

September 5, 2019

The Honorable Jimmy Matta
Burien City Council
City of Burien
400 SW 152nd Street
Burien, WA 98166

Dear Mayor Matta and City Councilmembers,

I am writing in response to your letter of August 20, 2019 advising of the City of Burien's decision to suspend participation in the Sea-Tac Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) and to the similar decisions made by the Cities of Des Moines and Federal Way. Let me start by apologizing for the lack of timely notification regarding the preliminary design funding. We are re-committed to prompt communication with all airport-area communities on SAMP-related and other relevant issues.

Trust and respect are essential, and I am glad to see them referenced as well in your communication. Port staff and the city representatives all worked hard to design StART as a forum for community input and action, with stakeholders from all parties at the table working to address current operational concerns. Our intent is to continue holding StART meetings.

We have made meaningful progress and initiated several new actions at Sea-Tac directly resulting from StART, including: the Late Night Noise Limitation program, accommodation in late-night schedules and publicizing performance; adjusting the runway glide slope; working with FAA to reduce use of the third runway at night; initiating a Ground Noise analysis; and requesting airlines to upgrade or replace older, louder equipment at Sea-Tac. We also expect the working groups to continue to dive into industry-specific topics.

I welcome a conversation about how we can form partnerships to develop positive outcomes for all, with all parties held to the same standards. In that spirit, we will be contacting you and the other cities to explore a constructive way forward in our work together.

Sincerely,



Stephen P. Metruck
Executive Director

cc: Port of Seattle Commission
The Honorable Matt Pina, City of Des Moines
The Honorable Jim Ferrell, City of Federal Way
The Honorable Erin Sitterley, City of SeaTac
The Honorable Allan Ekberg, City of Tukwila
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