AN ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES REPORT FOR SEATTLE-TACOMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



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## WELCOME HERE, WELCOME HOME INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS FACILITY NOW OPEN

Looking to plan your next global adventure? When you return from overseas, the new International Arrivals Facility (IAF) is now open at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) to welcome you home to the Pacific Northwest!

The IAF replaces the former 50-year-old customs processing facility and improves passengers' experience with breathtaking views, shorter waits, more gates for international aircraft, faster connections between flights, and an expanded and beautiful facility.

It took nearly three million labor hours to construct this facility, including nearly one million minority labor hours (35%), over 500,000 apprentice hours (19%), and more than 139,000 (5%) labor hours by women.

The modern welcome also advances the Puget Sound as a leading tourism and business gateway, supporting the continuing recovery of international travel. By this fall, travelers can see the world with nonstop flights servicing 29 international destinations by 25 airlines. That's up from pre-pandemic numbers of 42 services, 26 destinations, and 22 airlines.

Learn more: http://bit.ly/IAF-Project

#### **STANDOUT FEATURES INCLUDE:**

- An iconic aerial walkway with a bird's eye view
- A new 450,000-square-foot Grand Hall with floor to ceiling windows
- An environmentally friendly facility designed to achieve LEED V4 (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, Version 4) Silver certification from the United States Green Building Council
- Original artwork that reflects the beauty of our region and pieces by indigenous Northwest artists
- Three times the space in baggage claim to hurry you on your way
- Enhanced technologies to speed baggage and passport check processes

## **AIRPORT UPGRADES UNDERWAY**

SEA Airport is modernizing to meet the rising demand for air travel. These critical infrastructure improvements improve travelers' experience and create economic opportunity for regional industry. Here's what you can look forward to:

- Central Terminal Renovation: Maximizes vertical space by adding a second floor of dining options, more lightfilled spaces, an American Express Centurion Lounge, and extraordinary airfield views to elevate traveler comfort and accessibility in the newly renovated terminal
- Concourse Restroom Renewal: Large and modernized restrooms on Concourses B, C, and D will improve accessibility and support passenger demand
- Checkpoint 1 Relocation: Relocates Checkpoint 1 to the lower Baggage Claim Level to create new queuing, travel document verifications, and add additional security screening lanes
- SEA Gateway: Reconfigures the 40-year-old terminal north end ticketing area, expands the security checkpoint and creates an updated, light-filled, open space that uses new technology and building standards to help passengers move quickly and easily through the terminal
- Widen Arrivals Roadway: Improves roadway to alleviate the crowding and congestion outside of the airport
- S Concourse Evolution: Modernizes and renovates a 1970s facility with enhanced structural and seismic systems so that it can continue to operate and serve passengers for another 50 years.

Learn more: https://bit.ly/3CLeWMG

## **ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES AT SEA AIRPORT**

SEA Airport strives to make traveling as easy, safe, and comfortable as possible for all. To help make navigation and communication a breeze, the airport continues to expand and upgrade facilities, amenities, and customer service programs. Through technology and apps, improved spaces, and expanded services, the airport addresses specific needs and improves the travel experience for all passengers.

Features include a sensory room that offers a quiet oasis, improved wayfinding and signage, the sunflower lanyard program, assistive technologies like Aira and T-coil hearing aid loops, and more. Watch video: https://bit.ly/access\_SEA

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## SAFE SPACES FOR AIRPLANES AND 12,000 NEW TREES

Trees and green spaces improve quality of life, providing shade, filtering pollution, removing carbon from the atmosphere, and easing the negative effects of urban heat and noise. But very tall trees planted near airport operations can pose a safety risk to aircraft.

In the last six years, the Port of Seattle established the Flight Corridor Safety Program to remove tall trees that pose the greatest safety risk and substantially expand the number of native lowerheight trees planted in safe areas near the airport. Using lidar, the airport evaluates trees near the airport for removal based on whether they pose a hazard to flight safety.

When an obstacle to safe flight is identified, the Port works with property owners to remove trees to improve safety during takeoffs and landings. And lower-height, native trees are planted in their place. The next phase of the ongoing program will launch in 2023 to identify new obstructions around the airport and begin design and environmental review. Learn more: https://bit.ly/3b71wiz

# SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM EXPANDS TO APARTMENTS

For neighbors living around SEA Airport, the sounds of aircraft taking off and landing can be disruptive. To minimize the noise impact and improve quality of life for airport neighbors, the Port of Seattle offers sound insulation for eligible properties including single-family homes, condos, apartments, and places of worship.

The Port Commission took an important next step to expand noise mitigation efforts in these communities, approving \$40 million to begin the first phase of sound insulation construction for more than 215 apartment units in five apartment complexes located within SEA's noise remedy boundary.

To date, the Port has completed nearly \$300 million in sound reduction improvements for communities surrounding the airport, focusing on single-family homes and condominiums.

The Sound Insulation Program pace has accelerated to reduce noise impact in half the time of the initial 15-year program timeframe. Work is scheduled to be completed no later than 2026. Learn more: https://bit.ly/SndInsAp

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website at a given time, you'll find opportunities doing everything you can imagine (and some things you haven't).

The Port of Seattle is currently focusing on filling high priority police officer, women in trades, and bus driver positions. Every year, Port employees serve millions of people, generate billions of dollars for the economy, and support thousands of well paying, family wage jobs in the maritime and aviation industries.

Port employees enjoy competitive pay and benefits, robust learning and

development opportunities, recognition programs, as well as a unique and inclusive work environment. From SEA Airport to our numerous maritime properties, explore the stories of Port employees, learn what it's like to work at the Port, and browse view current job requirements.

Learn more: http://bit.ly/37XPdgE