, Senior Planner Jason Woycke, and Administrative Coordinator Laura Hopp

AGENDA ITEMS

Item 1. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: "I move to approve the minutes from the Airport Advisory Committee meeting held on March 9, 2026."

Direction/Action

Motion made by Steve Reagin to approve the March 9, 2026, Airport Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Barton DeLacy.

Motion passed 3-0.

Item 2. **Complaints/Communications**

- No new complaints were reported.

Item 3. **Sea-Tac Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) Meeting Update**

- Update and discussion of the meeting with Burien's Community Reps and the presentation re: the Roundtable of Roundtable's at the next StART Meeting.
- Committee Chair Joe Dusenbury gave an update on the Sea-Tac Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) Meeting.

Item 4. **Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) Update**

- Community Development Director Rebecca Deming gave an update on the Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP).

Item 5. **Airport Committee Workplan Amendment Discussion**

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 - Research mitigation measures and make additional mitigation recommendations
 - Advocate for a more comprehensive traffic analysis in the SEPA process for the SAMP that includes impacts from WSDOT's completed HWY 509 project
 - Community Survey
- The Committee discussed priorities and potential amendments to the Airport Committee Workplan.

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 11, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

DRAFT WORKING DOCUMENT For REORGANIZATION OF StART

The Problem:

South King County cities take notice that the SeaTac (SEA) Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) has made effectively no progress addressing the following adverse impacts from airport operations including:

- noise
- air pollution
- traffic/parking

This is becoming more urgent given the Port's projections for growth which the Port seems to believe will have no impact on the surrounding communities.

Success in influencing Federal legislation will have no impact for years, if ever. The Port's efforts to reduce late night noise have had a positive impact, but at best it offers some small reduction in the rate of increase given increased night-time flights.

StART's efforts to alleviate or compensate for the growing negative impacts are hamstrung by a StART structure that limits and controls input and dialogue. The Port, through the steering committee that controls the StART agenda, has achieved some form of bureaucratic capture which prevents StART from discussing in detail the issues of most concern to us.

The Goals:

1. Expand StART membership to include elected officials from the legislature, King County and Congress that also have a stake in impacted area cities. This is consistent with the composition of other StART committees around the country and is our best chance to inform these critical stakeholders of our issues.
2. Add direct liaison to elected Port Commissioners.
3. Eliminate remote meetings and resume an open public format
4. Adopt committee selected Round Table leadership
5. Develop meeting agendas responsive to Round Table concerns.
6. Focus StART meetings on deeper dives into issues of interest to the airport communities regardless of the Port's interest in discussing them.
7. Explore "best practices" addressing "quiet skies" gleaned from other US Gateway Airports.
8. Make the minutes of each StART meeting not subject to Port review and alteration.
9. Revise the StART Operating procedures.

ASSUMPTION/ SITUATION ANALYSIS:

- We no longer have any expectation of reducing noise, particle pollution, or the number of operations at SEA. Indeed, we know they will increase. The Port has told us so.
- We see regular financial compensation as the only way to manage and ameliorate the growing adverse impacts which disproportionately affect our South King County communities.

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL WORK PLAN ELEMENT

At the June 11th meeting of the City Council, the Airport Advisory Committee will ask the Council to add the following task to the Committee's workplan for 2026.

The Committee that the SeaTac Area Roundtable as presently constituted is not responsive to the concerns of the Airport Communities. The Committee will connect with and study Roundtables at airports around the country that have similar operational volumes in total passengers and operations and compare their membership and function with our Roundtable. The Committee will present the results of their inquiries to the Council, along with any recommendations that result from the effort.

Workplan

1. We recognize that a healthy environment is essential to the quality of life in Des Moines. To ensure that we have a healthy environment the Committee will advocate for:
 - Expansion of the air quality monitoring system and formalizing an arrangement for permanent funding, control, and management of the system.
 - An appropriate level of funding for the ongoing study of the data collected by the air quality monitoring system.
 - The addition of a nationally recognized toxicologist(s) to the team responding to the Port's Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) SEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
 - Support City response and/or comments to the SAMP Draft EIS.

2. The Airport's Part 150 Study is occurring concurrent with the SEPA for the SAMP. The Part 150 Study will determine changes to the area impacted by the sound from the Airport's operations and recommend mitigation measures in three areas, operations, sound insulation, and zoning/compatible uses. The Committee believes that the result of the 150 Study will shift the burden of mitigating the noise impacts to the surrounding communities by de-emphasizing sound insulation packages and recommending significant changes to land use designations. The Committee will:
 - Support the City, as needed, in public education efforts regarding the impacts of the airport on the Des Moines Community.
 - Research mitigation measures that do not include sound insulation such as the use of eminent domain to purchase and transition affected properties to uses that can tolerate higher noise volumes and make additional mitigation recommendations.

3. The Committee is concerned that the only significant impacts noted in the SAMP NEPA are impacts on traffic. Final decision lists 10 intersections that will have "Category 1 Impacts" and none of the intersections are in Des Moines. The Committee will make recommendations to advocate for a more comprehensive traffic analysis in the SEPA process that includes impacts from WSDOT's completed HWY 509 project.

4. The Committee believes that the projected increased operations at the Airport over the next 7 to 12 years will be at least as impactful as the 3rd runway and even more so. Towards the middle of 2026, when our citizens are more aware of the full scope of the SAMP, the Committee would like to develop a community survey to determine where the

community is in terms of awareness. This will provide the Committee with an opportunity to adjust our recommendations for outreach efforts.